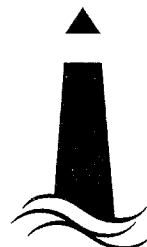




OHIO PARENT INFORMATION
AND RESOURCE CENTER



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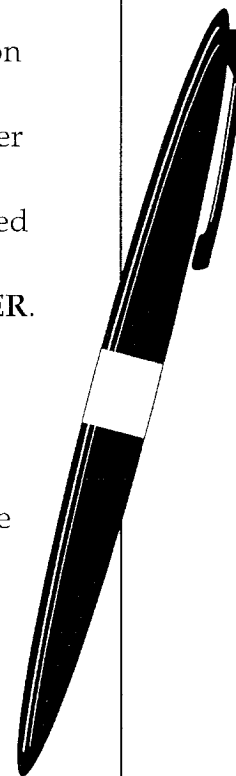


Welcome

Parents and professionals both want children to succeed. This common goal creates the opportunity for parents and professionals to learn from each other, to share their expertise, and to be leaders on behalf of children in homes and in workplaces. The Ohio Parent Information and Resource Center (Ohio PIRC) is a U.S. Department of Education funded Parent Assistance Center that is committed to providing opportunities for parents and professionals to learn, share and lead **TOGETHER**.

The Ohio PIRC provides many direct services to families in Hamilton, Clermont, and Brown Counties. In addition, the Ohio PIRC is available to support parents and professionals through the offices of our statewide services coordinator. Through training and consultation, the Ohio PIRC staff can assist you to improve the lives of children.

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Director



Ohio PIRC Mission

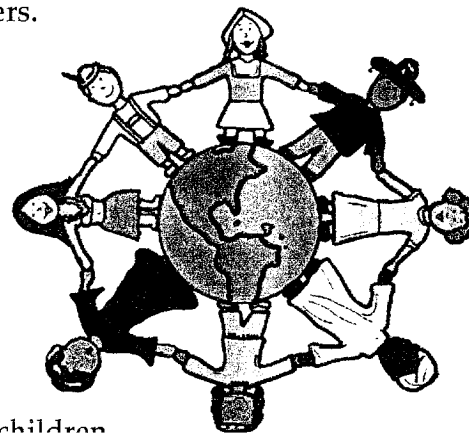
Knowing that parent involvement in schools is critical to success, the Ohio PIRC provides opportunities for families to learn, share, and lead in their homes, schools, and communities.

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Targeted Activities

- REAP (Re-Entering as Parents) - Grandparents raising, or significantly influencing their grandchildren have access to group meetings and other support activities. Participating grandparents and community members are family helpers for others - providing respite, tutoring, and mentoring.
- SharEd (School Hotline to Acquire Resources and Education) - A statewide call-in question and answer line for parents or professionals to get up-to-date local, state, and federal information. This includes information about best practices, changes in laws, new guidelines, and current educational topics.
- Social Service Referral Network - A support service where families needing assistance can call and receive information about social service programs and support. Referrals are made to organizations with specific expertise rather than Ohio PIRC attempting to meet all needs.
- WORK (Work Opportunities Resources and Knowledge) - Parent and/or grandparent volunteers receive on-site work coaching, training, experience, and support by volunteering in the Ohio PIRC office.
- Parent to Parent/Child to Child - An ongoing parent education group for parents to learn about their children's education. Children participate in a parallel group with related topics. Target population is school-age but is open to all.
- Parents As Teachers - A voluntary, open access program for families based on the belief that parents are their children's first and most influential teachers. This program offers home visits to discuss child development and child rearing issues, group meetings, and periodic development and health screenings.
- Empowering Parents and Communities - A training curriculum designed to enable parents and/or caregivers to increase their involvement in their communities and sharpen their skills for effective leadership. EPC promotes the development of parents and caregivers to understand the needs of children and the issues that challenge parents as well as other community members.



Educational Program

Individual Consultation

- Consults with parents about the education of their children.
- Helps parents and schools mediate problems.
- Facilitates the development of students' education programs.
- Provides information about educational topics.
- Refers parents and schools to appropriate service providers.

Training

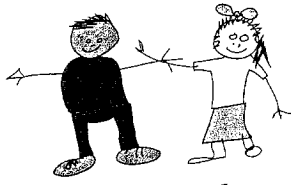
- Assists schools and families in setting up educational programs.
- Develops, implements, and delivers training to parents, schools, and organizations based on their needs.

Typical Topics For Consultation

- Suspensions and expulsions
- Assistance with academic troubles
- Help with behavior problems at school
- Special Education issues



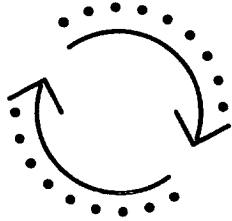
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School



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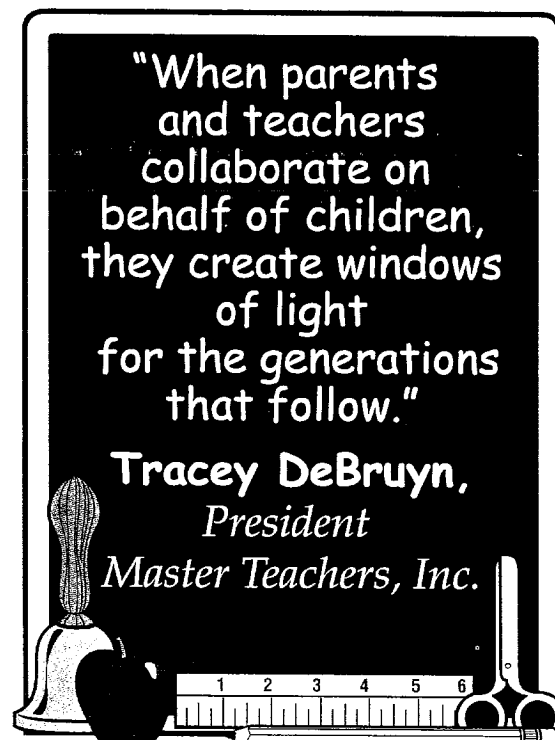
**Offering Local and Statewide Services and
Opportunities for Families to
Learn, Share, and Lead.**

Tools For Parents

- Getting Your Kids Ready for School
- Navigating the Parent-Teacher Conference
- Kids Develop at Different Rates
- The Importance of Parent Involvement
- Hopping on the Homework Highway
- You Just Don't Understand: Parents and Teachers Working Together (A Workshop on Communication)
- Staying Out of Trouble: Dealing With the Class Bully
- Keeping My Kids on Track: Effective Discipline Techniques

Tools For Teachers

- The Importance of Parent Involvement: How to Attract More Parents to Schools
- Kids Develop at Different Rates: What Should I Look for?
- You Just Don't Understand: Teachers and Parents Working Together (A Workshop on Communication)
- Keeping Kids on Track: Effective Classroom Management Techniques
- Ohio Network of Partnership Schools
- Transitions
- Peer Pressure
- Setting Up a Parent Center
- How Schools can Help Students Set Their Goals



Ohio Parent Information And Resource Center

Providing the following statewide services to schools and organizations:

- Training opportunities
- Information and referral
- Educational and social service consultation
- Assistance with family involvement efforts
- Expanded family services in Toledo, Columbus, and Canton.
- Support to replicate family involvement efforts
- Presentations and training

Supporting parents and professionals to:

- learn about "No Child Left Behind" legislation
- understand Academic Standards
- understand the importance of family involvement in schools
- increase parent knowledge of child development and educational practices

and to ultimately -

- increase student success!