

## Parent Information and Resource Centers (PIRCs)

More than 70 Parent Information and Resource Centers (PIRCs) are working to inform and educate parents, family advocates, educators, community organizers, faith-based activists, and others committed to educational success for all students. PIRCs were established in the Goals 2000: Educate America Act of 1994. The program was reauthorized as part of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Title V, Part D, Subpart 16). In 2005, PIRCs reached 33,657,598 parents.

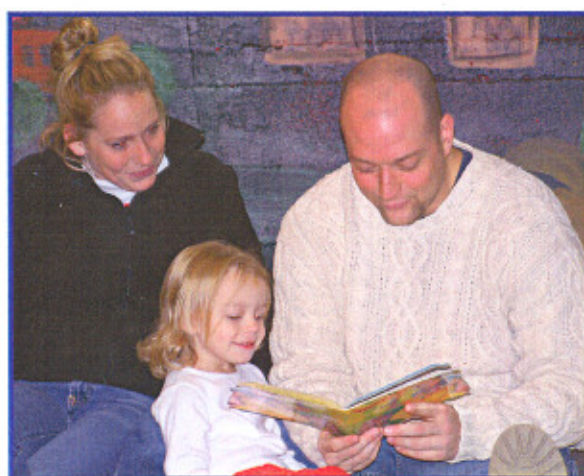


### What do PIRCs mean to our families and children?

- *PIRCs help parents work effectively with their children to support academic learning.*
- *PIRCs reach out to those families which are often under-served and unengaged and encourage them to become involved in their children's learning.*
- *PIRCs help parents build a strong foundation for their preschool children's educational success.*
- *PIRCs build relationships with families that encourage open communication between educators and parents, and focus on working together to help their children succeed.*

### What do PIRCs do?

- Assist **parents** in participating effectively in their children's education to improve student academic achievement
- Provide **school personnel** with information about resources, services, or programs available at the national, state, and local levels to assist them in working with parents
- Help parents learn about and use the **technology** applied in their children's education
- Implement activities for parents that **coordinate** with other federal, state, and local services
- Provide, improve, and expand **early childhood** programs and connect them with school-age programs
- Provide **support** to state or local educational personnel that engage in activities assisted under the PIRC grant



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