



Parent Partnerships

A Newsletter for Parents with Children who have Moderate to Severe Disabilities
Educational Equity For All

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California Department of Education News



Parents' Rights
A brief summary of Procedural Safeguards for students with disabilities receiving special education services.

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se/qa/pssu>

What Is Respect – 6 Highly Effective Ways To Teach Kids Respect

This article shows you 6 unconventional ways to teach children respect and strengthen your relationship with your kids. They are not easy, but they will help you raise respectful children and create a happy family.

Respect Definition (For Kids)

Respect is admiring or looking up to someone because that person has done something extraordinary or possesses impressive abilities.

<https://www.parentingforbrain.com/6-controversial-tips-teaching-kids-respect/>

9 Best Books to Teach Listening

Make reading time learning time with great books that teach little kids to become better listeners.

By **Grace Gardner**



<https://www.parents.com/fun/entertainment/books/best-books-to-teach-listening/>

National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments



Safe Supportive Learning
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Family-School-Community Partnerships



Family-school-community partnerships are a shared responsibility and reciprocal process whereby schools and other community agencies and organizations engage

families in meaningful and culturally appropriate ways, and families take initiative to actively supporting their children's development and learning. Schools and community organizations also make efforts to listen to parents, support them, and ensure that they have the tools to be active partners in their children's school experience. t.ly/e7Kjb

"Programs must meet the needs of the parents they serve rather than demand that the parents meet the needs of the program... A match between parent needs and involvement opportunities increases the possibility that the parent will become actively involved in the program."

Elizabeth Landerholm and Jo Ann Karr,
"Designing Parent Involvement Program Activities to Deal with Parents' Needs"

Feature Idea of Month

Sensory-Inclusive Activities That Make Family Time Fun For All

Playgrounds, shows, museums, theme parks, and more are making adjustments—as well as major commitments—to ensure kids of all abilities can have a blast there. Find out what organizations are leading the charge to make sure weekend adventures are truly fun for everyone. t.ly/OByLr



WALK A MILE IN THEIR SHOES



A BULLYING REPORT AND PREVENTION GUIDE FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

A road map to provide information to parents who struggle to find ways to help their child with bullying. Topics Covered:

- Why children with special needs are frequent victims
- What every parent should know about bullying
- Addressing bullying and a child's IEP
- Parent's rights in the fight against bullies
- And more!

<https://www.gatepath.org/BullyingReport>

How Parents and Teachers Can Work Together to Achieve Goals and Continue Learning

One of the most common questions parents ask is, "What can we be doing at home to help our child?" Most parents want to be involved and support their child's learning process, but they are unsure how to make this happen. They need some practical guidelines to get them started. Similarly, educators want parents to continue helping the student learn at home but are often unsure where to begin. Here are some practical guidelines for promoting continuity between the classroom and the home.

- Communicate Regularly
- Keep Goals in Mind
- Be Prepared for Homework
- Watch for Teachable Moments
- Most Importantly, Make Education a Priority

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WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

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<https://pcwsn.com/t.ly/Gjvpm>

Emergencies and the Special Needs Child: 10 Important Tips from a 911 Dispatcher
Below are some important tips that will help 911 responders to get your family the emergency help they need as quickly as possible.

- 1.) Lean towards a landline
- 2.) Register for Smart911
- 3.) Make a medical list
- 4.) Keep local responders in the loop
- 5.) Register their fingerprints
- 6.) Check into a wearable GPS system
- 7.) Attach your phone number
- 8.) Point out the good guys
- 9.) Consider a medical I.D. bracelet
- 10.) Proactive photo-ops

<https://pcwsn.com/911tipslisagrey/>



The Center for Parenting Education

A resource to help parents do the best job they can to raise their children

SURVIVAL TIPS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS PARENTS... YOU'RE NOT ALONE, I PROMISE!

Parenting a special needs child has days which include...

- Resentment that every day is filled with challenges.
- Uncertainty of what's best for your child.
- Frustration with inconsistent information from specialists.
- Sadness for dreams unfulfilled (and guilt for feeling sadness about it).
- Irritation towards "helpful" advice from those who have no idea about your daily stresses.
- Jealousy towards parents who have "typical" families.
- GUILT for feeling any or all of the above!

You are not alone in this! So what can parents do?

Here is a list to help you make it through.

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Five tips for raising a child with special needs
Here are a few tips that can help navigate some of special needs parenting's biggest questions.

Know the condition

- Foster independence
- Encourage education
- Play can be therapeutic
- Join a support group

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