

**Community Alternatives Unlimited (CAU) is an agency contracted by District 211 to provide case management services to students with disabilities who seek to be registered in the Illinois Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services (PUNS) data base.**

**Registration on this database helps identify and plan for the student's immediate and future needs.**

**District 211 suggests PUNS registration be completed at age 14 and maintained thereafter.**



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Developmental Disabilities and  
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## **Township High School District 211 and Community Alternatives Unlimited (CAU)**

**CAU provides case management services to individuals with a wide range of disabilities and their families at no charge.**



To schedule an appointment to meet with the CAU Case Manager call Stephen Joseph 773-867-4162



# Illinois Database Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services: PUNS

## **Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services (PUNS):**

This Illinois Database registers individuals with developmental disabilities residing within Illinois who have needs for supports and services.

Registration in the **PUNS** Illinois Database is the first step in planning for the future of an individual with a developmental disability.

Enrollment in **PUNS** is a **REQUIREMENT** for any future **Medicaid Waiver Services** that may be available through the State of Illinois Department of Human Service-Developmental Disabilities.

Enrollment in PUNS does not guarantee eligibility for services or the provisions of services, but rather makes sure the State of Illinois is aware of the individual need for services.

## **How To Enroll:**

Community Alternatives Unlimited (CAU) is a pre-screening agency that assists the family in filling out the Illinois PUNS registration form.

The individual with a disability, along with their primary care giver or guardian, must meet face to face with a case manager to complete an Illinois PUNS registration form.

Information must be provided by the individual or their primary care giver, regarding their medical condition, living arrangements, and the need for new or additional services.

The case manager, on behalf of the State, **will determine if the individual's needs** are fully served, and if not, to categorize the need for disability services.

Community Alternative Unlimited (CAU), in conjunction with Township High School District 211, will provide case management to students with developmental disabilities, including autism, epilepsy, intellectual disabilities and cerebral palsy.

## **Appointments:**

Interviews last approximately 45 minutes. The primary care giver and the individual with special needs will meet with a CAU case manager. A social security card and/or Medicaid Card must be presented at the initial interview. Location to be determined at time of scheduling.

## **For scheduling and/or any questions, contact:**

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