

What is an MPACT Parent Mentor?

Parent Mentors are trained volunteers who, upon request, provide support to families of children with disabilities throughout the special education decision-making process. These services may include:

- Providing Referrals to Resources
- Providing Information Regarding Special Education Law & Process
- Attending IEP Meetings & Other School Meetings with families
- Providing Support & Assistance Via Phone or Email

How Do I Become an MPACT Parent Mentor?

Step 1: Fill out the Parent Mentor Questionnaire and any other required paperwork, and turn them into your Region Coordinator.

Step 2: Attend the following MPACT Workshops:

- Special Education Law
- The IEP Process
- Disagreement Resolution
- The Art of Effective Advocacy

Step 3: Attend the training entitled "What is an MPACT Parent Mentor" at which you will take a required final exam to determine your level of knowledge.

Upon Certification, MPACT Parent Mentors will be presented with:

- Parent Mentor Certificate
- Parent Mentor Resource Manual

Step 4: Within 6 months of becoming certified, attend the training entitled "Facilitated IEP Training".

Each Mentor's name will then be placed on the MPACT Website Mentor List to identify them as currently Certified MPACT Parent Mentors.

MPACT Parent Mentors will be reimbursed for expenses incurred in performing their role as a Mentor. Reimbursable expenses are:

- Mileage Exceeding 30 Miles Round Trip to Attend IEP's or Other Approved Meetings
- Necessary Long Distance Phone Call Charges
- Other Pre-approved Expenses

To remain Certified and to qualify for Incentives, MPACT Parent Mentors must fulfill the minimum monthly requirements of:

- Assist at Least 5 Parents/Families Via Telephone or Email (non duplicated count)
- Submit All Required Documentation of Mentor Activities by Due Dates to Region Coordinator
- Participate in Monthly Educational Training provided by the Region Coordinator.

The Incentive Plan for Qualifying Mentors:

Monthly:

- Level One – Meet Minimum Monthly Requirements
- Level Two – Assist an Additional 5 Parents/Families (non duplicated count) or More in a Calendar Month
- Level Three – Participate in Marketing/Fundraising activities in Addition to lower Level One and Two Activities

Annual:

- Level One – Attend 10 IEP Meetings Annually with 10 Different Families (basic commitment)
- Level Two – Attend 15 or More IEP Meetings Annually (each with different families)