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# Illinois Imagines

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## Branching Out

Illinois Imagines continues to support community teams in new areas across the state. Pictured above, statewide committee member Linda Sandman met with Carrie Estrada, Assistant Director and staff from the West Cook Children's Advocacy Center on Oct. 26 to introduce them to Illinois Imagines and the wealth of resources available for those working to address sexual violence against people with disabilities.

Statewide committee member Sean Black met with staff from multiple service agencies in Stephenson County in October. The agencies are beginning a new collaborative effort based in Freeport.

For more information on establishing a community team please contact Shirley Paceley at [shirleypaceley@gmail.com](mailto:shirleypaceley@gmail.com)

## Resources

Vlog about crisis texting -  
Gallaudet University has teamed up with Crisis Text Line to provide support to survivors  
<https://www.facebook.com/DPANTVNEWS/videos/585023775023357/>

## Values

### The Core of our Work

By Mary Mathis, Self-Advocate

#### How I value myself

I am brave. How people see me is as a good and nice person. I am a happy person. I like to smile. I like to laugh. I am honest. I am intelligent.

#### What I think about myself

I am special. I am unique. I am a good artist. I am a good advocate. I love speaking to people and helping people to advocate for themselves. I am an advocate.



Artwork done by Mary Mathis

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