



PORTER COUNTY EDUCATION SERVICES

SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)

Vocational Rehabilitation aids individuals with disabilities in securing employment. These services are available locally in offices across the state of Indiana, with Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors offering assistance in every county. Eligibility for Vocational Rehabilitation is not determined by income or financial status.

Vocational Rehabilitation can assist in:

- Identifying job interests and skills
- Securing initial employment
- Offering assistive technology for job retention
- Supporting re-entry into the workforce
- Providing training for a new career due to disability-related reasons
- Offering services for career progression.



To complete a VR Referral, scan the QR code above.



March Town Hall

Tonight is the final Town Hall for the 2023-2024 Academic year. We want to thank you for supporting us as we started this journey. We are excited for the future of the PCES SEPAC!

Please let us know your thoughts on tonight's Town Hall by scanning the QR code. We would also love to hear your ideas and what topics you are interested in learning more about as we begin planning for the next school year.



Contact Us

If you have questions or would like to discuss Special Education matters, email us and include your name and district.

PCESParentGroup@pces.k12.in.us

Visit our page on the PCES website to learn more about our SEPAC and to view previous Town Hall topics:

pces.k12.in.us/sepac/

Medicaid Waivers

Waivers are the gateway to accessing services that would traditionally only be available in a facility type of setting. Thanks to the waiver, we can now access services in home and community-based settings. Some services that are covered are respite, behavior management, music therapy, residential supports and workplace assistance.

Below are four different waivers that are available in Indiana. Scan the QR codes to read more on eligibility guidelines, covered services, and apply.

Bureau of Disabilities Services (BDS)	Area Agency on Aging (AAA); NWICA
Family Supports Waiver (FSW) & Community Integration Habilitation (CIH) Waiver	Aged and Disabled (A&D) & Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Waivers
Intellectual and/or Developmental Disability	Complex medical condition
219-981-5313 / 110 W. Ridge Rd (Gary)	219-794-1829 / 5240 Fountain Dr (Crown Pt)
Can call to get application, pick-up application or apply online at: bddsgateway.fssa.in.gov	Can call to get application, pick-up application or complete referral online at: nwi-ca.com
Must meet Level of Care for Intermediate Care Facility for individuals with an intellectual disability	Must Meet Nursing Facility Level of Care
Waitlist Period Currently 2.5 Years (excludes CIH waiver)	Waitlist Times Can Vary

FSW



Website: bit.ly/FSWIndiana

CIH



Website: bit.ly/CIHWIndiana

A&D



Website: bit.ly/ADWIndiana

TBI



Website: bit.ly/TBIWIndiana

Interested In Joining The PCES SEPAC?

We work with School Administration to identify and advise on systemic issues affecting students with disabilities. We do not have formal authority to set policy or issue directives.

SEPACs benefit from diverse community representation. Interested individuals can apply by completing a questionnaire accessible through the QR code below. There are limited spots available in the following districts:



- East Porter
- Porter
- MSD of Boone Township
- SELF
- Valparaiso
- Union

