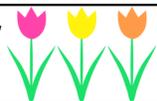


Project MAX: Statewide Parent Network

Leading change, fostering high expectations, and presuming competence

Welcome to the Statewide Parent Network Newsletter *Spring 2015*



Project MAX is an initiative to increase opportunities for students with the most complex instructional needs to learn the same subjects as their classmates without disabilities.



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The Project MAX Statewide Parent Network

is a newly forming group of parents of children with complex instructional needs who attend schools in Pennsylvania. Parents can network, share resources and partner with each other as well as with educators to increase their children's access to the general education curriculum. The families of the Statewide Parent Network will support each other and educators in the belief that their children with complex instructional needs, when given access and support, can learn what their peers without disabilities are learning.

PA Low Incidence Institute: High Expectations for Achievement

Hershey Lodge and Convention Center

August 10-13, 2015

Intended Audience: families, professionals and educators

This conference will focus on topics related to serving students and young children with deafness and hearing loss, blindness, deaf-blindness, visual impairment, intellectual disabilities, traumatic and brain injury, significant cognitive disabilities and/or multiple disabilities. To register or for more information, including opportunities for scholarships, visit www.pattan.net or contact parentscholarship@pattan.net, 1-800-441-3215. Deadline for parent scholarship applications is June 26th.

"Imagine educational practices in which learners with significant disabilities have the same learner outcomes as students without disabilities."

Kleinert & Kearns, 2001

Upcoming Trainings

Do you want to learn more about supporting children by fostering high expectations in the school, home and community settings? A series of trainings are being created, addressing topics such as what it is to presume competence, how to access the general education curriculum and maximize communication and learning. The trainings will also offer parents ways to continue developing effective skills when working with school teams and ways that families can be instrumental in leading future change. These trainings will be offered within the Statewide Parent Network on-line as well as in face to face group settings. Bring a friend!



We would like to hear from you!

This is the first Newsletter for the Project MAX Statewide Parent Network. Are you interested in sharing a success or a story regarding your family's experience with Project MAX? Would you or someone you know like to learn more about how to connect with other parents or to sign up for this newsletter, please contact: parentnetwork@pattan.net or 1-800-441-3215; HUNE (Spanish & English) 215-425-6203 ask for Yovana or; The PEAL Center 1-866-950-1040 (voice) 412-281-4409 (TTY).



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