



# **Let's Meet In the Middle!**

**Region 3 and Region 4 Parent Center Conference**

**June 19-21, 2018**



# Welcome!

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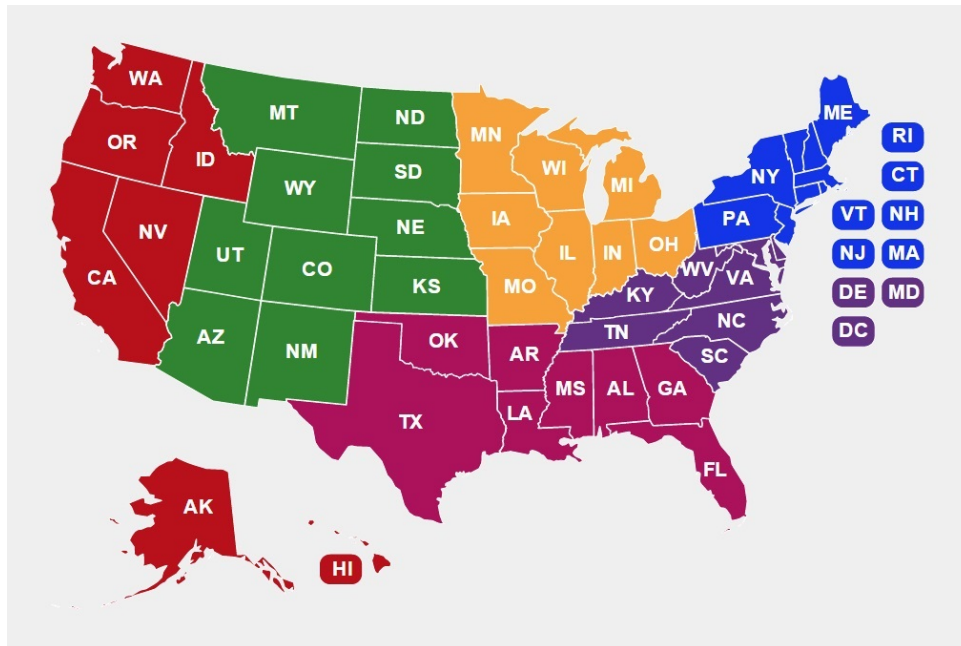
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## Region 3

- Serves 8 states and 2 territories
- 20 total Centers

## Region 4

- Serves 8 states
- 11 total Centers



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## Region 3

- Covers 676,145 square miles!
- Has population of about 80,000,000

*Of course, Texas comprises 40% of the area and 36% of this population!*

## Region 4

- Covers 514,284 square miles!
- Has population of about 62,000,000

*Combined Michigan and Minnesota comprise 36% of the area! While Iowa's population is 3% of this total!*

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## Region 3

- Average summer temperature is 80 degrees!

*Every state in the region ranks in the top for hottest summers...with Louisiana and Texas tied for first place!*

## Region 4

- Average summer temperature is 70 degrees!

*Missouri is the hottest state in the region with an average of 75 degrees! (Which is still cooler than the coolest summer state in region 3!)*



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## Region 3

- Average winter temperature is 53 degrees!

*The coldest state in the region is Oklahoma, which averages 39 degrees in winter!*

## Region 4

- Average winter temperature is 24 degrees!

*Minnesota and Wisconsin have winter average temperatures in the teens AND have the distinction of both being in the top 5 coldest states in the nation!*



# Who's in the Room?

- Where are the Region 3 Participants?
- Where are the Region 4 Participants?
- Where are our Speakers and Guests?
- Where is our Project Officer, David Emenheiser?

*Now let's hear a bit more about our states  
and territories!*



# **ALABAMA!**

**Home of The Alabama Parent  
Education Center (APEC)**

**Here's an interesting fact about  
Alabama:**

**Alabama workers built the first rocket  
to put humans on the moon!**





# ARKANSAS!

## **Home of The Center for Exceptional Families and Northwest Arkansas Community Parent Center**

Of course, Arkansas is Razorback country, so you have to say: Woo Pig Sooie! But did you know that the only active diamond mine in the entire USA is in Arkansas? Yes! Murfreesboro, a small town south of the Little Rock.



# **FLORIDA!**

**Home of the Florida Network on  
Disability (FND), which houses the 3  
Florida PTIs:**

**FND's Parent Support Network (PSN)  
Project**

**FND's Parent Education Network  
Project (PEN)**

**FND's Parents of the Panhandle  
Information Network (POPIN)**

**And also**

**Parent to Parent of Miami, Inc. and  
Project Empower of Northwest Florida**



# FLORIDA!

These 5 centers what you to know that:

- Miami Beach pharmacist Benjamin Green invented the first suntan cream in 1944. He did this by cooking cocoa butter in a granite coffee pot on his wife's stove!
  - The Florida city of Clearwater has the highest rate of lightning strikes per capita!
- And P2P Miami wants you to know that South Florida is considered its own state!  
So they have “305 is cafecito time”, a Pitbull that can make you dance and hurricane parties!



# GEORGIA!

## Home of Parent to Parent of Georgia

Useful Tips when you visit Georgia:

- Carrying Ice Cream in your back pocket is illegal in Georgia...but only on Sundays, so you're okay Monday thru Saturday!
- Gainesville GA is known as the Chicken Capital of the World, there's even a statue in the middle of the town with a chicken watching over passers-by. And since 1961, it is illegal to eat chicken with a fork there.



# ILLINOIS!

## Home of The Family Resource Center on Disabilities (FRCD) And Family Matters

Did you know **THIS** about Illinois?  
Casey, IL boasts the world's largest rocking  
chair, largest pitchfork, largest golf tee,  
largest mailbox, largest wind chime, largest  
gavel, largest knitting needles, largest  
crochet hook, and largest wooden shoes.



# INDIANA!

## Home of IN\*SOURCE

Cool Fact about Indiana:  
Every year, in the town of Santa Claus, Indiana, 200 or so volunteer “elves” at the Santa Claus museum respond to letters to Santa. They say every letter received by December 21 will receive a response.

To receive a written letter from Santa Claus, just send a letter with a legible return address, mailed to: *Santa Claus, PO Box 1, Santa Claus, IN 47579.*



**IOWA!**

**Home of Access For Special Kids  
Resource Center (ASK)**

**ASK wants to know if you can  
say**

**“Agricultural State”?**

**Because the state of Iowa has a  
brand new law on the books  
(literally in the last two years)  
that school cannot start before  
the state fair ends!**



# **LOUISIANA!**

## **Home of Louisiana Parent Training and Information Center and Pyramid Community Parent Resource Center in New Orleans**

Interesting Fact about Louisiana: Louisiana is home to the longest bridge over water in the world, the Lake Pontchartrain Causeway. The causeway connects Metairie with St. Tammany Parish on the North Shore. The causeway is 24 miles long!





# MICHIGAN!

## Home of the Michigan Alliance for Families

Bet you didn't know that Michigan is home to the only floating post office in the United States!

The wonderfully unique J. W. Westcott II is located in the cool waters of the Detroit River and has its own zip code: 48222



# MINNESOTA!

## **Home of The PACER Center, Inc. and Discapacitados Abriéndose Caminos (DAC)**

And they want you to know that when you call Minnesota “the land of 10,000 lakes”, you are underestimating them!

Minnesota has nearly 12,000 lakes of 10 acres or more, and 90,000 miles of shoreline!

And that is more than California, Florida and Hawaii combined!



# MISSISSIPPI!

## Home of The Mississippi Parent Training and Information Center

Holy Heart Surgery!

The first heart transplant surgery in the world was performed by Dr. James D. Hardy at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in 1964.

But this too is really important...If you wear false teeth, you must keep them in your mouth when dining out...It is illegal to throw dentures at others in a restaurant!



# MISSOURI!

## Home of Missouri Parents Act (MPACT)

**Did you know this happened FIRST  
in Missouri?**

**The first successful parachute jump  
to be made from a moving airplane  
was made by Captain Berry at St.  
Louis, in 1912! He landed at  
Jefferson Barracks Military Post  
after his 1,500 foot dive!**



# OHIO!

**Home of The Ohio Coalition for the  
Education of Children with Disabilities  
(OCECD)**

Did you know this about Ohio?  
50% of the United States  
population lives within a 500  
mile radius of Columbus, Ohio!



# OKLAHOMA!

## Home of The Oklahoma Parents Center and Pervasive Parenting Center

Fun Facts about Oklahoma:

The name Oklahoma is based on Native American (Choctaw) words "okla humma" which translates as "red people."

Oklahoma is home to the World's Highest Hill located in LeFlore County, in Poteau, Ok, with an elevation of 1,999 feet! (FYI, 2000 feet would make it a mountain!)



# PUERTO RICO!

## Home of APNI, Inc.

Now did you know...

The 'coffee break' was created by Puerto Rican Don Manuel de la Rosa, ex-President of the employees of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

AND...the roof beams in the houses at Old San Juan are made of ausubo wood which is resistant to termites and time. They are expected to last from 5 to 7 centuries!



**TEXAS!**

**Home of the Children's Disabilities  
Information Coalition in El Paso  
and**

**Partners Resource Network (PRN)  
which houses the 3 Texas PTI's:**

**PRN's PATH Project**

**PRN's PEN Project**

**PRN's TEAM Project**





# TEXAS!

**And these centers want you to know that *Texas is big, really big!***

- It is 742 miles from CDIC in El Paso to PRN in Beaumont...while folks from PRN in Beaumont could drive to FRDC in Chicago in only 770 miles!
- El Paso is closer to California than to Dallas
- The Dallas/Fort Worth Airport (DFW) has more public parking spaces than any other airport in the United States. DFW Airport has 39,988 public parking spaces.

And...Texas is the only state in the Union that can legally divide into five states if the citizens vote to do so.



# US VIRGIN ISLANDS!

## Home of Disability Rights Center of the Virgin Islands (DRCVI)

While they can't be with us, DRCVI want you to know that the US Virgin Islands is the only U.S. jurisdiction that drives on the left! And you better look out for wild donkeys wandering on the roads! Even though they look cute and tame, they can easily break bones when they kick!



# WISCONSIN!

## Home of Wisconsin FACETS and Alianza Latina Aplicando Soluciones (A.L.A.S.)

The “Cheeseheads” want you to know that each year, the EAA Fly-In (AirVenture Oshkosh) brings 12,000 planes to Oshkosh, making it the busiest airport in the world!

*AND* the waiting list for season tickets for the Green Bay Packers is over 100,000 names, and is about 30 years long. In Green Bay and other Wisconsin cities, it is a common practice to put a baby’s name on the waiting list as soon as the baby are born!



# Remember We Are Meeting in the Middle!

This is a unique opportunity...So here is our challenge to you:

Get to know other people!

Sit with different people during meals.

Sit with different people during sessions!

Pair up for dinner and evenings out.

Share resources!

Share your challenges and your successes!

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## Agenda Review

- Appreciate you pre-registering for sessions. If you would like to trade, you may if there is room after those that pre-registered are seated.
- Wednesday morning, you select the Nonprofit Management Session OR you can participate in two rounds of shorter break outs. You may not leave the Nonprofit Management Session to attend a break out or join that session after the first breakout.
- Wednesday afternoon Work Group Sessions, please bring your computer/laptop/tablet if you have one with you.
- Questions? Comments? Needs? Please see one of us!



# A Bit About Meals

- Lunches will be served for 60 minutes only each day. The last 30 minutes is a break, but we will need to vacate the rooms for cleaning and resetting.
- Lunch Tuesday: We have a lunch speaker today! Need to clear the ballroom today by 12:30 so it can be set up for afternoon sessions.
- Lunch Wednesday: can eat in either Patterson A, B, or C. **Resource Show & Tell – bring your favorite resource!**
- Breakfast Thursday: in the foyer. Please fix your plate and Region 3 come to the Patterson Ballroom and Region 4 to Adams.



# University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee Nonprofit Certification

- Participants from Region 3 & Region 4 are offered the option to have conference attendees receive a university-sponsored certificate in Parent Center Nonprofit Management.
- Requirements:
  - Attend BOTH Nonprofit Management sessions at this conference (Time Management & Multigenerational Workplaces)
  - Attend TWO follow-up webinars that have not yet been scheduled. We will get notice out to everyone once these have been scheduled.



# And you **LIKE** the Agenda...

Give a BIG Shout Out to your planning committee who selected the topics to be offered!

- Deb Chiodo – ASK Resource Center
- Joel Boehner and Jennifer Diaz – IN\*SOURCE
- Kim Torres – PRN's TEAM Project
- Bonnie Perez – PRN's PEN Project
- Joe LaBelle – FND's PEN Project



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## Other Reminders

- Evaluations will be emailed – check your inboxes – no paper!
- No evening activities planned – if you are looking for things to do, check out the lists on the conference webpage
- Social Media Bootcamp – starts at 1pm on Thursday in Adams. Remember lunch is provided. (Lunch is only for Bootcamp participants)
- To get WIFI in your hotel room, make sure to sign up for IHG Rewards Membership (free)



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