

## LEAP

(Leaders in Employing All People)

Funded by the Champaign County Developmental Disabilities Board, LEAP is a collaborative effort between DSC and Community Choices.

This program offers Champaign County businesses a one-hour group or individual training on becoming a disability-inclusive business. This training helps to increase the pool of hiring candidates, improve morale among existing staff, and sets the bar for other businesses in the community.

For more information, please contact DSC at (217) 356-9176.



## HOW CAN I HELP DSC CONTINUE ITS WORK?

We welcome anyone who has a passion for partnering with people with disabilities. We also welcome your volunteer assistance and contributions.

Financial gifts to DSC are far more than tax-deductible donations; they are investments in the future of individuals and families in your community.

Our staff is available to provide tours or speaking engagements to individuals or groups.

If you are interested in learning more about helping others, please visit [www.dsc-illinois.org](http://www.dsc-illinois.org) to review available job openings.



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Champaign County Mental Health Board



## HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?

For referral or more information:

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# WHO IS DSC?

DSC is a nonprofit organization that has a long history of providing services and supports to children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, currently serving approximately 1,200 people in Champaign and Ford counties. DSC partners with people with a clear focus on strengths and preferences to help design the level of supports needed to achieve personal success.



## CHILDREN'S SERVICES

### Family Development Center

Early intervention improves the quality of life for infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities and/or delays through early identification, intervention, and family support. Family-centered intervention maximizes the gifts and capacities of families to provide responsive intervention within familiar routines and environments. Daycare consultation and developmental screenings are also available.



## ADULT SERVICES

### Service Coordination

People with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) may request support to enhance or maintain their highest level of independence in the community, at work, and in their home. DSC provides paths to greater independence while being

responsive to the needs of each person. Service Coordination serves as the primary point of contact for each person receiving DSC services. The Qualified Intellectual Disability Professional (QIDP) is responsible for coordinating agency support and access to community services. This service offers intensive and ongoing support through all phases of a person's life and responds to their needs providing seamless service delivery.

### Employment

The focus of this program includes both securing and maintaining a job in which the person receives the support needed for success. Employment Services offers supports for employment and skills training, volunteer opportunities, job exploration, and community-based employment to promote independence and personal satisfaction. Opportunities are customized for each person's individual interests and unique talents and abilities.

### Individual Family Support (IFS)

IFS provides creative planning, intervention, home/community support, and training in close collaboration with families, teachers, and other members of the individual's support circle. Individuals and families may choose to purchase services from an agency or an independent contractor/vendor based on the specific needs of the individual and their family. Full-time IFS staff serve individuals who choose DSC as a provider for daytime supports. Part-time employees (including family members) who are identified by the individual and family serve individuals who receive evening and weekend supports.

### Community Day Services

Person-centered practices focus on building networks of support, strengthening community connections and enhancing quality of life. People may enhance their lives in a variety of ways which may include: strengthening connections with friends, family, and local community through volunteering, citizenship, and self-advocacy opportunities; enhancing quality of life and skills through participation in

recreational, social, educational, physical fitness, artistic, creative, fun activities that bring personal fulfillment; access to new friends and acquaintances through regular patronage of local restaurants, shops, libraries, museums, and cultural centers, etc.; exploration of jobs in an area of interest and identification of support necessary for their long-term employment goals.

### Residential

This program assists individuals in learning/maintaining skills within a safe environment as they become more independent and provides increased support for individuals as they lose skills due to aging, deteriorating health, or other chronic conditions that jeopardize their ability to maintain their independence. DSC's Residential Services program provides services in a residential/community setting that empowers people to live as independently as possible. Residential options include 24-hour CILA (Community Integrated Living Arrangement) support, Intermittent CILA, semi-supported apartments, and independent community living. Services vary and are uniquely designed for each person.

## DSC MISSION

DSC supports people in living a rich and meaningful life.

## DSC VISION

Striving to assure that every person lives a full life in the community.