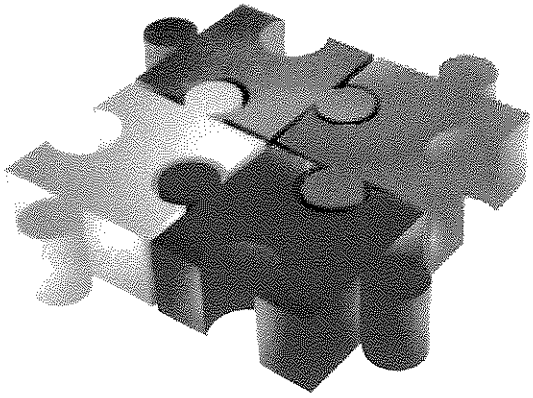
EDUCATIONAL SURROGATE PARENTS NEEDED!

WHO IS AN EDUCATIONAL SURROGATE PARENT?

An Educational Surrogate Parent is an advocate who believes that education is a vital part in the life of every student and who:



- ★ Is a citizen over the age of 18;
- ★ Is NOT employed y the Illinois State Board of Education, the Department of Children and Family Services, or the Department of Corrections;
- ★ Has successfully completed a prescribed training program;
- ★ Is available to participate in special education conferences at school and other meetings as deemed necessary.

WHO NEEDS AN EDUCATIONAL SURROGATE PARENT?

Students with disabilities whose parents are unavailable to act on their educational behalf and students with disabilities who live in residential facilities and are under the guardianship of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) or the Department of Corrections (DOC).

WHY ARE EDUCATIONAL SURROGATE PARENTS NEEDED & WHAT ARE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES?

Educational Surrogate Parents are needed to ***advocate for***, and protect the educational rights of students with disabilities and to ensure that the school provides the student with a free, appropriate public education. To accomplish this responsibility, the Educational Surrogate Parent:

- ✓ Attends and participates in school meetings
- ✓ Partners with school teams and caseworker(s) to determine eligibility and develop an IEP (Individualized Education Program)
- ✓ Provides consents for assessments and initial school placement
- ✓ May file a complaint or request mediation or due process, if necessary

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