

The Power of A Parent: Memorandum To Parent Advocates of the LICC

The Local Interagency Coordination Council is composed of members both professional and non-professional. Everyone who attends meetings does so on a volunteer basis. Everyone brings a valuable point of view to the group. The parent members have a very important contribution to make to the LICC: your opinion! Don't hesitate to speak up about the issues discussed at LICC meetings. Voice your concerns regarding your family and especially your child with special needs.

Since you and your family are the recipient of services provided by the state and local agencies, you are the "customer". This is an excellent opportunity to offer suggestions to improve the services that you receive. Parents have the power to change things and get things done! It's also a good time to express your satisfaction with the services you receive. If you have had a good experience with a particular service or agency, let it be known. Praise goes a long way!

Don't hesitate to advocate for your child, as ALL children with special needs will benefit! Doing so is the greatest service you could offer to the community. The primary purpose of parent advocates is to assist the professional members by offering ideas to better serve families of special needs children in the area. Your input is necessary and valued to ensure that the efforts of the LICC reach families, like yours, of children with special needs.

Your time is valuable. Your involvement with the LICC is very much appreciated and will not be taken for granted. We count it an honor that you would take time out of your busy schedule to join with us in our pursuit to reach all families of children with special needs. Whether you have just started on the LICC or have been a member for a while, *thank you* for your commitment to join the Local Interagency Coordination Council!

Sincerely,
Your Local Interagency Coordinating Council Partners

