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Resources from the 2019 SPAC Conference

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Calm, Cool and Collected: Mindfulness for Families

Jen Blasko, Title I Reading Specialist, Reynolds Elementary School

Knowledge Is Power: A Parent's Guide to the IEP

Jennifer M. Geibel, Educational Consultant, PaTTAN

Career Readiness

IEP's

Cultural Competence in Our Schools-Honoring All Families

Nicole Poncheri, Principal, Cole Manor Elementary School

Culturally Competent Schools: Honoring Our Families

[Cultural Proficiency Children's Library](#)

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Do the Write Thing! How to Prepare Your Child for Post-Secondary Success

Maria Searcy, Parent Involvement in Education Consultant (PIE), PA Title I State Parent Advisory Council and Brett Monae Searcy, Student, Geneva College and Chandler Maria Searcy, Student Robert Morris College

What If?: Trauma and Transformation

Taneeka T. Harper, Middle School Teacher, Norristown Area School District

[2018 PA ACEs Infographic](#)

[ACEs Infographic 2015](#)

[What If](#)

See Something, Say Something: Identifying the Troubled Child

Tiffany S. Clarke, LCSW, STEP Clinical Coordinator, School District of Philadelphia

[Suicide Prevention](#)

[Suicide Severity Scale](#)

[Suicide Warning Signs](#)

[See Something Say Something](#)

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Cultivating Readers-Making Reading Active and Fun

Jennifer Wachs MEd, NBTC. Teacher, and Carol Rothey, MEd, Librarian/Teacher, South Allegheny Elementary (SASD)

Exploring STEM at Home

Dr. Melissa Tamburrino, Gifted Coordinator 6-8 and Carmen Loughner, Elementary Gifted Coordinator K-5, Franklin Regional School District

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[Overview of STEM Website Books Apps](#)

Families and Career Readiness: Preparing Our Kids for the Future

Jennifer M. Geibel, Educational Consultant, Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN)

Knowledge is Power! A Parent's Guide to the IEP

Families and Career Readiness: Preparing Our Kids for the Future

A Family Affair: Incorporating Reading and Math Strategies at Home

Dr. Elizabeth DeThomas, and Kirk Shimshock, Assistant Director of Federal & State Programs, Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit #5

Keeping it Simple-Understanding My Child's Test Results

Brooke Stebler, K-5 Title I Reading Specialist, Baldwin-Whitehall School District/Paynter Elementary

[Keeping it Simple: Understanding Your Child's Test Scores](#)

Courageous Parenthood

Sarah Humes, Author and Speaker, In-Courage Living

[Parenting on Purpose](#)

Tragedy to Triumph: A Dad's Perspective on Loss, its Effect on Academic Achievement of Siblings and the importance of Parental Involvement in the Process

Paul Jones, Parent Involvement in Education Consultant (PIE), PA Title I State Parent Advisory Council

Motivate to Participate – Handling Challenging Behaviors

Kerri McCowien, Autistic Support/Learning Support/Life Skills Teacher, Hermitage School District

[Motivated to Participate](#)

PSSA Vocabulary Bingo: A Hands-On, Parent-Involvement Activity

Dr. Sharon Weber, Principal, Punxsutawney Area School District

[PSSA Vocabulary Bingo](#)

Roadmap to Post Secondary Success

Sharmyn Straughters, Recruiter, Community College of Allegheny County and Sean Riffle

Transitioning to Middle School with Effective Math Strategies

Sheryl D. Faison, Teacher, Richmond Public Schools and Kathy Perry, Actuarial Analyst, The Vanguard Group

My Home Economy: Teaching your Children Financial Literacy

Kylie Smith, Project Manager and Paul H. J. Berry, Communication Lead, The Vanguard Group

[My Home Economy](#)

Building Kids Up-One Block at a Time- Improving the Social-Emotional Health of Our Children

Holly Garner, Principal, Governor Mifflin School District

OVR and Schools

Heidi A. Speidel, Vocational Rehabilitation Supervisor, Nicole Lodge, Rehabilitation Counselor and Julie Juhas, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, OVR

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Expanding Career Readiness: Pennsylvania Career Ready Skills

Laura Fridirici, Career Readiness Advisor, Bureau of Curriculum, Assessment & Instruction, PDE

Upcycled Home Learning

Sarah Enyeart, Teacher and Cody Young, Teacher, Southern Huntingdon County School District

Bullying – Long Term Effects and Strategies to Prevent

Cathy Roccia-Meier, Family Education Coordinator, and June Waters-Bey, Master Trainer, Institute at Disabilities, Temple University

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Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

Administrators, Teachers, and Parents: Engagement and Collaboration that Makes a Difference

Jennifer Solak, Remedial Supervisor, Pittsburgh Mount Oliver IU 2

Early Reading Literacy Workshop (Read by 4th)

Joy McIntosh, Family Engagement Liaison, School District of Philadelphia

Creating a Vision for a Good Life

Lisa A. Tesler, Director, PA Family Network and Chriss Gaus, Family Advisor, Vision for Equality

An Everyday Life for All

Spanish: Una vida cotidiana para todos

Helping Your Child Succeed in School

LaKeya Guy, Teacher/Author, and Lana Womack, Counselor/Teacher, Norristown Area School District

Impactful Family Engagement in Multiple Settings

Caroline Allen, Coordinator, PA Statewide Afterschool Youth Development Network (PSAYDN)

Impactful Family Engagement in Multiple Settings

Public Policy Advocacy in Harrisburg and Your School District

Ron Cowell, President, The Education Policy and Leadership Center (EPLC)

Developing a Grade Specific School-Family Compact: A Family Friendly Approach

Bonita Allen, Parent Involvement in Education Consultant (PIE) and Jeannie Pavlack-Sage, Title I State Parent Advisory Council (SPAC)

Cat Cash

Infographic Family School Compact

Dr. Suess Night

SPAC Compact ESSA

Title I Compact Session

A Guide to Creating Family Friendly Content

Parent Guide to Student Success

25 Ways to Ask Your Elementary Kids "So How Was School Today?"

25 Ways to Ask Your Teens "How Was School Today?"

Battling Math Anxiety

Dr. Wayne Killmeyer, Executive Director, Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV
Active Learning at Home. How to Engage Kids in a Fun Way

Katie Mild, Health and Physical Education and Kristen Sibeto, Teacher, Reynolds Elementary School, Reynolds School District

Title I Parent Involvement Requirements

Erin Derr, Regional Coordinator, Pennsylvania Department of Education, Division of Federal Programs

Title I Parent Involvement Requirements-English

Title I Parent Involvement Requirements-Spanish

Introduction to Internet Safety and Online Privacy

Jason Williams, Director of Technology, Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV

Homelessness Comes to School

*Wendy Kinnear, Regional Coordinator, Education for Children & Youth
Experiencing Homelessness/Foster Care, Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV*

Homelessness Comes To School

Update on Education Policy Issues

Ron Cowell, President, The Education Policy and Leadership Center (EPLC)

A Classical Approach to Helping Your Student Love Learning

Sarah Defibaugh, Rhetoric I Teacher, Grove City Christian Academy

Fun Questions to Get Your Kids Talking

Ideas For Getting Your Kids Into Nature

Parenting on Purpose

Classical Lessons for Lifelong Learning

Texting, How Well Do You Know Your Pre-Teens/Teen?

*Dorian Harris, Family Engagement Liaison, School District of Philadelphia and
Shirley Reynolds, Community Organizer, Power*

Children and Their Mental Health

Leea Rink, Judy Baker, Chris Cherry and Jeannie Pavlack-Sage - Parents

Digital Families Community Events-Families Develop Online & Cyber Safety Plans

Jenn King, PA Special Education PTA Leader (Statewide) & Pittsburgh Public School Parent Leader and Sue Schmidt, PA Special Education PTA Leader (Statewide), PA Special Education PTA (statewide)

Empowering Youth to Make Healthy Choices

Katie Gassner, Nationally Certified Tobacco Treatment Specialist, Northwest PA Tobacco Control Program (NW PATCP)

Eight Regional Primary Contractors Provide Tobacco
Use and Cessation Activities Across PA

Vape Conversation Guide

Vaping and PA Youth

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