



What is MPACT?

Missouri Parents Act (MPACT) is a state-wide, non-profit, Parent Training and Information Center (PTI). MPACT's goal is to **empower families to advocate for themselves** so their children with special educational needs can reach their full potential in education and in life- through support, training, and education. MPACT works with families from birth through age 26.

What can MPACT do for me and my family?

MPACT offers in-person trainings that teach families about special education services, record keeping, how to advocate for your child and more. You can view our training schedule and register online at www.ptimpact.org or you can call 1-800-743-7634.

We know that attending in-person trainings can be difficult for some families. MPACT offers several online, on-demand trainings for your convenience. Our trainings can be viewed on any device that is connected to the internet – smart phones, tablets, laptops or desktop computers. Go to our website at www.ptimpact.org and click on "Training" to get started.

Sometimes you need information in writing about the special education process. You can find resources including fact sheets, sample forms and sample letters on the MPACT website at www.ptimpact.org. Click "Resources" to find what you need.

If you are interested in direct support, please contact our State Office at 1-800-743-7634. You will be connected to an MPACT staff member or volunteer in your area.

Services we offer:

- **FREE** Services for Parents
- Direct support to parents throughout the special education process
- Information on how to work with schools and communities
- In-person and online trainings for parents, school staff and other professionals. **FREE** for parents!
- Disability related E-Newsletter and Facebook page
- Over 150 Fact Sheets, Sample Forms and Sample letters

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Trainings specific to First Steps (Part C / 0-3 population)

Available online, on-demand and as Face to Face Trainings

Steps to Success: Effectively Communicating Your Children's Needs

This workshop is designed to support families of young children who are new to the process of working with caregivers and providers on how to communicate effectively regarding their child.

Steps to Success: Understanding the IFSP Process

This workshop helps families of children in the First Steps program or in the process of being evaluated for early intervention understand the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) process and how to be an effective team member.

Steps to Success: Parental Rights

This workshop explains the Parental Rights document that all First Steps families receive and helps families understand what they and their child's rights are under Part C of IDEA.

Steps to Success: IDEA Part C to B

This workshop is designed to help parents of young children make a smooth transition from First Steps (Part C of IDEA) services to Early Childhood Special Education (Part B of IDEA) services. Learn when the transition process should begin, what the difference in services will be, as well as the difference in eligibility criteria.

Steps to Success: Family Record Keeping

This workshop is designed to help families understand the importance of keeping and organizing their child's records. We will discuss what types of records and documentation are important to keep and why.

Do you have a First Steps story to tell? Do you want to read about other families who have participated in First Steps?

Visit the MPACT Website at <http://ptimpact.org/PartC/OurStory.aspx>