



PEATC

“Building Positive Futures for Virginia’s Children”

Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center Parent Involvement Resource Center

PEATC is Virginia’s parent education, support, training and information center committed to helping families, schools and communities build positive futures for Virginia’s children.

What is a PIRC?

The US Department of Education funds Parent Involvement Resource Centers in every state to improve children’s school success by:

- Supporting effective parental involvement policies, programs, and activities
- Developing and strengthening partnerships among parents, teachers, principals, administrators, and other school personnel;
- Coordinating their PIRC activities with other parental involvement initiatives under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act
- Teaching parents of young children as their first teachers

Who Does the PIRC Serve?

Culturally, linguistically, educationally, economically and geographically diverse families and the schools, programs and communities who serve them.

Hablamos Español

Why PEATC?

Since 1978, PEATC has promoted active partnerships between parents and professionals that continue to lead to positive results for children. PEATC was one of the first parent training and information centers in the nation, funded by the federal government to serve the families of children with disabilities. Building on our successful history of creating positive futures for children with disabilities, today PEATC serves families, schools and communities who are interested in investing in children with and without disabilities

Why Parent Involvement?

There is no debate. Over 30 years of research demonstrate the powerful relationship between parent involvement and student performance. Students with involved parents, no matter what their income or background, are more likely to:

- Earn higher grades and test scores
- Enroll in higher level programs
- Attend school regularly
- Have better social skills
- Show improved behavior and adapt well to school
- Graduate and go on to postsecondary education.

What Services Are Provided?

Information and Assistance (toll-free phone line, email, website, email lists, publicity) that will help families, schools and communities understand how to realize the potential of NCLB through partnerships and information about what works.

Outreach/Technical Assistance/Collaboration through presentations, partnership with Virginia Department of Education School Improvement efforts and work with parents, schools and the community to nurture successful partnerships.

Parent Allies for Student Success (PASS) – this partnership with the Arlington NAACP and George Mason University will recruit, train and support parent allies who will help families learn about options and access opportunities that will enhance their children’s possibilities for success.

Parents as Teachers – is a research-validated training program that helps parents foster growth and development in their young children.

More Questions? Call or email us today!

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