



Prince William County

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Parents Want to Know...

What is a Parent Resource Center?

Initiated in 1983 by the Virginia Department of Education in collaboration with the Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center (PEATC) of Springfield, VA. Parent Resource Centers (PRCs) were established to provide support, training, and information to parents and teachers of children with special needs. Prince William County Public Schools' Parent Resource Center has been in operation since November 1992 and works to promote a positive relationship between parents and educators of children with special needs.

Who may use the services of the Parent Resource Center?

Parents and caregivers of children and youth with disabilities, as well as school staff and any other interested individuals are invited to call, visit, or e-mail the Parent Resource Center.

What services does the Parent Resource Center provide?

- Support parents through listening to their concerns
- Educate parents of the special education process
- Provide school and community based information and resources to local, state, and national agencies
- Maintain free lending library on topics related to special education, various disabilities, and parenting topics
- Summer Camp List for students with special needs
- Provide workshops for families and educators specific to parent and school needs within their community

Please Note: Parent Resource Centers are supported in part by local school districts. The staff works with parents to resolve concerns. They may not serve as advocates in formal mediation or due process proceedings. They refer parents to local or state advocacy organizations as needed.

How can I reach the Center?

You can call the Parent Resource Center @ 703-791-7935 or email Eleanor Contreras, Parent Resource Specialist, contreem@pwcs.edu You may visit the Parent Resource Center, Monday – Friday, from 8 a.m.– 4:30 p.m for lending library items. To speak to a Parent Resource Specialist, appointments are encouraged to ensure availability. Visits outside of normal operating hours are by appointment only. Sign and foreign language interpreter services are available upon request.