

Illinois Adoption Advisory Council
FY26 Membership List

CO-CHAIRS/CWAC – 2

Mary Kay Collins

Ron Tyler

ADOPTIVE PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Cook County Region – 4

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Northern Region - 2

Debbie Freke

07/01/24 – 06/30/27 – 2nd Term

07/01/21 – 06/30/24 – 1st Term

Meredith Stiles

07/01/25 – 06/30/28 – 2nd Term

07/01/22 – 06/30/25 – 1st Term

Central Region – 2

Ginny Hayes Manske

07/01/23 – 06/30/26 – 1st Term

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Southern Region – 2

Ashley Bennett

07/01/23 – 06/30/26 – 1st Term

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Adoptive Parents At Large – 3

Nancy Farquhar

07/01/25 – 06/30/28 – 2nd Term

03/14/22 – 06/30/25 – 1st Term

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Adoptees At Large – 4

Clete Winkelmann

07/01/25 – 06/30/28 – 2nd Term

07/01/22 – 06/30/25 – 1st Term

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**Adoption/Guardianship Service
Providers/Professionals – Up to 7**

Ron Tyler

07/01/24 – 06/30/27 – 2nd Term

07/01/21 – 06/30/24 – 1st Term

Mary Kay Collins

07/01/23 – 06/30/26 – 2nd Term

07/08/20 – 06/30/23 – 1st Term

Danielle Sanders

07/01/24 – 06/30/27 – 1st Term

Pamela Mills

07/01/25 – 06/30/28 – 2nd Term

07/1/22 – 06/30/25 – 1st Term

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07/1/25 – 06/30/26

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