



Working Together to Support Families of Students with Disabilities

**Supporting Georgia families of children
with disabilities & special healthcare needs**



Who we are . . .

- ✓ **We are Georgia's Parent Training and Information Center (PTI)** – providing information to families so that they can be equal partners in the educational decision-making process.
- ✓ **We are Georgia's Family to Family Health Information Center (F2F)** – providing information to families so they can make better health-related decisions.
- ✓ **We are the Central Directory for Georgia's Babies Can't Wait (Part C) Program** - assisting families of children in need of early intervention services with information and resources.
- ✓ **We are the State Affiliate of Parent to Parent USA** – providing research-based best practice emotional support.



Our Georgia Partners

- ✓ **Georgia's Department of Education (GaDOE)** – providing data, information, resources and training to parents/families, training for new Special Education Directors, developing resources, assist in collecting feedback regarding proposed rule changes, and serving as a resource to families who may need assistance completing the Family Survey each spring.
- ✓ **Georgia's Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD)** – providing individualized assistance, resources and training to parents/families.
- ✓ **Georgia's Department of Public Health (DPH)** – Babies Can't Wait Central Directory, Family Leadership training, Special Needs Database, Parent Partner project.



What We Do...

7 Core Services

- ✓ Special Needs Database
- ✓ Roadmap to Success
- ✓ Supporting Parents
- ✓ One-on-One Assistance
- ✓ Navigator Project
- ✓ Free Trainings
- ✓ On-Line Opportunities





Connecting Families

- ✓ Supporting Parent Program - trained Volunteers provide emotional support to other parents
- ✓ Virtual Support through Facebook groups
- ✓ Support Groups specifically serving unserved and underserved areas



*Trained Parent
Volunteers across the
state! Great source of
Emotional Support!*



Supporting Parents

We train caregivers to support other families when they need it...

We can match parents in a number of ways, including:

- ✦ child's disability
- ✦ medical condition
- ✦ specific educational issue
- ✦ health issues
- ✦ child's age

Call Toll Free 1-800-229-2038



Social Media – Facebook

	As of 06/30/2024
# Facebook groups	6
Facebook reach (across all 6 groups)	75,307

	07/01/2023 – 06/30/2024
Facebook followers	19,643
Facebook (main page) reach	34,957,725





Support Groups

7/1/2023 – 6/30/2024

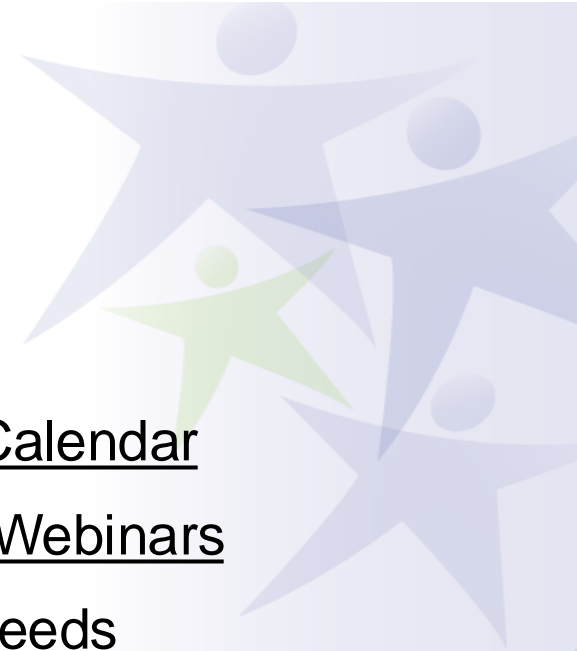
- ★ 22 Support Groups across Georgia
- ★ 109 meetings
- ★ 1,393 participants





Educating Families

- ✓ One-on-One assistance
- ✓ Free Trainings & Webinars
- ✓ Special Needs Database
- ✓ Training Calendar
- ✓ Archived Webinars
- ✓ Special Needs Database





Who Calls Us...And Why?

Number of Calls for Individual Assistance	4,997 (7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023) 5,075 (7/1/2023 – 06/30/2024)
Top 3 Diagnoses of Children (per parent report)	Autism Spectrum Disorder Speech-Language Learning Disabilities
Top 3 Reasons for Calling (per parent report)	IEPs Eligibility/Evaluation Behavior/Discipline
Race/Ethnicity of Callers	Caucasian – 33% African American/Black – 39% Hispanic – 19% Asian – 4% Other – 5%



Virtual and In-Person Trainings

P2P provides

- ★ The trainer/trainers
- ★ Full curriculum including PowerPoint and handouts
- ★ Fliers for the host to use
- ★ Advertising on our calendar of events



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Empowering Families

- ✓ Roadmap to Success
- ✓ Serving on Groups Training- Focusing on becoming positive agents of change
- ✓ Navigator Project



Roadmap to Success

*Tons of information!
All clickable...*

- *Reading materials*
 - *Videos*
- *Links to useful sites*



<https://www.roadmap.p2pga.org>



Website & Roadmap Pageviews

	Website Pageviews
2020/2021	102,946
2021/2022	125,765
2022/2023	142,166
2023/2024	140,517

	Roadmap Pageviews
2020/2021	32,077
2021/2022	71,360
2022/2023	82,303
2023/2024	88,339



Roadmap Pageviews

Pageviews by topic (7/1/2023 – 06/30/2024)	
Early Childhood topics	6,400
Healthcare topics	14,176
Education topics	32,425
Diagnosis topics	3,940
Community Life topics	2,260
Leadership topics	608
Youth Launch Pad topics	739
Transition topics	3,107



Navigator Project

*Parent Leadership
Training and Practice!*



Volunteer Parent
Leadership Program of
P2P

Training and performance
expectations at each level

Designed to build
collaborative community
leaders

Closing Quote



**Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much.**

-- Helen Keller



Thank you!

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