



What is an MPACT Mentor?

Mentors are trained volunteers who, upon request, provide support to families of children with disabilities throughout the special education process. A mentor does not represent or speak for a parent or family member, but a mentor does help empower an individual to become a strong educational advocate for his or her child. MPACT mentors are screened and receive training and supervision from MPACT staff.

How do I become an MPACT Mentor Volunteer?

- Mentors must complete the mentor application and any other required paperwork. You can fill out the mentor application online [here](#).
- All Mentors are required to attend four core MPACT workshops including, but not limited to, Art of Effective Advocacy, Special Education Law, Understanding the IEP Process, and Disagreement Resolution. Volunteers interested in becoming a Transition Mentor must also attend transition-related workshops.
- All Mentors must complete Mentor Certification Training and attend IEP Modeling with an MPACT staff member.

Types of MPACT Mentors

Parent Mentors

These are trained volunteers who provide support to parents or family members of children with disabilities throughout the special education process. Parent Mentors offer one-on-one assistance to families via phone, email, and in-person meetings. Mentors may also assist in other volunteer assignments or activities.

Transition Mentors

These are trained volunteers who specialize in offering support to families in transition-related processes from school to adult life. In addition to completing the core Parent Mentor trainings, Transition Mentors also receive specialized training in the areas of transition.

Support Mentors

These are trained volunteers who provide office support, such as making copies and filing or assembling handouts and packets; assist MPACT staff at trainings, such as disseminating and gathering information and surveys; and represent MPACT at other local and state events, for example, attending Back-to-School Fairs and Resource Fairs.

Incentives for MPACT Parent Mentors

Mentors will be reimbursed for expenses incurred in performing their role as Mentors. Mileage reimbursement is available for attendance at education meetings, parent meetings, and other mentor-related activities and duties. The current rate of reimbursement is .40 cents per mile. In addition to the mileage reimbursement, Mentors are also allowed a respite care stipend of \$25.00 for education meetings and parent preparation meetings. MPACT also provides mentor incentives at our annual mentor conference.

Make a Difference in your community TODAY!

Contact us at 800.743.7634 or email us at mentor@missouriparentsact.org.

Fill out the online application [HERE](#) or visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MPACTMentorApplication>.