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# Advocacy & Policy Committee

## MISSION

Provide information, supports, and tools to build awareness around disability policy/ advocacy topics and aid siblings in advocating for the changes that are important to them and their brothers and sisters



## Join Us

The A&P Committee is seeking new members who are passionate about sharing their unique voice as a sibling. The committee meets every 2-3 months. Please email [sibsadvocacy@gmail.com](mailto:sibsadvocacy@gmail.com) to learn more about current opportunities.



## Policy Survey

The S.I.B.S. Advocacy and Policy committee seeks your input regarding policy priorities for 2025. Please select 3 areas that are of most importance to you. Your input is critical in guiding the advocacy of S.I.B.S. this year. Follow the link below.

<https://forms.gle/7bBm2rY6mU2wRKdf9>



## Legislative Updates

- **Anti Retaliation (IL HB2474):** Bill to protect nursing home residents against retaliation has passed the Senate and the House and is now onto the governor.
- **Equip for Equality Report:** A midpoint assessment revealed slow progress in transferring residents in southern IL from Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center to promised inclusive community-based settings.
- **Federal Medicaid Cuts:** Proposed federal Medicaid cuts threaten home and community-based services (HCBS) and may adversely affect Medicaid-funded educational services provided under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
- **Contact your legislators about these issues:** <https://tinyurl.com/ILlegislators>

## January 2025



The 104th IL General Assembly is in session from January-May. This is a great time to let your elected officials know the issues that are important to you as a sibling. The A&P Committee can help amplify your voice. Fill out our [survey!](#)