

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!

We provided individual assistance to **12,510 individuals** on various topics including special education eligibility, discipline and advocacy, parental rights, age of majority, placement, 504 plans, and transition.



Our Information Specialists are available to speak with families in English or Spanish.

"Thanks to PEATC....
"Something" starts now!"

"You really broke the information down for me so now I'm more confident that I can be my child's best advocate. Thank you!"

"This was the most fabulous conference ever!!!
The information was so inspiring and practical."



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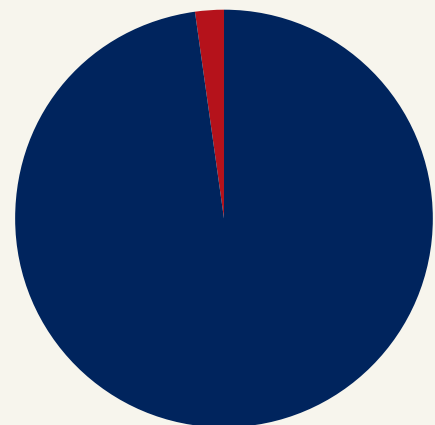
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"Thanks for helping me understand my child's rights!"

"Great presenters, very knowledgeable.
The need for leaders and group participation to improve student and family lives academically and socially."



265 subscribers
youth specific tab on website, in newsletter, factsheets, webinars, listserv, Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest



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