

P³ is hosting a Parents Encouraging Professionals Conference for parents of children with disabilities and school personnel.

Teaming in Tough Times: What Parents and Schools Can Do!

April 9th 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM & April 10th 8:30AM - 3:30 PM
Wyndam Portland Airport Hotel
South Portland, Maine

PEP Goal: To increase the capacity of parent professional school based teams to partner in positive ways and build stronger relationships.

Highlights: This conference is being offered free of charge to teams of parents of children with disabilities and educators *from the same district*. We are inviting teams of individuals willing to commit their time and energy to this exciting weekend. Teams will have the opportunity to explore, discuss, brainstorm, and develop action plans. The action plans are intended to help the teams implement strategies to increase meaningful parent involvement, create ongoing parent professional partnerships, build on parent strengths and help schools increase parent involvement at different levels. Teams will be energized, motivated and encouraged. Teams will hear about best practices for school/parent teams and how to work together in tough times. Teams will hear from great speakers, work in small groups and create a plan to implement in their own schools. Each team will be able to submit their plan to the P³ for funding to get started. The P³ is offering seed money of up to \$250.00 per team to put their partnership strategies in action!

Who Should Apply: Ideally we would like to have teams of eight: 50% parents of children with disabilities; and 50% school staff and community providers who work closely with the families and schools. Teams may be as small as four or as large as twelve, as long as the parent/school mix is even.

Cost: This conference is offered at no cost. Overnight accommodations, conference meals and materials are included. Childcare/respite and travel stipends are available.

Take Aways: Each team will receive a 'tool kit' of materials, books and DVDs that they can use in their school to promote parent school partnerships! Each team can also submit an 'action plan' or 'action activity' to the P³ for approval for funding of up to \$250.00 to implement their plan!

Don't have a team, but interested in attending? Contact us to be put on the list!



This event is hosted by P³
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Learning Disabilities Association of Maine, Maine Parent Federation and
Southern Maine Parent Awareness

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