

**Topical Heading**

Special Education

**Program Title**

# Special Education—National Activities—Parent Information Centers

**Also Known as**

Special Education—Training and Information for Parents of Children with Disabilities; Parent Information Centers and Parent Resource Centers; Community Parent Resource Centers

**CFDA # (or ED #)**

84.328

**Administering Office**

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)

**Who May Apply (by category)**

Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs), Local Education Agencies (LEAs), Nonprofit Organizations, Other Organizations and/or Agencies, State Education Agencies (SEAs)

**Who May Apply (specifically)**

For Parent Training and Information (PTI) Centers (# 84.328M), parent organizations may apply. A parent organization is a private nonprofit organization (other than an institution of higher education [IHE]) that: (a) has a board of directors (1) the majority of whom are parents of children with disabilities ages birth through 26 and (2) that includes (i) individuals working in the fields of special education, related services, and early intervention, (ii) individuals with disabilities, (iii) the parent and professional members of which are broadly representative of the population to be served, including low-income parents of limited English proficient (LEP) children; and (b) has as its mission serving families of children with disabilities who are ages birth through 26 and have the full range of disabilities described in Sec. 602(3) of the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)*.

For Community Parent Resource Centers (CPRC; # 84.328C), local parent organizations may apply. A local parent organization is a parent organization (see above) that has: (a) a board of directors, the majority of whom are parents of children with disabilities ages birth through 26 from the community to be served; and (b) has as its mission serving parents of children with disabilities from that community who (1) are ages birth through 26 and (2) have the full ranges of disabilities (as defined in Sec. 602(3) of *IDEA*). "Community to be served" refers to a community whose members experience significant isolation from available sources of information and support as a result of cultural, economic, linguistic, or other circumstances deemed appropriate by the secretary of education.

For Technical Assistance for Parent Training and Information Centers (# 84.328R), SEAs; LEAs; public charter schools that are LEAs under state law; IHEs; other public agencies; private nonprofit organizations; outlying areas (American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands); freely associated states; Indian tribes or tribal organizations; and for-profit organizations may apply.

**Current Competitions**

FY 2007 application deadline for Parent Training and Information Centers (# 84.328M): Nov. 13, 2006; for Community Parent Resource Centers (# 84.328C): Jan. 11, 2007.

**Type of Assistance (by category)**

Discretionary/Competitive Grants, Cooperative Agreements

**Appropriations**

Fiscal Year 2005 \$25,963,616

Fiscal Year 2006 \$25,704,360

Fiscal Year 2007 \$25,704,000

**Fiscal Year 2007 Awards Information***Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.*

Number of New Awards Anticipated: total of 38; 28 for # 84.328 M and 10 for # 84.328C  
Average New Award: \$319,907 for # 84.328M; \$100,000 for # 84.328C  
Range of New Awards: \$176,732–\$633,165 for # 84.328M; \$99,000–\$100,000 for # 84.328C  
Number of Continuation Awards: 43 for # 84.328M; 20 for # 84.328C  
Average Continuation Award: \$320,426 for # 84.328M; \$97,515 for # 84.328C  
Range of Continuation Awards: \$100,000–\$900,000

Note: Awards information above does not include Technical Assistance award.

**Legislative Citation**

*Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)*, Secs. 671, 672, and 673; 20 *U.S. C.* 1471, 1472, and 1473

**Program Regulations**

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**Program Description**

The purpose of this program is to ensure that parents of children with disabilities receive training and information to help improve results for their children.

**Types of Projects**

Awards are made for parent information centers, community parent centers, and for technical assistance to such centers.

**Education Level (by category)**

Early Childhood, Elementary, K–12, Middle School, Postsecondary, Pre-K, Preschool, Secondary

**Education Level (specifically)**

The program serves parents of children with disabilities ages age 0–26.

**Subject Index**

Disabilities, Early Intervention, Family Involvement, Intervention, Special Education, Technical Assistance, Training

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