



# Family Matters

Parent Training & Information Center

August 30, 2010

Dear Educators, Administrators, and Organization Representatives,

On November 2, 2010, the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), will be visiting Illinois for a verification review of compliance with Part C Early Intervention, and Part B Special Education of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). In addition to visiting the Illinois State Board of Education to monitor progress on the Part B Indicators and the Department of Human Services to monitor progress on the Part C Indicators, they will also review the results of parent surveys.

OSEP has asked the Illinois Parent Training and Information Centers to disseminate OSEP's survey to parents in our state who have children who have recently received or are receiving Early Intervention or Special Education services. The Family Resource Center on Disabilities serving Kane, Cook, Kendall, DuPage, Grundy, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties, and Family Matters serving the rest of the state, are working together to distribute the surveys to Illinois parents of children with disabilities.

Our primary means of disseminating the parent survey is through a Survey Monkey link to an electronic version of the survey that can be completed and submitted in just a few minutes of time. We have also mailed a more limited number of the surveys to some families without access to email. The links to the online surveys are:

Part C: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/W77JN97>

Part B: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FDJ5Z76>

We ask for your help in distributing the survey to parents that you are serving or to individuals, parent groups, and others who are in contact with parents of children with delays or disabilities so that a broad representation from families in our state will be obtained. For more information or questions please contact Michelle Phillips for the Chicago area at 312-939-3513 by phone or by email at [Michelle.Phillips@frcd.org](mailto:Michelle.Phillips@frcd.org), or Debbie Einhorn for the rest of the state at 217-347-5428 by phone or by email at [deinhorn@fmptic.org](mailto:deinhorn@fmptic.org).

Thanks for your assistance!

Sincerely,

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The mission of Family Matters is to build upon families' strengths, to empower parents and professionals to achieve the strongest possible outcomes for students with disabilities and to enhance the quality of life for children and young adults with disabilities.

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