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About the Indiana Resource Center for Families With Special Needs

The Indiana Resource Center for Families with Special Needs (INSOURCE) is grateful for the opportunity to serve Hoosier children and youth with disabilities and their families. We are most pleased, however, that today all children and youth with disabilities are entitled to a public education. In this, our third decade of service, we confirm our ongoing commitment of service and support to individuals with disabilities and their families.



A Parent Organization...Thirty-five years ago, a group of parents in South Bend came together primarily because they wanted to understand what “going to school” would mean for their children with disabilities. Prior to 1975, most of those families had children who, because of their disabilities, were not permitted to attend their public schools. The group of parents worked with their local schools to first understand the requirements of a new public law that said that their children, as all other children, are entitled to a free appropriate public education, and then to share that information with other families in the South Bend community.

The mission of INSOURCE is to provide parents, families and service providers in Indiana the information and training necessary to assure effective educational programs and appropriate services for children and young adults with disabilities.

Parents helping Parents... INSOURCE today employs 13 staff at our central office in South Bend and 16 staff in other regional sites around the state. Virtually all staff are parents of children with disabilities or are persons with disabilities. The Board of Directors is composed of a majority of parents of children with disabilities or persons with disabilities. INSOURCE trains parents of children with disabilities to serve as volunteer parent trainers and resources in their local communities throughout Indiana. With parents helping parents, all that INSOURCE does directly relates to the provision of information, training, individual assistance and support primarily to parents of children and young adults with disabilities.

During the past 12 months, INSOURCE has provided individual assistance to 16,278 Hoosier parents and conducted 279 workshop and training events for 8,002 Hoosier parents and professionals.

“As a public school administrator, I appreciate the fact that INSOURCE is a strong advocate for families. However, my greatest compliment on their behalf is that they work hard to help families and schools learn to work together,...not against each other.”



Your support will allow INSOURCE to continue to provide services to families with children with disabilities at no charge.

“I struggled alone for many years before I contacted INSOURCE. At that point, I was at the end of my rope dealing with it all.”

“From my son’s preschool time to his now senior year in high school, INSOURCE has provided me with assistance and information from understanding the nature of my son’s disability to my part in his getting the best for his educational needs.”



“INSOURCE walked me through IDEA and Article 7 from early intervention to the development of middle and high school IEPs, ITPs, transition to adult services and even assisted living placement.”