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Belief Statements

- With encouragement and support from educators and community providers, each family determines their level of participation in system processes.
- In successful partnerships, families, educators, and community providers work together by recognizing, understanding, and respecting individual differences, cultural backgrounds, and differing approaches, and seek solutions.
- Two-way, frequent and meaningful communication builds successful partnerships.
- Building partnerships among families, educators, and community providers as early as possible enhances the degree of family and child success.
- Families, educators, and community providers all have important roles, responsibilities, and perspectives in the education and support of children.

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Parent & Educator Connection

Families, schools, and communities in Iowa working together to promote educational success for children and youth



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PARENT & EDUCATOR CONNECTION

Who Are We?

The Parent & Educator Connection (PEC) is sponsored by the Iowa Department of Education. It began in 1984 to provide parents and educators with opportunities to work together in positive ways to improve educational programs for children/youth with special needs.

The PEC operates through the Area Education Agencies and is part of a statewide network. Each PEC consists of Parent-Educator Facilitators (parents of children with special needs), an Educator Representative (Special Education Division staff member), and an area-wide steering committee (parents and educators).



The mission of the Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency is to improve teaching and learning for all students through active partnerships and assertive leadership in a climate of mutual respect.

PEC Mission

The Parent & Educator Connection works to develop and sustain effective partnerships between families, educators, and community providers to promote success for all children and youth with disabilities

What can the PEC do for Parents and Educators?

- Provide support to families and educators through personal or phone contact.
- Link families and educators with needed services and resources.
- Conduct workshops and presentations on various subjects for families and educators.
- Provide books, pamphlets and CD's/DVD's on issues such as special education, parenting and disabilities.
- Provide an electronic newsletter, Partners, for families and educators of students receiving special education services.
- Connect families and educators who have similar needs and interests.
- Provide "Parent Information Packets" to families of children who are receiving special education services.
- Provide financial support to enable families to attend workshops and conferences.