

**Illinois Adoption Advisory Council**

The Illinois Adoption Advisory Council (IAAC) is charged with advising DCFS on all matters involving or affecting the provision of adoption and guardianship services. They are the voice of adoptive and guardianship families to help guide, support and implement change*.*

**We need adoptive parents, adoptees and professionals with the following qualities:**

* Has the time, energy and resources to attend council meetings held from 9am to 3pm on Fridays six to eight times per year at sites around the state, reasonable travel reimbursement at DCFS expense, based on State travel regulations.
* Will attend and participate in AAC meetings and serve on at least one of its committees, participating in conference calls between AAC meetings to do committee work. DCFS provides conference call line.
* Has access to child care resources if needed, reimbursed at the State rate.

The Director makes all final appointments to the IAAC in writing. Once a prospective member has been recommended, the Office of Caregiver & Parent Support will contact him or her to discuss the opportunity. Completed applications will be vetted through the appropriate channels listed in the IAAC bylaws before becoming a recommendation to the Director.

To recommend prospective members to serve on the Illinois Adoption Advisory Council, please email their name and contact information to: DCFS.AdoptionAdvisoryCouncil@illinois.gov.

**Application for**

Adoptive Parents

For Appointment to the

**Illinois Adoption Advisory Council**

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| Name |  |
| Email Address |  |
| Mailing Address |  |
| Phone | Home: Cell: |

How long have you been an adoptive parent?

Did you adopt through the child welfare system, internationally, privately?

Have you been actively involved in adoptive parent groups, committees, support groups, etc? YES [ ]  NO [ ]

If Yes, please list which group(s) and describe how you have been involved:

Why do you want to serve on the Illinois Adoption Advisory Council and what will you contribute to the council and its committees?

Please describe any other experience, education, training, etc. that would benefit you in your role on the Council.

How will you plan to contribute to racial equity and diversity efforts for youth and families?

Please send this completed form, a current resume and

two character recommendations related to your adoption experience to:

DCFS Office of Caregiver & Parent Support

406 East Monroe, Station 225

Springfield, IL 62701

Or email DCFS.AdoptionAdvisoryCouncil@illinois.gov