



## Statewide Family Network

The Alliance is growing and expanding the development of our statewide services and supports. The Statewide Family Network, which officially launched June 1, 2016, aims to provide parents/families with a voice around the way children/youth receive mental health services by providing resources, a support network of parents, caregivers, youth and young adults who will have opportunities to:

- **Provide support to one another**
- **Participate in state planning and policy boards**
- **Take advantage of distance learning opportunities**

These opportunities will serve to improve the lives of underserved populations throughout Illinois. This includes families living in rural parts of the state, in order to do this, we need your help! Input from youth, young adults and parents who understand both the needs and challenges of these target populations is needed every step of the way. Together we can make a difference!

*How can you help? Be a part of The Alliance's Parent Network Committee!*

*We invite parents and caregivers to share their thoughts and ideas on:*

1. **What support services and programs (for youth and parents) are needed?**
2. **How we can connect with other parents across the state of Illinois?**
3. **How to best deliver services and supports to parents in rural communities?**

Visit our website [www.ILAlliance.org](http://www.ILAlliance.org) to see how you can be a part of the Statewide Family Network! If you would like to share your own ideas on these topics or want to learn more about how you can become part of the Parent Network Committee, please contact ULanda at [ulanda@ilalliance.org](mailto:ulanda@ilalliance.org).