

## LifeLine, Inc.

LifeLine is a Christian non-profit organization based in Chattanooga, Tennessee serving families of those with special needs in the Chattanooga metropolitan area and beyond.

Our purpose is to provide support, education, and resources to caregivers serving a family member living with a chronic or temporary, medical or educational, physical or emotional disability.

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STEP, Inc. for  
contributing  
training materials  
to ParentLink.*



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## ParentLink Parent Mentor Certification



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Reaching Families with Special Needs

**[www.LifeLineFamilies.org](http://www.LifeLineFamilies.org)**

## ParentLink Parent Mentor Certification

LifeLine will be presenting a complete series of workshops over the next year that will equip you to advocate for your child. These training opportunities will help you better understand special education proceedings and other service delivery systems. Once you are comfortable in your role as a caregiver, additional training can certify you to help mentor other families through ParentLink.

### **PARENT MENTOR CERTIFICATION**

consists of a minimum number of hours of training provided by STEP, LifeLine, and Vanderbilt's Volunteer Advocacy Project. Once you have completed the training, you will attend IEPs and one-on-one meetings with parents alongside a trained mentor until you are prepared to mentor another family through the process. Join our growing number of mentors who are learning to advocate for their own child while preparing to help other families.

### **Topics to be Covered:**

- Special Education Basic Rights
- IEP Development
- 504 Plans
- Transition to Kindergarten
- Transition to Adulthood
- Inclusion & Least Restrictive Environment
- Assessments & Evaluations
- Including Literacy in IEPs
- Standing Up for Your Child Without Stepping On Toes (Conflict Resolution)
- Disability/Diagnosis Specific Training
- Response to Intervention
- Extended School Year
- Functional Behavior Assessments & Behavior Intervention Plans
- Guardianship & Conservatorship
- Financial & Estate Planning
- Independent Living Skills
- Modifications & Accommodations
- Medical & Education Record Keeping
- The Role of Parent Mentors
- And Other Skill Building Workshops



*Check [www.LifeLineFamilies.org](http://www.LifeLineFamilies.org) for the latest workshop schedule.*

***How Do I Sign Up to Be a ParentLink Certified Parent Mentor?***  
*Contact LifeLine at 423-622-4007 or e-mail [info@lifelinefamilies.org](mailto:info@lifelinefamilies.org)*



***NOTE: While workshops are geared specifically for parents, professionals regularly find them helpful and are welcome to achieve certification as well!***