

Parent and Family Support Programs

Empower Colorado!

(Education Movement: Parents offering wisdom, encouragement, and resources)
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EMPOWER Colorado is a nonprofit organization created by parents and families to provide support, education and advocacy for parents and families of children with neurobiological or biological disorders in the brain. Empower Colorado offers an online listserv, several support groups in the front range area, workshops for parent groups and conferences, and referral and resource information.

Target Population: families of children with neurobiological, or biological brain disorders

Eligibility criteria: None

How to access services: Call number above or e-mail

Area served: Statewide

Service days and hours: Vary

Fees: None

PEAK Parent Education Center

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PEAK Parent Center is Colorado's federally designated Parent Training and Information Center (PTI). PEAK assists families and others through services like its telephone hotline, workshops, conferences, website and publications. As a PTI, PEAK offers parent-to-parent support, but it does not hold support group meetings. We work one-on-one with families and also collaborate with state government and the education, rehabilitation and medical communities to make system changes that improve outcomes for children. The calendar on the website can be searched by dates, disability category or month.

Target Population: Families and friends of children with disabilities, individuals with disabilities, and professionals in education, medical, and human service fields. Individuals who wish to contract with PEAK for consultation, customized in-service trainings, curriculum development, in-service presentations and workshops on a fee-for-service basis

Eligibility criteria: None

How to access services: Call number listed above or email.

Area served: Statewide

Service days and hours: Vary by service

Fees: Many services are provided at no cost. PEAK also provides consultation, customized in-service trainings, and project evaluation services to community groups and school districts on a fee-for-service basis

Parent to Parent of Colorado

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Parent to Parent Mission: Parent to Parent of Colorado (P2P-CO) is a parent initiated, parent controlled, organized group that builds inclusive communities, takes effective and constructive group action, and supports each other on the journey of parenting our sons and daughters with special health care needs or disabilities. P2P-CO offers:

- Toll free information and referral line in English and Spanish (1-877-472-7201)
- Quarterly newsletter
- A variety of "parent only" internet discussion groups
- Matching to connect parents with veteran parents (our Parent Partners)
- Parent Partner Training
- Statewide updates on events, conferences and local resources
- Referral to parent support/cluster groups throughout the state
- Training to set up support/cluster groups
- Legislative action alerts
- Opportunities for families to participate in developing and changing public policy

Target Population: Families of children with special health care needs or disabilities

Eligibility criteria: None

How to access services: Call number listed above or email

Area served: Statewide

Service days and hours: Vary by service

Fees: Services are provided at no cost.

Parents Encouraging Parents (PEP)

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PEP promotes the partnerships that are essential in supporting and including children with disabilities and their families in all aspects of the school and community. PEP sponsors family oriented conferences designed to offer support, information and education to parents and professionals. The purpose of the conference is to bring parents and other professionals together allowing them an opportunity to share ideas, discuss concerns, celebrate successes, and obtain information relating to parenting, educating and supporting a child with a disability.

The Colorado Department of Education pays for all meals and lodging. Free childcare is provided on Friday.

Target population: Parents of children birth - 21 years with a disability.

Eligibility criteria: These conferences are available to persons residing in Colorado who have a child with a disability ages birth to twenty-one. Also, administrators, principals, teachers, medical professionals are invited to participate in a PEP Conference.

How to access services: Call the PEP number listed above; or contact Cindy Dascher or Katherine Keck at the Colorado Department of Education by email at dascher_c@cde.state.co.us or keck_k@cde.state.co.us or by mail at the address listed above.

Area served: Conferences are offered statewide in different locations.

Services days and hours: This is a two 1/2 -day conference starting Thursdays at 5:00pm – Saturdays until 4:00pm.

Fees: None