

The Parent Center Network Empowering Families & Youth!

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Parent Center Network

National PTAC (NPTAC)

– Center for Parent
Information &
Resources (CPIR) - 1

Regional Parent Technical Assistance Centers (RPTACS) - 4

Parent Training & Information Centers (PTIs) - 67

Community Parent Resource Centers (CPRCs) - 26



Parent Center Network

- The Center for Parent Information and Resources provides resources for Parent Centers, families, and professionals on early intervention, special education, and transition to adult life (www.parentcenterhub.org)
- Regional Parent Technical Assistance Centers provide support to help Parent Centers reach and serve parents, youth/young adults, and professionals more effectively
- Parent Centers serving every state and territory (Parent Training and Information Centers and Community Parent Resource Centers) provide information, training, and support to families, youth/young adults, and professionals



What You'll Find at parentcenterhub.org

Resources Galore: Over 1100 materials: fact sheets, IDEA training materials, parent guides, glossaries, and more

Buzz from the Hub: Twice a month: new resources, events, materials for families, spotlight on key topics

Materials from Other Parent Centers: Resources from Parent Centers that other Parent Centers can use

Webinars & Webpages on Priority Topics: Check the archives for webinars on priority topics from OSEP



What You'll Find at parentcenterhub.org

Recursos en Español: An Index to Resources in Spanish helps non-Spanish speakers find and share information

Event Calendar: A listing of events of high interest to Parent Centers and families

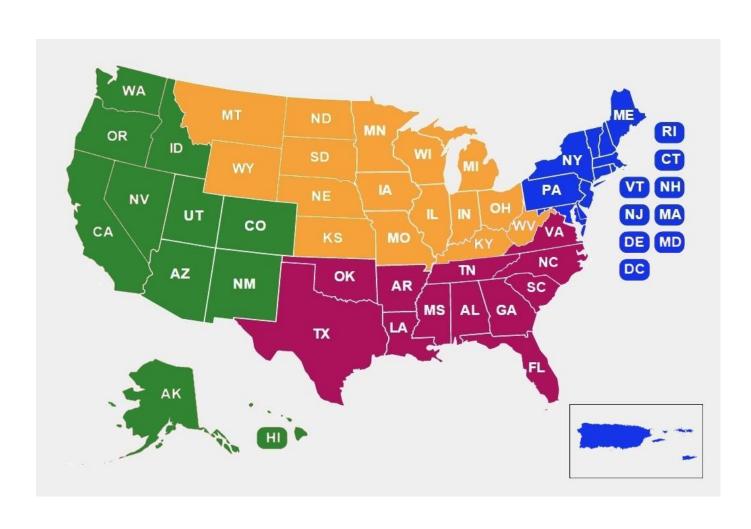
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Private Platforms for Parent Center Staff:

CentersConnect, eLearning Hub, Who Knows What



Regional Parent Technical Assistance Centers (RPTACs)





Parent Training & Information Centers (PTIs) and Community Parent Resource Centers (CPRCs)







Parent Training & Information Centers (PTIs) and Community Parent Resource Centers (CPRCs)

- 67 PTIs
- Each state has at least
 1 (CA, FL, TX, IL, NY)
 have more than one
 based on population);
 1 in PR, US VI, and the
 Pacific territories
- Competed in 2020
- Will re-compete in 2025

- 26 CPRCs
- Serve targeted, underserved communities (geographic and/or language/ethnicitybased)
- Competed in 2021
- Will re-compete in 2026



Parent Center Activities

- Serve parents of children with all disabilities, ages birth to 26, and children at risk of inappropriate identification
- Provide training and information to parents to help them help their children meet developmental and educational goals and lead productive lives
- Reach and assist underserved parents



Parent Center Activities

- Help parents
 - Understand their children's needs
 - Communicate and collaborate with schools and providers
 - Participate in decision-making
 - Get information about resources
 - Understand IDEA and other relevant federal and state laws



Parent Center Activities

- Help parents (and youth):
 - Participate in school activities
 - Participate in school reform
 - Resolve disputes with EI and schools
 - Understand their rights
 - Understand and use dispute resolution options
 - Network with appropriate partners



Contact your Parent Center!

- Contact your Parent Center for:
 - Individual help understanding your rights, how to navigate the early intervention, special education, and/or transition to adult life systems, best practices, and resources
 - Information on trainings/workshops
 - Connection to other resources





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