



**Is a WI Department of Public Instruction Initiative**

**WSPEI is all about partnerships. Its goal is to help parents and school districts find or create the resources that will help them build positive working relationships that lead to shared decision making and children's learning. It supports increased sharing of information among parents, schools, projects, organizations and agencies through networking meetings, conferences, person-to-person contact, and media. It is based on:**

**Support and leadership for parents and local school districts**

**Collaboration with the twelve Cooperative Educational Service Agencies (CESAs)**

**Information exchange and referral to other agencies and organizations [http://dpi.wi.gov/sped/par\\_agency.html](http://dpi.wi.gov/sped/par_agency.html)**

**Cooperation with the Community Learning and Partnerships Team <http://dpi.wi.gov/fscp/index.html>**

**Alignment with and access to state and federal initiatives**

**WISCONSIN STATEWIDE PARENT-EDUCATOR INITIATIVE**

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**For more information about the WSPEI project in CESAs 9 and 12 visit <http://www.wi-pec.net> or call (715) 453-2141 for CESA 9 and (715) 682-2363 x112 for CESA 12.**



**WI-PEC is a web site that is a collaborative effort of the CESA #12 and CESA #9 Special Education Centers**

**<http://www.wi-pec.net>**

## Who are the Parent Liaisons?

The Parent Liaisons are parents that have received training in regards to Special Education through the Wisconsin Statewide Parent Educator Initiative. They work with parents, educators, and school districts. The Liaisons promote positive partnerships and provide support to families and educators of special needs children.

### Services Available for Parents & Educators

- **Networking:** Connect families and educators with community, state-wide and national agencies and organizations, which provide services to parents and educators of special education.
- **Support:** Support the development of Parent and Educator Advisory committees and other activities, which build parent, school partnerships. Provide one-to-one assistance to parents and educators.
- **Education:** Parents and Educators are offered training, resources, and networking opportunities to understand and increase involvement in the Special Education Process. Workshops are conducted on a variety of special education topics: Understanding The IEP Team Process, Parent Involvement On The IEP Team, Transition, Strengthening Parent & Professional Partnerships. Others as requested by districts or parents.
- **Resources:** Provide information, agency contacts, books, pamphlets and tapes on issues regarding special education, parenting, and disabilities.
- **Web Sites:** Our web sites are loaded with resources. WI-PEC lists all the CESAs and WSPEI Parent Coordinators, has links to several WI DPI initiatives and many organizations. Lots of Options has post high school resources. Difabilities is a curriculum developed by Nicole Held who is a teacher at DC Everest Jr High. It is designed to help students learn how to actively participate in their I.E.P.s and become better self advocates. Bigger Than Us is new fall 2008. It deals with substance abuse issues and has resources for treatment options, education and recovery as well as suicide prevention information.



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