## **Parent Information Network**

The Arizona Department of Education, Exceptional Student Services, Parent Information Network Specialists (PINS) provide parents with information that is essential for them to actively participate in their child's special education. PINS promote consensus building to achieve positive outcomes for students. They regularly assist parents, schools, and local agencies throughout Arizona to establish and sustain positive working relationships.

PINS offer FREE resources and training to families, parent organizations, educators, college students, service providers, and community agencies.

## Resources

- Clearinghouse documents on a variety of subjects: assistive technology, behavior, early childhood, disabilities, individualized education programs (IEPs), self-advocacy, special education, and transition to adulthood
- Spanish documents
- The Blue Pages, a local, regional, and national disability resource directory
- A DVD lending library featuring special education and disability topics
- Network News, a quarterly newsletter
- Downloadable documents on the PIN website: www.azed.gov

## Training

- Participation in the Special Education Process
- Participation in the Individualized Education Program (IEP) Process
- Parents as Partners: Effective IEP Team Skills
- Early Childhood Transition: AzEIP to Preschool
- Secondary Transition
- Disability Categories under IDEA '04
- How to Start a Parent Group
- Organizing Your Child's Records
- Video-led workshops: sensory processing disorder and Rick Lavoie's presentations on learning disabilities, social skills, behavior and motivation

## Consultation

- Explanation of parent's rights and the special education process under IDEA '04
- Action planning for collaborative IEP meetings
- Strategic planning to implement the Parent Involvement Survey and enhance family participation

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