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RESPECT TRAINING IS BACK

RESPECT training is back RESPECT: Recognizing Everyone's Strengths by Peacebuilding, Empathizing, Communicating and Trust Building

This course is intended to help build strong relationships among family and educator members of IEP Teams. Generating respect, empathy, communication and trust will help work through differences and create outcomes that will meet student, educator and family needs.

Quotes from past attendees:

- "It enlightened me to new ways of thinking that I can apply to meetings with parents. The training has also allowed me the opportunity to talk with other professionals and get their ideas."
- "The information is so beneficial, not just for IEP meetings – but for how we should try and communicate with each other always."
- "Good to be in a group of so many people who really care about and value relationships."
- "Not so packed that we didn't have time to process and practice, relaxed atmosphere, conducive to learning, content was excellent, great activities that demonstrate principles or strategies."

Registration: Go to www.gwaea.org, click on Professional Development, Registration Procedures and print a registration form.

Course Number: 4001-09-01

TO REGISTER:

Click on [Professional Development](#)

Dates/Time Jan. 27, Feb.23, Apr. 8, & 28, 2010
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Instructors:

Leslee Sandberg and Geri Pettitt, Cedar Rapids

Registration Fee:

\$55 paid in full at the time of registering. This fee includes a \$20 registration fee. Registered participants will have the Option to register for credit the first day of class for an additional fee. Please see the website for complete information.

PEP has a limited number of scholarship to assist families to attend workshops. Please call PEP at (319) 399-6702 for information on scholarships.



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DISABILITY RESOURCES

Disability resources in the state of Iowa

Parent Educator Partnership office is part of Grant Wood AEA. The staff is available to provide a variety of services. To get more information about PEP, please check out our website at www.gwaea.org, click on Services, the letter "P" and then Parent-Educator Partnership.

There are other resources in the State of Iowa for supporting families who have a child with a disability. However, so many times parents are not aware of these resources. Below is a list of three very valuable resources in the state.

- Offers free information searches
- Product searches to help individuals with disabilities be more independent
- Funding Searches can help identify potential funding sources for home or vehicle modifications, adapted equipment, and assistive technology
- Used Equipment Referral Service
- Legal Advocacy for Assistive Devices

Contact Information:

(800) 779-2001 Voice,
(877) 686-0032 TTY
www.iowacompass.org or
iowa-compass@uiowa.edu
Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Disability Resource Library

Center for Disabilities and Development

(800) 272-7713

Local calls: (319) 356-1345

www.healthcare.uiowa.edu/CDD

- People with disabilities, families, and caregivers can borrow our materials free of charge.
- Books, training curricula, software, DVDs and videos. Check out some assistive technology to see if it is something that works for your individual.
- Spanish language books and DVDs are available as well.

Parent Training and Information Center of Iowa

- Offers family support
- Information and materials on topics including:
- Educational rights
- Disability conditions
- Advocacy and communication
- Programs and services
- Conflict resolution
- Workshops and training
- PTI Press newsletter

Contact: ASK Resource Center

321 East 6th Street, Des Moines, IA 50309
1-800-450-8667 • 515-243-1902
<http://www.askresource.org>



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WHAT IS PEP?

What is the Grant Wood AEA PEP Program?

- PEP is a program that helps in building partnerships with parents and educators to ensure the best outcomes for their children.
- It is a statewide program since 1985, supported by Iowa's Area Education Agencies (AEAs) with state and federal funds.
- Our PEP is a staff of four: two parents of children with special needs, an educator, and secretary.

Professional Development

Opportunities Open to Parents

www.aea10.k12.ia.us/schcomplan/pep/pepprofdev.html

The workshops listed at the above link are open to families to attend. They are designed to help professionals who work with students. Families are welcome to learn with the professionals. It is not a time to talk about specific children and needs. Prior registration is a requirement to attend. All workshops are held at Grant Wood AEA, 4401 6th Street SW, Cedar Rapids, IA unless otherwise noted.

PEP has a limited number of scholarships available to help families pay some or all of the registration fee on a first come first serve basis. To find out if scholarships are available, please call, 319-399-6777.

For more information about each workshop, visit Grant Wood AEA's website and click on [Professional Development](#) or call the PEP Program at (319) 399-6702.



Why would someone call PEP?

Parents: We have information on...

- How to prepare for your child's next IFSP or IEP meeting
- Parent/student rights and responsibilities
- Transition
- Information on services and support groups
- Workshops and conferences
- Resources available to check out
- Another parent to talk with

Educators and School Administrators: We have information on...

- Conferences, support groups, workshops or newsletters
- Someone to work with or support a parent
- Resources on specific disabilities or disability awareness and understanding
- Brochures regarding PEP, Parent Rights, and tools to prepare for IEP meetings

How do I reach one of the PEP staff?



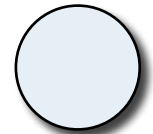
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