

Facts About Parent Centers

1. Parent Centers are funded by the U.S. Department of Education.
2. There are nearly 100 parent centers in the U.S.
3. Parent Centers focus on serving families of children with disabilities from birth to 26 years old.
4. Some parent centers are Parent Training and Information Centers (PTIs) and serve the whole state.
5. Some parent centers are Community Parent Resource Centers (CPRCs), serving specific populations or areas.

Parent Centers' mission is to inform and train families of children with disabilities so they:

- Understand their rights as parents
- Better understand their child's disability needs
- Communicate effectively with their child's school and therapist
- Be an active member of decision-making teams for their child

Parent Centers also help parents to:

- Understand the Individuals with Disabilities Education ACT (IDEA) for infants, toddlers and school-age children
- Connect with needed resources (local, state, national)
- Emphasize services to youth with disabilities

**Find your local parent center here:
[https://www.parentcenterhub.org/
find-your-center/](https://www.parentcenterhub.org/find-your-center/)**



Facts About the RAISE Center

The RAISE Center supports parent centers and youth and families.

For youth and families, RAISE provides a multitude of resources and information to help them:

- Better understand vocational rehabilitation (VR) and independent living programs and services
- Communicate more effectively with transition and rehabilitation personnel and other relevant professionals
- Understand the Rehabilitation Act's provisions, particularly those relating to employment, supported employment, & independent living

RAISE also provides these individuals with:

- Follow-up support for transition and employment programs
- Support and expertise in obtaining information about rehabilitation and independent living programs, services, and appropriate resources
- Support in the development of the individualized plan for employment

RAISE Resources

RAISE Center Newsletter

The RAISE Center Newsletter, The STANDARD, comes out once a month and highlights a variety of topics around transition.



Youth Advisory Council Podcast

In 2022, RAISE Youth Advocates for Change (YAFC) started recording podcasts on topics important to them as youth with disabilities.



College and Training Program Resources

Find resources about pursuing a degree, license or certificate, scholarships, financial aid, time management tips, and more.



More Resources for Partners, Parent Centers and Families

Find blog articles, fact sheets, guides and webinars on a variety of post-secondary transition topics

