

IMPORTANT! SOMETHING YOU NEED TO KNOW....

Are you aware of the PUNS list?

The PUNS list (and it's not a joke) is a way to access services from the Division of Developmental Disabilities. **PUNS stands for Prioritization on Urgency of Need for Services.** Right now it is a waiting list. There are thousands of people with developmental disabilities on the list in the state of Illinois. All the more reason to make sure your loved one is on that list.

HOW? Call Central Illinois Service Access, Inc. (CISA)

Phone: 1-877-437-9588

Tell them you need information about the PUNS list. They will help you determine eligibility and guide you through the process.

WHEN? Today! Right now! Don't delay! You may need assistance sooner than you think and it may take a long time for your child's name to be selected.

WHY? To let IDHS know when your child will be out of school and approximately when you may be needing services. Services will maximize independence for individuals with developmental disabilities through choice, advocacy, and service access. Applications are categorized by need as one of the following:

- 1) Emergency – needing immediate services
- 2) Critical – needing services within 1 year
- 3) Planning for need – needing services in 1 to 5 years

WHO? Children or young people with a developmental disability or related condition (autism, epilepsy, or cerebral palsy) documented before their 22nd birthday are eligible.