

MISSION STATEMENT

PACT, Inc. provides case coordination services for individuals with disabilities within both the public and private social service systems of DuPage County and the State of Illinois. PACT is dedicated to advocating actively and aggressively for solutions to the special needs of individuals with developmental and other disabilities.

We are committed to maintaining a professional and knowledgeable staff in order to effectively address the current and long-term needs of the people we serve.

We conduct our activities in a manner that is based on the human dignity and value of each person, and toward an outcome that is fully consistent with these beliefs. We believe that our efforts benefit the people we serve, their families, and the entire community.

OUR VALUES

- People with disabilities have the right to make choices leading to a satisfying and productive life free from discrimination.
- We value collaboration and partnership with families.
- We value the whole person as all people possess a wide range of talents, abilities, skills, resources and aspirations.
- We treat people with respect through empathy, honesty and professionalism.



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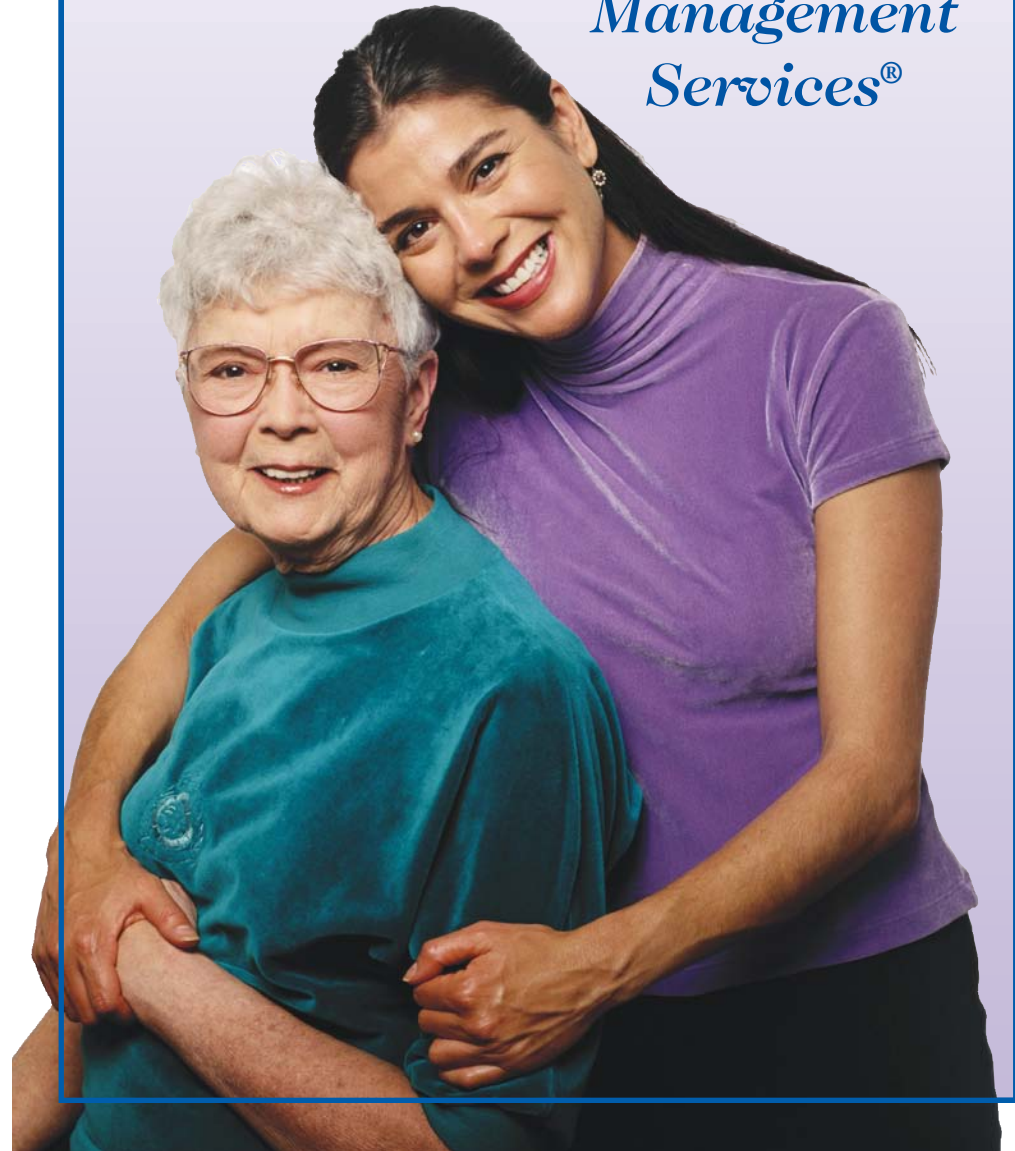
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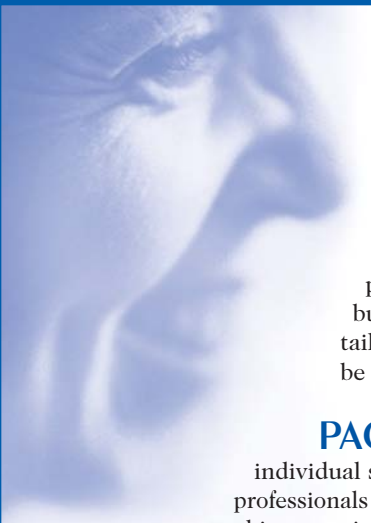
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PACT provides services to advise and assist families, trust officers, attorneys and other professionals in meeting current and future needs of individuals with disabilities in Northeastern Illinois.

PACT can act as advocate, guardian of person and/or estate, trustee and personal budgeting assistant. Other arrangements can be tailored to meet the needs of a consumer who may be elderly, have a disability or special needs.

PACT works in conjunction with families, the individual seeking services, trust officers, attorneys, and other professionals in a supportive role to ensure that individuals achieve maximum independence and appropriate supports.

PACT works to design services that utilize existing family and professional resources and other supports to structure a quality life style.

PACT Staff

PACT employs professionals with a variety of backgrounds in order to meet the needs of the persons we serve, including:

- Social Work
- Case Management
- Counseling
- Accounting/Bookkeeping

PACT also has the ability to contract with other professionals as needs arise.



HISTORY

PACT was begun as a 501(c)(3) organization in 1981 by families who had relatives with disabilities. Concerned about the future care of their relatives, founders established the agency to assure there would be guardianship and related services for the person when parents were no longer able to function in that capacity.

Since that time **PACT** has added an array of state funded services that have enhanced our mission of providing life span service coordination. Today, we serve over 2,300 persons annually throughout Northeastern Illinois and in our various programs from our office in Lombard, Illinois.

PACT SERVICES Available

- Advocacy
- Guardianship
- Trusteeship
- Linkage with healthcare services
- Lifestyle review and planning
- Personal budgeting assistance

How We CAN Help

As guardian we can help to ensure personal and financial well-being when a disability affects an individual's ability to make or communicate decisions. **PACT** will make substitute decisions on the individual's behalf if necessary, and also communicates with family, providers, and the individual served.



The advocacy role, in situations where court appointed guardianship is unnecessary, is a critical role that **PACT** can play in the life of an individual needing support. This arrangement allows individuals to maintain their independence while remaining linked to care options available to them. An advocate serves as an informed source of communication to families and providers of support services. The advocate also assists in reviewing the effectiveness of established services and daily living activities.



PACT is also able to serve as trustee for individuals. We are experienced in managing the multiple responsibilities that are associated with trusts. Working with your financial institution or ours, we can ensure that money is used to meet the needs of the individual in a cost-effective and responsible manner. We are also capable of working with established trusts when a bank or trust may find the social service decisions are beyond their ability and means to effectively guide. We can take on the task of guiding the expenditures made so that the individual's needs are met.