



# 2013 Native American and Alaska Native Children in School (NAM) Program Directors Meeting

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# OSEP Parent Centers

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# Office of Special Education Programs

Parent Centers serve:

- Parents of children with disabilities living in the area served by the center
  - Parents of infants, toddlers, and children with the full range of disabilities
- Parents of children who may be inappropriately identified
- Underserved Parents
  - Low income parents
  - Parents of limited English proficient children
- Teachers and other professionals

(IDEA Sec. 671, (b) and (c) )

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# Types of Parent Centers

- Parent Training and Information Centers (PTI)
  - Every State, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands have at least one PTI  
(IDEA Sec. 671)
- Community Parent Resource Centers (CPRC) serve targeted, underserved communities  
(IDEA Sec. 672)



# Types of Parent Centers (Continued)

- Parent Technical Assistance Centers (PTACs) provide technical assistance to PTIs and CPRCs (IDEA Sec. 673)
  - 6 Regional PTACs builds the capacity of the centers within their regions
  - 1 Center for Parent Information and Resources (CPIR) builds the knowledge of all parent centers
  - 1 Native American PTAC builds the knowledge and capacity of parent centers to serve Native American families and their children with disabilities

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# Native American Parent Technical Assistance Center

## Knowledge Building

- Develop curriculum, training materials, and resources
- Develop and maintain National resource directory
- Disseminate information to Parent Centers in collaboration with CPIR
- Develop, offer, and archive webinar trainings
- Facilitate tribal – parent center relationships

## Capacity Building

- Assign TA Specialists to regions
- Implement Parent Center specific TA plans
- Amend TA plan to address emergent needs
- Facilitate quarterly teleconferences with parent centers in each region
- Assist Parent Centers to strengthen relationships with their state systems of services inclusive of Tribal involvement

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