



PARENT EDUCATIONAL ADVOCACY TRAINING CENTER (PEATC)
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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

This year at PEATC has been amazing! This was the final year of our 5 year Parent Training and Information Center grant from the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) and we are proud to announce that we have been granted the grant for another 5 years! Thanks to the support of our wonderful families and all of the amazing organizations who collaborate with us, we are honored to continue to be able to serve families throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Our staff has grown over this past year to include three Information Specialists, an Outreach Coordinator and Bilingual Information Specialist who are both bilingual in English and Spanish, a Family Engagement Specialist, and an Early Intervention Specialist; along with management and support staff. We are also fortunate to have a long time intern working with us who has agreed to become our Mental Health specialist to support our Falls Church office, as well as our Southwest satellite office. All PEATC staff have experience with special education and most staff are family members of students who have or are currently receiving special education services in the public schools.

Thank you for your continued support of PEATC.... here's to five more years!

PEATC provided individual assistance to **9,347 individuals** on various Special Education topics



Trained **81 parents** statewide on our "Parents as Collaborative Leaders" (PACL) curriculum

"It was the most informative information I have ever received...one of the best workshops I have ever attended. I shared it with my school board and other parents"

"I have a child with Tourette syndrome and PEATC provided me with information that I could start using right away."

"I started using the information [I learned from PEATC] the very next day!"

"I didn't realize there were Federal websites that had information I could use. I've been learning and using information from the pbis.org website"

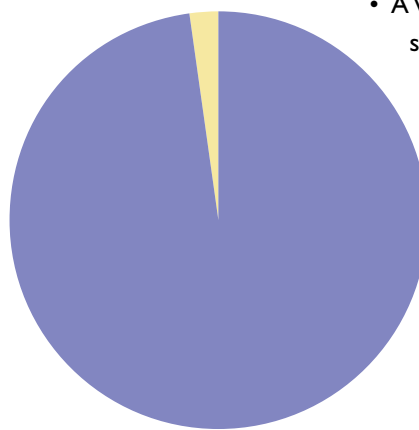
"PEATC is always very helpful! The last time I called, the staff guided me when I was nervous for meetings and they coached me on what to expect"

"I used the information, that I received from PEATC, when I called the school the following day to discuss what behavior intervention plan we could create for my son"

EXPENSES

As illustrated in the graph below, PEATC spent the majority amount of grants on programs for families. These programs include the following:

- The Parent Training and Information Center (PTI) grant, which assists families of children with disabilities to understand their rights and responsibilities regarding special education in Virginia.
- A Virginia Latino Outreach grant which supplements and enhances our outreach initiative and provides the same PTI services to families who speak Spanish.
- A grant to collaborate on the Virginia State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG), which provides funds to assist states in reforming and improving their systems for personnel preparation and professional development in early intervention, education and transition services in order to enhance results for children with disabilities.



PROGRAMS MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL

"Thanks to PEATC, I feel I am better able to understand what my son's teacher has going on paperwork-wise, so now I am teaming up with her versus seeing her as an adversary."

"After going to a PEATC workshop, I was able to advocate for some accommodations for my son because I had learned about "related services"

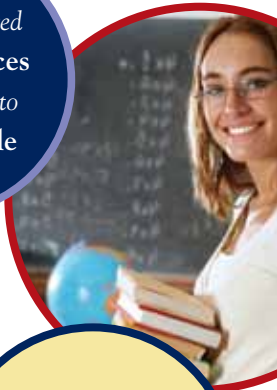
"Thanks to PEATC, I am better prepared and it has made a difference in my level of confidence at the IEP meetings"

"I'm giving your contact information to any and all parents I meet who have a child on an IEP!"



"Because I have not used all the information that I received from PEATC but I feel that PEATC offers valuable services to families"

We co-sponsored
24 conferences
with outreach to
8,934 people



PEATC
serves on **34**
advisory boards
and focus
groups

"I'm still in the process of working through getting services for my son but having you to help guide me has been a great help!"

"I've been much more involved in the year since attending the PEATC training"

"The PEATC workshop came along at just the right time for me!"

We have **1,628**
Facebook friends,
216 Twitter followers,
and **79,872**
website hits.



72 workshops
conducted throughout
Virginia to more than
900 parents and
professionals on
various *Special*
Education topics

"I am so glad to learn about your organization and that I can contact you when I have questions"

