We trained an additional 66 parents in our "Parents as Collaborative Leaders" (PACL) training. You learned that power lies in the collective organization of parents, it only takes a few concerned people to begin a movement, it's important to have a variety of leadership styles within a group to keep it flowing and effective!...

"Excellent 1st class workshop and service."
A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

We are excited to report that our first annual “Parent & Youth Empowerment Summit” was a huge success in 2015! Our statewide conference had separate strands for youth and parents which allowed youth to network with others and to learn how to practice effective self-advocacy skills. Our training strands included the topics of mental health, ADHD, Behavior, Dyslexia, and Early Childhood. Our Youth Advisory board members served as mentors to the youth attendees so that they would be comfortable to be without their parents during part of the conference.

Our youth advisory board have helped us to start a Youth Blog. Members of the advisory board wrote stories for the blog, provided resources for the blog, and gave input and suggestions for additional resources that are needed for youth in Virginia. Thank you to all of our Youth Advisory Board members! Please contact PEATC if you are interested in serving on our youth board!

Thank you for your continued support of PEATC!

EXPENSES

The graph above clearly illustrates that the majority of our funding is spent on programs for self-advocates and families of children with disabilities.