



PEP NEWS BULLETIN

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WHAT'S NEW?

What is PEP?

- 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 supported by Area Education Agencies with state and federal funds since 1985.
- Our PEP is a staff of five: two parents of children with special needs, an educator, secretary, and receptionist.

Professional Development Opportunities Open to Parents

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

The workshops that appear in **bold** at the above link have five scholarships for parents to attend for a reduced fee of \$25 available on a first come, first serve basis. Call [Connie Russell](#) at 319-399-6767, to find out if scholarships are available.

For more information about each workshop, visit Grant Wood AEA's website and click on [Professional Developments & Workshops](#) 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 newsletter
- 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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NEW RESOURCES

New Autism Resources for Parent and Educators in the PEP Resource Library

To order materials from the PEP Resource Library, call 319-399-6719 (direct) or 800-332-8488 (ask for the PEP Library). If you get voice-mail, leave your name, phone number, and the topic or specific resource of interest. For requests, e-mail lhooley@gwaea.org or jedavis@gwaea.org and let them know the topic or resource of interest, your phone number, and to which local school PEP can van mail the material.

New Autism DVD resources:

Asperger Syndrome for Dad-Becoming An Even Better Father To Your Child With Asperger Syndrome (26 min.)

Intricate Minds-Understanding Classmates With Asperger Syndrome-for grades 6-High school (12 min.)

Intricate Minds II-Understanding Elementary School Classmates with Asperger Syndrome-for grades 3-6 (17 min.)

Intricate Minds III-Understanding Elementary School Classmates Who Think Differently-grades 3-6 (17 min.)

Social Thinking Across the Home and School Day (two DVD set)-Th ILAUGH Framework and Related Therapy Strategies for Kids with Social Cognitive Deficits: HFS, AS, NLD, PDD

The Hidden Curriculum-Teaching What is Meaningful

Teach2talk-Social Skills-Volume 1-Sharing

Parenting the Explosive Child-The Collaborative Problem Solving Approach -Ross Green

Books and Manuals:

Strategies for Organization-Preparing Homework for the Real World-Workbook and DVD

The Incredible 5-Point Scale-Assisting Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders in Understanding Social Interactions and Controlling Their Emotions Responses -Kari Dunn Buron and Mitzi Curtis

A "5" Could Make Me Loose Control -Kari Dunn Buron

A 5 Is Against The Law-Social Boundaries Straight Up! An Honest Guide For Teens and Young Adults -Kari Dunn Buron

When My Worries Get Too Big-A Relaxation Book For Children Who Live With Anxiety -Kari Dunn Buron

The File Factor-Filing Away Disappointment-a Daily Logbook -Terese Dana and Bradford Meisel

Think Social-A Social Thinking Curriculum for School-Age Students (includes CD) -Michelle Garcia Winner

Worksheets! For Teaching Social Thinking and Related Skills -Michelle Garcia Winner

Inside Out: What Makes a Person With Social Cognitive Deficits Tick? -Michelle Garcia Winner

Thinking About You-Thinking About Me-Teaching Perspective Taking and Social Thinking -Michelle Garcia Winner

Asperger Syndrome-What Teachers Need to Know -Matt Winter

The Complete Guide to Asperger's Syndrome -Tony Attwood

Encouraging Appropriate Behavior for Children on the Autism Spectrum-Frequently Asked Questions -Shira Richman

Early Start for Young Children with Autism/PDD-Practical Interventions -Kathleen McConnell and Gail R. Ryser

Preparing for Life-The Complete Guide for Transitioning to Adulthood for those with Autism and Asperger's Syndrome -Dr. Jed Baker



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