

PARENT LEADERSHIP AND FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

(National Organizations and Web Sites)

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Works to provide families with the resources and skills needed to help their children with disabilities to reach their full potential. Conducts research on empowering adolescents and parents of children with disabilities, efficacy of parent-to-parent support, family support policy, friendship, family-centered care, child abuse and neglect, and the role of fathers.

Family Support Network

21902 Second Avenue West

Bothell, WA 98021

206/487-4009

wecare@familynetwork.org

www.familynetwork.org

A network of responsible citizens who are willing to exchange services and support, both locally and nationwide. Families serve in a variety of ways, such as providing meals to shut-ins and respite to those in need. Community members complete a two part, 16-hour certification training where they learn leadership, community building, team building, resource pooling and peer support skills. They also learn what is happening at the local and state level in the areas of family preservation and family support.

Family Support America

20 North Wacker Drive, Suite 1100

Chicago, IL 60606

312/338/0900

Fax: 312/338-1522

www.familysupportamerica.org

Strong advocate for family support efforts nationally, statewide, and locally. Providing resources, training and technical assistance.

Family Voices

3411 Candelana, NE, Suite H

Albuquerque, NM 87107

505/872-4774 or 888/835-5669

Fax: 505/872-4780

kidshealth@familyvoices.org

www.familyvoices.org

National grassroots organization of families and friends speaking on behalf of children with special health care needs. Founded by parents who developed national and state family networks and organizations to improve the health and education systems that serve their children. Goal is to help shape national, state, and local health care policy and practice in private and public health care systems by:

- Supporting a national network of volunteer regional and state coordinators who provide information to families and policymakers.
- Serving as a clearinghouse to keep its members informed about health care issues
- Forming partnerships with professionals and other state and national organizations to make sure the voices of families are heard. Is a FRCA partner in disseminating guidelines for health supervision of children and adolescents.

Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health

1101 King Street, Suite 420

Alexandria, VA 22314

703/684-7710

Fax: 703/836-1040

ffcmh@crosslink.net

www.ffcmh.org

National parent-run organization focused on the needs of children and youth with emotional, behavioral, or mental disorders and their families. Serves as a catalyst for change by promoting partnerships among family members, professionals, and other interested citizens to improve services for children with emotional, behavioral, or mental disorders. Also provides leadership training of parents in advocacy and community outreach.

The Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Family Resource Institute

PO Box 2525
Lynnwood, WA 98036
800/999-3429 (in WA)
235/531-2878 (outside WA)
253/531-2668 (fax)
vicky@fetalalcoholsyndrome.org
www.fetalalcoholsyndrome.org

National organization that works with parents and professionals to help them identify, understand, and care for individuals with fetal alcohol syndrome and prenatal alcohol related disabilities.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)

511 E. John Carpenter Freeway
Suite 700
Irving, TX 75062
800/438-6233
www.madd.org

Parent-led organization that trains parents to get involved in schools and talk to the media to advocate against drunk driving. MADD parents serve on public, law enforcement, and legislative advisory boards and aid in establishing local and county initiatives and task forces. Parents provide victim assistance and conduct outreach. Workshops and publications available.

Voices for America's Children

1522 K Street, NW, Suite 600
Washington, DC 20005
202/289-0777
Fax: 202/289-0776
www.voicesforamericaschildren.org

Advocacy organization dedicated to securing the safety, health, and education of children by building and strengthening state and community-based child advocacy organizations. Engages in advocacy work with policy-makers and the media.

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)

1509 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036-1426
800/424-2460 or 202/232-8777
Fax: 202/328-1846
naeyc@naeyc.org
<http://www.naeyc.org>

Largest membership organization of early childhood professionals. Works to increase public understanding and support for high-quality programs for young children and their families through public policy and public education initiatives. Collaborates with media representatives and government representatives at all levels to advocate for services for children and families.

National Coalition for Parent Involvement in Education

C/o National Community Education Association
3929 Old Lee Highway
Suite 91A
Fairfax, VA 22030-2401
703/359-8973
Fax: 703/359-0972
www.ncpie.org

Advocates for the involvement of parents in their children's education and fosters relationships among home, school, and community that enhance young people's education. Is a collaboration of education, community, and public service organizations nationwide. Provides information on publications, training, and services available.

National Network of Partnership Schools

Johns Hopkins University
Center on School, Family, and Community Partnerships
3003 North Charles Street, Suite 200
Baltimore, MD 21218
410/516-8818
Fax: 410/516-8890
nmps@csos.jhu.edu
www.csos.jhu.edu/p2000/default.htm

An essential component of school organization that influence student development and learning by helping schools develop and maintain programs of partnerships with parents.

Parents Anonymous

675 West Foothill Blvd, Suite 200
Claremont, CA 91711-3475
909/621-6184
Fax: 909/625-6304
parentsanonymous@parentsanonymous.org
www.parentsanonymous.org

National organization that provides technical assistance and training on a variety of leadership skills for parents. Trains parents to train other parents to operate mutual support groups. Based on a vision that establishing parent input, leadership, and mutual support are essential components in strengthening families and preventing child abuse and neglect.

Parents as Teachers

2228 Ball Drive
St. Louis, MO 63132
314/432-4330 or 888/728-4968
Fax: 314/432-8963
patnc@patnc.org
www.patnc.org

PAT trains parents to be parent educators in its nationally replicated program to provide parents with the information and support they need to give their children the best possible start in life. Parents become certified to conduct home visits, coordinate group meetings, conduct developmental screenings, and link parents with providers of service and support. Parent educators work in partnership with the school and the community. Offers a variety of training and technical assistance.

Partnership for Family Involvement in Education

U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20202-8173
202/401-2000
Fax: 202/205-9133
partner@ed.gov
www.ed.gov/pubs/whoweare/index.html

Seeks to encourage the development of family-school-community partnerships to promote children's learning and improve education. Committed to improving local schools and increasing family involvement in education.

ADDITIONAL ON-LINE RESOURCES

National PTA

330 N Wabash Avenue, Suite 2100
Chicago, IL 60611
312/670-6782 or 800/307-4782
Fax: 312/670-6783
info@pta.org
www.pta.org

Web site of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers provides information for parents, teachers, students, principals, administrators, and others interested in uniting the forces of home, school, and community on behalf of children and youth.

Head-Start Bureau

www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/hsb

Web site maintained by the Head Start Bureau as an electronic resource for Head Start service providers, parents, volunteers, community organizations, and others, who share an interest in helping children look forward to a brighter future.

Parent Training & Information Centers

Alliance National Center
8161 Normandale Blvd.
Minneapolis, MN 55437
888/248-0822
www.taalliance.org/centers/PTIs.html

Provides a list of parent training and information centers in the United States. The majority of the centers serve the entire state, others are community-based and serve more local areas.

Intercultural Development Research Association

5835 Callaghan Road, Suite 350
San Antonio, TX 78228-1190
210/444-1710
Fax: 210/444-1714
www.idra.org

IDRA is a vanguard leadership development and research team working with people to create self-renewing schools that value and empower *all* children, families and communities.

***Family Resource, Information, Education
and Network Development Service***

www.friendsnrc.org

FRIENDS is the National Resource Center for the Community Based Family Resource and Support Program, under a cooperative agreement with the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children, Youth and Families, and the Office on Child Abuse and Neglect. The CBFRS program was established by Title II of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act Amendments of 1996. The purpose of the CBFRS program is to support state efforts to create and support a statewide network of community-based, family-centered, prevention-focused family resource and support programs, in order to strengthen families and reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect.

National Center on Fathers and Families

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Philadelphia, PA 19104
215/573-5500

www.ncoff.gse.upenn.edu

NCOFF's primary goals are to: Expand the knowledge base on father involvement, family efficacy and child well-being, within multiple disciplines through research and development, integrated discussion, and information building, to strengthen practice through practitioner-targeted conversations, information dissemination, and collaborative activities and to contribute to critical policy discussions by creating a coherent agenda of work that is built around existing and emerging local, state and federal efforts.

National Parents Information Network

ERIC Clearinghouse on Elementary and Early
Childhood Education

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Children's Research Center

51 Gerty Drive

Champaign, IL 61820-7469

217/333-1386 or 800/583-4135

Fax: 217/333-3767

Email: npin@uiuc.edu

The National Parent Information Network (NPIN) is a project of the ERIC system, which is administered by the National Library of Education in the U.S. Department of Education. NPIN is designed and maintained by two ERIC clearinghouses: the ERIC Clearinghouse on Urban Education at Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City; and the ERIC Clearinghouse on Elementary and Early Childhood Education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.