



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 Resources for Parent and Educators in the PEP Resource Library • November 2008

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 Audio/Visual Resources

Have your young preschooler play, sing, and sign along with these fun and instructive videos.

It Takes Two To Sing – Learning Words Through Songs-Audio Tapes-These tapes have typical preschool songs such as “Old McDonald, Head and Shoulders” sung at a much slower rate so that children hear the words clearly along with hearing the tune.

Signing Time Songs – DVD-Volume 1-3-This DVD shows preschoolers basic signs and incorporates them into simple songs.

Signing Times Series: Baby Signing Times – 25 basic words such as “eat, drink, Mom, Dad, more....”

My First Signs – More basic words for young children

Playtime Signs – Words such as “friend, please, book, sorry, potty....”

Everyday Signs – Words such as “hot, apple, help, sad,”

My Baby Can Talk-Teaching Babies Simple Gestures and First Spoken Words-DVD

New Books for Professional and Parent

The Mind of Boys-Saving Our Sons from Falling Behind in School and Life-Michael Gurian and Kathy Stevens

Boys and Girls Learn Differently-A Guide for Teachers and Parents-Michael Gurian

Strategies for Teaching Boys and Girls-Elementary Level-Michael Gurian, Kathy Stevens, Kelly King

Strategies for Teaching Boys and Girls-Secondary Level-Michael Gurian, Kathy Stevens, Kelly King

The Second Family-Dealing with Peer Power, Pop Culture, the Wall of Silence-And Other Challenges of Raising Today’s Teens-Dr. Ron Taffel and Melinda Blau

One in Thirteen-The Silent Epidemic of Teen Suicide-Jessica Portner

Nobody Likes Me, Everybody Hates Me-The Top 25 Friendship Problems and How to Solve Them-Michele Borba, Ed.D

The ABC’s of Bullying Prevention-A Comprehensive Schoolwide Approach-Kenneth Shore, Psy. D



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