

Keeping It All Together KIAT



Parents Reaching Out

History of Parents Reaching Out (PRO):

- Parents Reaching Out began in 1980 with about 10 to 15 parents around a kitchen table.
- Each parent had a child with a disability looking for support and information.
- This small group of parents decided they wanted to form an organization that could help other families in similar situations.

Our Mission:

The mission of Parents Reaching Out is to enhance positive outcomes for families and children in New Mexico through:

- informed decision making,
- advocacy,
- education, and
- resources.

Parents Reaching Out provides networking opportunities for families to connect with and support each other.



Our Beliefs:

- **Families need support wherever they are in their journey.**

- All families care deeply about their children.

- **Families may need tools and support to accomplish their dreams.**

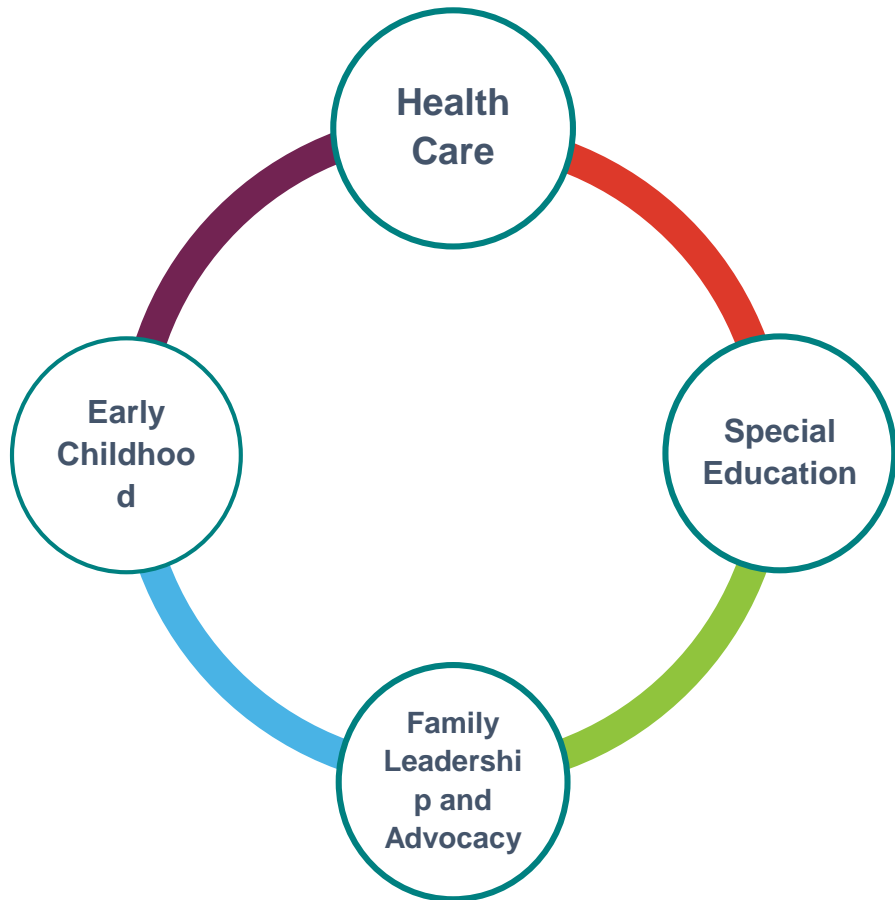
- All families can make informed decisions that are right for their family.

- **Families in the state benefit from our organization having the staff and materials that meet their diversity.**

- Systems that listen carefully to the family perspective improve outcomes for our children.



Programs at PRO:



Activities/Opportunities:

- ✓ Parent To Parent- Connecting
- ✓ Families as Faculty
- ✓ Virtual Family Support Group
- ✓ Annual Family Leadership Conference
- ✓ Forward at 14
- ✓ Various Virtual Workshops

What are Records?



How are they helpful?

Who keeps them?

Where are they kept?



Important Information

What is the child's name?

Who is the expert on me (child)?

Who would you like called in an emergency?

What are the supports in place?



Your Child & Your Family

- All About Me!
- Child's Birth History
- Family Health History



Health Records

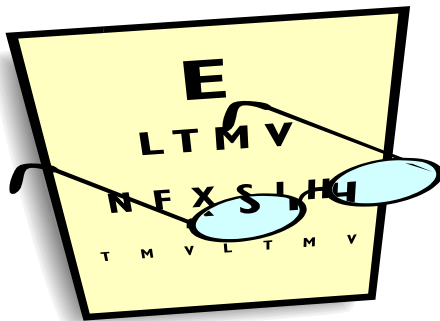


- Immunization Records
- Height and Weight Records
- Routine Healthcare Exams
- All Screenings & Tests
- Dental Records and Information
- Childhood Illnesses
- Medical Release
- Milestones
- Concerns About Your Child's Development



Current Health Care Information

- Healthcare Providers
- Expertise and how it works together
- Primary Healthcare Providers & Other Service Providers
- Phone Log
- Visit Notes, Results, Questions, Referrals
- Medication Log
- Agency & Supplies
- Supplies/Equipment



School Information



- Records
- School Information
- After School Programs & Related Services
- Phone Logs
- Academic Concerns
- Requesting an Evaluation
- Current IEP/504



Additional Copies of All Forms



Expected Results

- Families are connected to each other and their community
- Families make Informed Decisions
- Families expertise is recorded
- Life long advocates
- Families are involved in/with the system
- Smooth Transitions
- System change (Family Friendly)
- Our Children have Improved Results

DREAMS TAKE FLIGHT



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