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**YOU
ARE
NOT
ALONE**
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**Let us help support
you so that you can
support them.**

IU5 Family Support Center is a safe and confidential space for parents and caregivers to express experiences, thoughts, concerns, or emotions with no judgment in return. Our goal is to facilitate and promote positive, effective communication between caregivers and school staff.



Northwest Tri-County
INTERMEDIATE UNIT 5



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Family Support Center
at Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit 5



What We Do

- Act as a hub of community resources, disability resources, and state resources
- Assist families with applying for Medicaid utilizing the PH95 Loophole.
- Collaborate with Early Intervention to provide families with an introduction to special education
- Coordinate surrogate parent assignments and training
- Distribute information on Special Education processes and procedures
- Promote open communication between families and school districts to best support students
- Provide training to families and school districts on relevant special education topics
- Support the transition of students from high school to post-secondary education and adult services

Email List

Please join our Family Support Center email list. Once subscribed you will receive:

- Community resources and family activity information
- Disability-related information
- Family Support Information
- The Family Support Center Newsletter (Quarterly)
- Training opportunities on a variety of topics related to Special education

To sign up, please send your

- Name
 - Email Address
 - Student's Disability
 - Student's School District
- to: FSC@iu5.org

Please Note:

This is a mass email subscription. You will never receive personal content related to you or your family specifically.
(You may unsubscribe at any time.)

About the Coordinator

- The Family Coordinator is a parent of a child with special needs and understands the caregiver's perspective.
- Collaborates with families and school staff to support positive and effective communication, while providing a strengths perspective.
- Locates and shares resources specific to the needs of each family.
- Promotes the support center and represents families through participation in various community groups and committees, such as the NWPA Local Right to Education Task Force.
- Provides support to families by attending special education meetings (as requested by the family)

