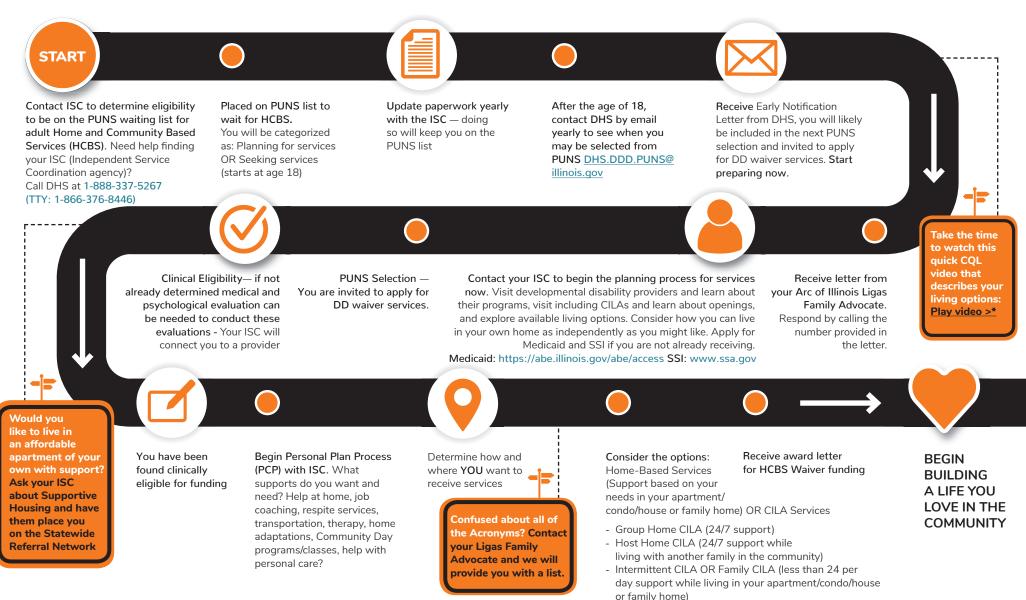
## FINDING YOUR WAY Advocate Program



Don't qualify for funding through IL DHS DDD but still need support? The Illinois Life Span Program of The Arc of Illinois can help. Call us at 1-800-588-7002! We would be happy to connect you with useful information including how to find your local DHS Division of Rehabilitation Services office, Center for Independent Living, and other local and statewide resources!



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## PLANNING FOR DD SERVICES?

## Have you been notified by DHS that you or your family member will be selected from the PUNS (Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services)?

If you are an Illinois resident who is 18 or older and live in your family home or an ICFDD that serves 9 or more people, and qualify for DD Medicaid Waiver services, you are a Ligas class member. Here are suggestions of how you can prepare for HCB services:

- 1. If not receiving Medicaid, apply online: https://abe.illinois.gov/abe/access/ Complete your application and if you don't get approved within 45 days, contact your ISC. They will reach out to the DD HUB Pilot Project who can expedite the application.
- 2. If considering a Community Integrated Living Arrangement (CILA) group or host home, you must have both Medicaid AND Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) apply online: https://abe.illinois.gov/abe/access/
- 3. You may want to see a CILA group home in your area. See DHS list of CILA providers: http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=56783
- 4. For more information on Home-Based Services (HBS), see the DHS 2018 Handbook on DD Home-based services: http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page. aspx?item=101181
- 5. Gather information that will be needed by your ISC, the agency that helped you get on the PUNS waiting list: http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page. aspx?item=41167
- 6. Interested in supportive housing (permanent affordable housing with home-based or intermittent CILA services)? Contact your Independent Service Coordination Agency and check out: https://www.csh.org/resources/supportive-housingworkbook-for-adults-with-idd-and-their-families/
- 7. Check out The Arc of Illinois events: Conferences, Webinars, and Know Your Options events designed to provide you with accurate information about your options: www.thearcofil.org

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