

PEERs

A Parent Educator Exceptional Resource (PEER) is a specially trained parent of a child with a disability in the School District of Collier County. The PEERs are collaboratively sponsored through the Exceptional Student Education Department, Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System, and South Florida Parent Center, to serve all schools in the county. As parents of



children with special needs, PEERs understand

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parental concerns and can provide assistance and information to other parents. From personal experiences, PEERs have learned that positive teamwork between schools and families is the key to our children's success. A PEER can provide information about training opportunities for parents and can also help design trainings or workshops that are requested by Principals, parents of students with disabilities, or other community agencies. Your PEER is just a phone call away:

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Sharing the Commitment

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What is Sharing the Commitment?

Sharing the Commitment is a collaborative advisory to the Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Department in the Collier County Public Schools. The advisory has been created:



- To foster increased communication, commitment, and shared responsibilities between the school district, parents and community agencies to provide quality programs and services to students with disabilities in our schools;
- To provide a forum for parents with students with disabilities to discuss critical issues and concerns, and to provide input for federal grant spending for IDEA Entitlement;

- To serve as a resource for the ESE Director and school site Principals in matters pertaining to ESE programs and services;
- To provide information and training to school-based administrators, staff and community agencies on the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).



The Exceptional Student Education Department, the Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resource System (FDLRS), and the South Florida Parent Center (SFPC), provide information, training and support to parents, educators, and agencies regarding services and programs for students with disabilities.

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sors workshops or training for all persons interested in services for students with disabilities. All schools and community agencies sponsoring a training or workshop receive an ESE Parent/Professional Library for their school media center. A variety of training opportunities are listed on our website at:

<http://www.collierstc.com>

Additional Community Partners:

- Florida Inclusion Network
- Redlands Christian Migrant Association
- Naples Alliance for Children
- National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) of Collier County
- Severely Emotionally Disturbed Network (SEDNET) District 8B
- Florida Gulf Coast University,
 - Department of Special Education
 - Personnel Development Partnership
- Special Olympics of Collier County
- Naples Beach & Golf Hotel
- Hyatt Regency at Coconut Point
- Naples Community Hospital
- Costco, Naples
- Bank of America, Naples
- Edison College, Naples Campus
- Hodges University
- Rushman-Micah Angel Foundation

