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PACER Center is an information, training, and advocacy center for families in Minnesota who have children and young adults with disabilities. PACER's mission is to improve and expand opportunities that enhance the quality of life for all children, including those with disabilities, and their families.

For more information, call PACER at (952) 838-9000 or 1-800-53-PACER (toll-free). Also, visit PACER's website at PACER.org.

PACER provides a variety of programs to assist families of children and young adults with disabilities:

### **Parents Helping Parents**

Workshops, training, and information on issues concerning children with disabilities

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### **Children's Mental Health and Emotional or Behavioral Disorders (EBD)**

Assistance on education, social services, and mental health issues for parents of youth with EBD

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### **Dispute Resolution**

Information, resources, and training opportunities to help parents resolve disagreements concerning special education

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### **Early Childhood Project**

Services for families of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers with special needs

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### **EX.I.T.E. (Exploring Interests in Technology and Engineering) Camp**

A summer camp on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) for middle school girls with disabilities

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### **Family-to-Family Health Information Center (F2F HIC)**

Support, advocacy, and information about the health care system

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### **Fun Times**

Social events for teens with and without disabilities

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### **Grandparent to Grandparent Program**

Support and information for grandparents to act as effective advocates for their grandchildren with special needs

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### **Housing Project**

Independent living and housing options for youth with disabilities

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### **Juvenile Justice**

Training to help identify the needs of youth whose disabilities may place them at risk for involvement in the justice system

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### **Multicultural Services**

Bilingual workshops and publications

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### **PACER Symposium on Children's Mental Health and Learning Disabilities**

Symposium designed to identify strategies for responding to mental health and learning disabilities in children and young adults

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### **Project KITE (Kids Included through Technology are Enriched)**

Training for parents and early childhood educational staff to use technology that helps children with disabilities interact with their peers

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### **Puppet Programs**

Puppet shows for elementary children: COUNT ME IN® promotes inclusion of children with disabilities, and KIDS AGAINST BULLYING teaches bullying prevention

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### **Simon Technology Center (STC) | PACER.org/STC**

Assistive technology center that includes a software and device lending library

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### **Surrogate Parent Services**

Training for selection of surrogate parents to represent children with disabilities in the special education process

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### **Technology Improves Kids' Educational Success (TIKES)**

A partnership with three Minnesota school districts to improve outcomes for children with disabilities, ages birth to five

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## **NATIONAL PROGRAMS**

### **National Parent Center**

Provides assistance to parent centers and other organizations

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### **National Bullying Prevention Center®**

#### **PACER.org/Bullying**

[PACERKidsAgainstBullying.org](http://PACERKidsAgainstBullying.org) | [PACERTeensAgainstBullying.org](http://PACERTeensAgainstBullying.org)

PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center teaches students and adults how to put a stop to bullying of all children

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### **National Parent Center on Transition and Employment**

Information and resources for youth, families, and professionals to help youth with disabilities prepare for college and careers

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## **NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS**

### **The Center on Technology and Disability**

Provides technology information to nationwide organizations serving children with disabilities

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### **National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability for Youth (NCWD/Youth)**

Works to ensure that transition-age youth are provided access to high-quality services to gain education, employment, and independent living

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### **Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTA Center)**

Supports change to improve outcomes for young children and their families

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### **International Activities | PACER.org/international**

Offers resources, ideas, and practices to parents of children with disabilities and their families around the world

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