



# Growing a Connected Network Around Families

## PAASSS Grundy Kendall

As of 10/18/2025



**8**  
FAMILIES

Individuals who were the subject of at least one referral in IRIS.



**11**  
REFERRALS

Many families were involved in multiple referrals



**7**  
CLOSED

The referral communication loop was fully closed

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### OUR STORY

The **Plano Area Alliance Supporting Student Success (PAASSS)** has officially launched the **Grundy-Kendall Integrated Referral and Intake System (IRIS) Network**, connecting local agencies to streamline family referrals and strengthen coordination across the region.

Since launching on **August 25, 2025**, the IRIS Network has already facilitated **11 family referrals**, with **7 successfully closed**—demonstrating early success in collaboration and responsiveness. The network now includes **144 trained team members representing 41 partner agencies** in **Grundy and Kendall Counties**.

IRIS is a secure, web-based tool that helps service providers make and track referrals, ensuring families receive **warm handoffs**, faster access to services, and better continuity of care.

### OUR VISION

To support families in Region 24, community partners will work together to build a supportive, accessible, and inclusive system where all families have resources that they need to thrive in their community.

### BRIGHT SPOTS

The Grundy-Kendall IRIS Network is already making a meaningful difference for families in Region 24. Since launching in August, the network has helped connect **eight families** to vital community supports, with **two referrals already completed** and services successfully in place. These outcomes reflect the power of collaboration—achieved entirely through the dedication of **volunteer partners** from 41 agencies who are committed to ensuring that every family can access the help they need.

Even without paid staff, this fully volunteer network is closing gaps, improving communication, and creating a more connected system of care across Grundy and Kendall Counties—showing what's possible when communities come together for children and families.

### FUTURE GOALS

IRIS Team members will set future goals at the network's first **data review meeting** on **October 29, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom**. During the session, members will also review referral data, community standards, and the referral process, while sharing insights to strengthen partnerships and improve family outcomes.