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# Illinois Imagines

September 2015



## Power Up

*Participants and trainers show their strength after attending the Empowerment Training held in Charleston sponsored by Illinois Imagines. The training focused on using the Empowerment Guide produced by the Illinois Imagines project.*

## Project Grant Renewed

The Illinois Imagines project is proud to announce that it was recently notified it was awarded a continuation grant for the project from the Office on Violence Against Women. The continuation grant runs from October 2015 through September 2017. The continuation will extend the project to at least 11 years of operation. The project is overseen by the Illinois Department of Human

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## Spotlight

### On-Site Training Offered

Due to the ongoing budget issues faced by local communities that may restrict travel by agency staff, the Illinois Imagines Statewide Team has eliminated the scheduled regional trainings. The team instead will offer community teams the opportunity for on-site technical assistance from Statewide Team members.

Technical assistance visits will be scheduled for completion between October 2015 and January 2016.

Please contact Shirley Pacey at [spaceley@maconresources.org](mailto:spaceley@maconresources.org) to schedule a visit.

The technical assistance request form, including potential topic areas, can be found on the third page of this newsletter.

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## Resources

○ VERA, the technical assistance provider for the Office on Violence Against Women for the grant on ending violence against people with disabilities, has launched a new website at <http://www.endabusepwd.org>. Many resources are available to support our efforts to address violence against people with disabilities.

○ Carly's story: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vNZVV4Ciccg>

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## Webinar Schedule

○ **Wednesday, September 23**

○ **10-11:00 a.m.**

○ **What Happens When I Call a Rape Crisis Center?: A Collaborative Response for Serving Clients With Disabilities**

Presented by staff from Quanada in Quincy, this webinar was recorded and archived at [www.illinoisimagines.org](http://www.illinoisimagines.org) for those listeners that want more information about the services that rape crisis centers provide and how we may best interface on behalf of the clients we serve.

○ **Tuesday, October 20**

○ **10-11:30 a.m.**

○ **Trauma & Power Aware Interactions**

Presented by Marc Sweet from Wisconsin.

It can be difficult to support each person we have contact with in ways that result in them feeling safe and respected. Everything that has happened and is happening in all of our lives influences the way we interact. Every person has a unique POV (point of view) and the differences in our points of view might lead to difficult or confusing encounters. Understanding more about trauma, power, and the culture of support and services for people with disabilities can have a positive effect on the ways we offer support. Please join us in thinking about how we can interact more intentionally in order to support one another well.

Registration information has been e-mailed. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Ayers at [sayers@icasa.org](mailto:sayers@icasa.org).

## Conference to Note

**Opening the Doors to Success**

**When:** 9:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. Friday, October 2, 2015

**Where:** National Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows, Belleville, IL

**What:** Features plenary session and 10 workshops.

**Cost:** Free. Lunch is provided.

**Information:** 618-474-3813 or [cindy.mayhew@illinois.gov](mailto:cindy.mayhew@illinois.gov)



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Services and project director Teresa Tudor.

The project will continue to work with local teams to enhance services to people with disabilities who have been victims of sexual violence as well as continue to educate and empower people with disabilities.

The continuation grant will include a competitive mini-grant application process for local teams. The grant process will be sent out in the coming months.

For more information on the project or resources developed by the project, please visit [www.illinoisimagines.org](http://www.illinoisimagines.org).

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# Illinois Imagines On-Site Technical Assistance Request



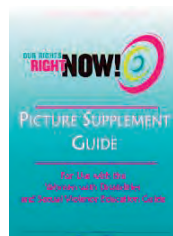
The Illinois Imagines Statewide Team recognizes that resources for travel to regional meetings are currently limited due to ongoing budget issues. Instead of the regional meetings planned, we are offering community teams the opportunity to have Statewide Team members provide on-site technical assistance of the individual team's choosing! Technical assistance visits will be scheduled for completion between October 2015 and January 2016.

Technical assistance is available but not limited to (check all that your team is interested in):

- Trauma and Accessibility Reviews
- Building Collaborative Teams to Include Self-Advocates and Expand Membership
- Policy and Procedure Development
- Using the Illinois Imagines Modules (please circle module(s) you need technical assistance in implementing)



Education  
Guide



Picture  
Supplement Guide



Parent &  
Guardian Guide



Empowerment  
Guide

- Help! Our Team is Stuck. What Do We Do Next?
- Agency Training on Identification and Response to Sexual Assault
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Team: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Request: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number/E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return Form to Shirley Paceley @ [spaceley@maconresources.org](mailto:spaceley@maconresources.org)  
by November 15, 2015