

Raising Special Kids

State Personnel Development Grant Partner



Raising Special Kids is Arizona's Parent Training and Information (PTI) Center. PTI Centers are established under Part D of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) under a grant from the United States Department of Education; each state has at least one PTI Center.

Raising Special Kids received the highest of three achievement awards for a Parent Center - The 2013 Excellence Award from the National and Regional Parent Technical Assistance Centers funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP).

As the PTI Center for Arizona, Raising Special Kids works throughout the state serving families of children and young adults from birth to age 26 with all types of disability, including: physical, intellectual, behavioral, emotional, and learning disabilities.

Joyce Millard Hoie, Executive Director of Raising Special Kids and Christopher Tiffany, Director of Family Support and Education support the SPDG project's key component of parent involvement throughout the content of the online modules. They have appointed Kathy Gray-Mangerson, Family Support Specialist, to work with SPDG personnel in creating content that supports a strong working relationship between school personnel and parents of students with disabilities. Ms. Gary-Mangerson will attend all SPDG professional development with the SPDG Cadre, the capacity building team that will offer SPDG professional development and technical assistance during and after the grant period.

