

Partners Resource Network

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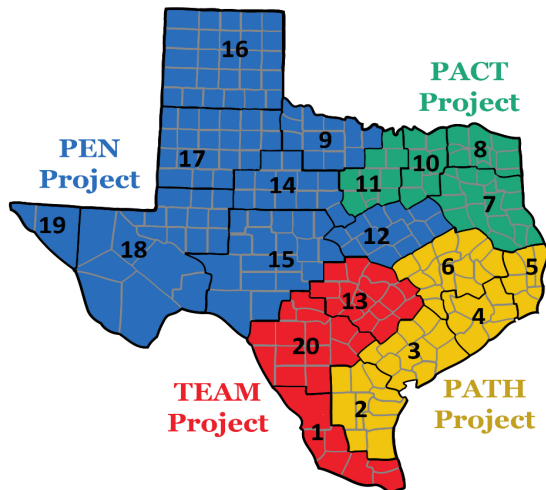
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*Assisting Texas families
of children with disabilities
for over 35 years.*

- FREE Trainings
- FREE One-on-one consultations
- FREE Resources
- FREE Agency referrals
- FREE Information
- FREE Emotional support
- FREE ARD support
- FREE Self-advocacy programs



Partners Resource Network is a non-profit agency that operates the Texas statewide network of Training and Information Centers (PTIs) funded by the U.S. Department of Education—Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). The four PTI Projects: PACT, PATH, PEN, and TEAM serve parents of children and youth with disabilities from the ages of 0 to 26 as well as youth self-advocates ages 14-26. We do this through a network of highly-skilled, regionally-located coordinators. Regional Coordinators are knowledgeable in local policies, services and resources as well as state and national level guidelines. Services are provided in English and Spanish.

How can Partners Resource Network help you?

Help:

We help parent and self-advocates:

- Understand disabilities
- Find program and service options
- Participate as team members with professionals during IEP preparation
- Understand state and federal laws
- Communicate more effectively with professionals
- Gain needed advocacy skills
- Build a support network

The majority of our employees are parents of children with disabilities. Our support comes from the perspective of a parent who has “been there” and who knows, first-hand, the challenges of parenting a child with a disability.

Empower:

The purpose of Partners Resource Network is to **empower** youth with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities in their roles as decision makers and advocates.

Our goal is to **promote partnerships** throughout the state among youth and parents, and the professionals, organizations, school districts, and service agencies that they interact with.

We encourage youth, parents, and professionals to **work together** as **PARTNERS** focusing on cooperation and collaboration.

We truly believe that together everyone achieves more!

Endeavor:

We aim to provide top-notch programs that:

- Provide training, information, and one-on-one assistance to parents and youth
- Facilitate community coalitions
- Maintain a network of parent and youth leaders
- Provide leadership development for parents and youth, particularly those from underrepresented groups
- Assist parent-to-parent support groups
- Network and collaborate with other agencies

Parent Workshop Topics

- ARDs & IEPs
- Educational rights
- Positive behavior supports
- Transition planning
- ECI & IFSPs
- Parent/professional partnerships
- Assertiveness & communication
- And more...

Youth Workshop Topics

- Differences or Disabilities
- Self-Advocacy and Education
- What is an IEP?
- Employment 101

Information and Referral

- Disability and behavior needs
- Educational rights
- Special education services
- Local, state & national resource referral
- Parent support group referral
- And more...

ARD/IEP Support

- ARD planning and preparation
- Educational paperwork review
- Record keeping & letter writing help
- Communication skills training

Resources

- Monthly e-newsletter
- Tool-kits and magazines
- Online courses
- Webinars
- Social media sites

Additional Events

- Regional Symposiums
 - Parent Leadership Training
 - Youth Leadership Training
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