

# Partners Resource Network

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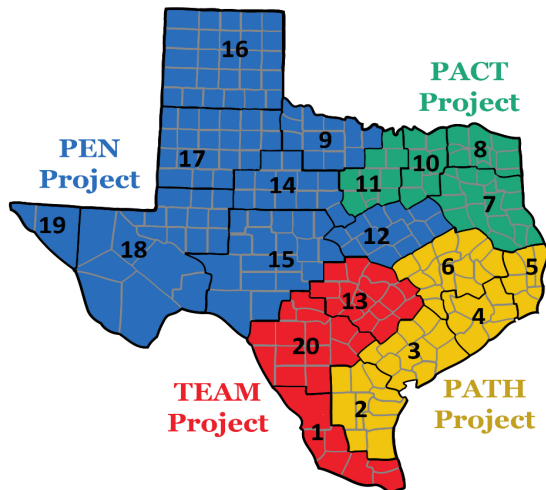
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*Assisting Texas families  
of children with disabilities  
for over 35 years.*

- FREE Trainings
- FREE One-on-one consultations
- FREE Resources
- FREE Agency referrals
- FREE Information
- FREE Emotional support
- FREE ARD support
- FREE Self-advocacy programs



Partners Resource Network is a non-profit agency that operates the Texas statewide network of Training and Information Centers (PTIs) funded by the U.S. Department of Education—Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). The four PTI Projects: PACT, PATH, PEN, and TEAM serve parents of children and youth with disabilities from the ages of 0 to 26 as well as youth self-advocates ages 14-26. We do this through a network of highly-skilled, regionally-located coordinators. Regional Coordinators are knowledgeable in local policies, services and resources as well as state and national level guidelines. Services are provided in English and Spanish.

## How can Partners Resource Network help you?

### Help:

We help parent and self-advocates:

- Understand disabilities
- Find program and service options
- Participate as team members with professionals during IEP preparation
- Understand state and federal laws
- Communicate more effectively with professionals
- Gain needed advocacy skills
- Build a support network

The majority of our employees are parents of children with disabilities. Our support comes from the perspective of a parent who has “been there” and who knows, first-hand, the challenges of parenting a child with a disability.

### Empower:

The purpose of Partners Resource Network is to **empower** youth with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities in their roles as decision makers and advocates.

Our goal is to **promote partnerships** throughout the state among youth and parents, and the professionals, organizations, school districts, and service agencies that they interact with.

We encourage youth, parents, and professionals to **work together** as **PARTNERS** focusing on cooperation and collaboration.

We truly believe that together everyone achieves more!

### Endeavor:

We aim to provide top-notch programs that:

- Provide training, information, and one-on-one assistance to parents and youth
- Facilitate community coalitions
- Maintain a network of parent and youth leaders
- Provide leadership development for parents and youth, particularly those from underrepresented groups
- Assist parent-to-parent support groups
- Network and collaborate with other agencies

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### Parent Workshop Topics

- ARDs & IEPs
- Educational rights
- Positive behavior supports
- Transition planning
- ECI & IFSPs
- Parent/professional partnerships
- Assertiveness & communication
- And more...

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### Youth Workshop Topics

- Differences or Disabilities
- Self-Advocacy and Education
- What is an IEP?
- Employment 101

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### Information and Referral

- Disability and behavior needs
- Educational rights
- Special education services
- Local, state & national resource referral
- Parent support group referral
- And more...

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### ARD/IEP Support

- ARD planning and preparation
- Educational paperwork review
- Record keeping & letter writing help
- Communication skills training

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### Resources

- Monthly e-newsletter
- Tool-kits and magazines
- Online courses
- Webinars
- Social media sites

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### Additional Events

- Regional Symposiums
  - Parent Leadership Training
  - Youth Leadership Training
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