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Understanding PUNS

What is PUNS?

PUNS stands for Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services. It is a database of children, adolescents, and adults with developmental or intellectual disabilities who need services. The PUNS database helps the State of Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Developmental Disabilities identify and plan for your needs.

How do I register PUNS? Individuals, along with their primary caregiver and/or guardian, must meet their local Independent Service Coordination (ISC) agency to fill out a PUNS form. Information on their medical condition, living arrangement and desire and/or need for community based services is collected. This allows the ISC agency, on behalf of the State of Illinois, to determine whether an individual should be placed in PUNS or whether they need other services.

Who do I contact to register? The ISC that serves Arlington Heights is Community Alternatives Unlimited (CAU). The CAU staff are certified by the State of Illinois Department of Human Services as Qualified Professionals to serve persons with an Intellectual Disability (QIDP). Contact them to schedule a PUNS interview which allows you to categorize your need for services as emergency, critical, or future planning. This interview ensures that the State of Illinois DHS is aware of your need for assistance, it does NOT confirm eligibility for services nor guarantee that services will be provided.



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