



Missouri Parents Act (MPACT), Missouri's Parent Training and Information (PTI) Center offers families a variety of tools and trainings to help them to better understand the special education process.

MPACT's Steps to Success series was developed specifically for parents of children, birth to age three. These trainings will help parents to understand the First Steps Program, teach them effective communication and advocacy skills, and help them to prepare for Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE). All Steps to Success trainings are offered online and in-person.

Visit [www.MissouriParentsAct.org](http://www.MissouriParentsAct.org) under Trainings - Steps to Success for more information.

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The Steps to Success training series includes:

### **Effectively Communicating Your Child's Needs**

This workshop is designed to support families of young children who are new to the special education process. We will discuss how to communicate effectively regarding your child's needs.

### **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.

### **IDEA Part C to Part B**

This workshop is designed to help parents of young children make a smooth transition from First Steps (Part C) services to ECSE (Part B) services. Learn when the transition process should begin, the difference in services, as well as the difference in qualification criteria.

### **Parental Rights**

This workshop explains the Parental Rights document that all First Steps families receive. We will help families understand what their rights are under Part C of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

### **Understanding the IFSP**

This workshop is designed to help families of children in the First Steps program, or in the process of being evaluated for First Steps, understand the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) process. We will discuss how to be an effective team member.