The Parent Center Network
Empowering Families & Youth!
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  - Center for Parent Information and Resources
  - NE-PACT Region A Parent Technical Assistance Center
  - Building Bridges Parent Training and Information Center
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
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**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.

**Social Media Links:** Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

**Private Platforms for Parent Center Staff:** CentersConnect, eLearning Hub, Who Knows What.
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- 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/ethnicity-based)
  - 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
Find Your Parent Center:
https://www.parentcenterhub.org/find-your-center/
Questions