



We work with families toward this ultimate goal:

Parents and school district personnel will work together as collaborative (and friendly!) teams to provide each child with the best and most appropriate educational plan.



Central Florida Parent Center is a nonprofit organization that provides assistance to parents of children with disabilities or special education needs. Our Center receives funding from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs for its AWARE project, a Parent Training and Information Center (PTI).



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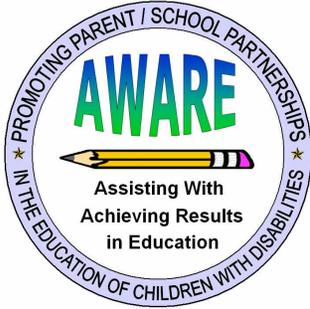
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Staffed by parents and other family members, CFPC provides assistance to parents of children with disabilities in understanding the special education process.

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AWARE's purpose is to ensure that parents of children with disabilities and young adults with disabilities will receive training and information on their rights, responsibilities, and protections under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

With the information and tools they need, parents can develop the skills necessary to cooperatively and effectively participate in planning and decision-making related to early intervention, educational, and transitional services.

The AWARE project serves these thirty counties in central and northeast Florida:

Brevard	Hillsborough	Pasco
Charlotte	Indian River	Pinellas
Citrus	Lake	Polk
Clay	Levy	Putnam
Desoto	Manatee	St. Johns
Duval	Marion	St. Lucie
Flagler	Nassau	Sarasota
Hardee	Okeechobee	Seminole
Hernando	Orange	Sumter
Highlands	Osceola	Volusia



THE AWARE PROJECT PROVIDES:

One on One Assistance and Support

The IEP process can be confusing for everyone involved and sometimes frustrating for parents who may not understand the many laws and procedures. We are not attorneys – nor are we advocates – but we share our expertise about the process. We provide parents with the tools they need to help them to be active participants in the educational planning process and strategies for maintaining positive relationships with school personnel.

Interactive Presentations

We have trainers who are available to do in-person workshops on topics related to the Individualized Education Program/Plan (IEP) process. We also regularly provide our workshops through online webinars and host guest speakers for online Question & Answer sessions.

Opportunities for Peer to Peer Support

One of our organization's core philosophies is that parents get their best information and support from other parents. We have volunteer support parents who are available to provide emotional support or assistance with preparing for an IEP.

Information and Resources

We have a digital database of research-based materials and national, state, and local resources. We also host email listservs and disseminate information through social networking sites including Facebook, Twitter, and Blogspot.

A User-Friendly Website

Our website (www.CentralFloridaParentCenter.org) includes a huge variety of information and links to resources, as well as automated online presentations and coaching modules which can be viewed anytime, around the clock.