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OSEP Parent Centers

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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))
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
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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