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**SATURDAY
September 12, 2009**

**THURSDAY
October 15, 2009**

**SATURDAY
November 14, 2009**



The PEAL Center is an organization of parents of children with special health care needs and disabilities reaching out to assist other parents and professionals.

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Registration form

Questions: 412 281-4404 or toll free 866-950-1040

Name _____
Role that best describes you:
 Parent Educator Administrator Advocate Other
School District _____ IU# _____ County _____
Preferred Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Phone Number _____
E-mail _____
(If you provide your e-mail, we will send a registration confirmation to your e-mail address)

Check ALL sessions you will attend:
 Saturday, September 12, 2009, 9:00-3:00, Dance of Partnership, Maennechor Club
 Thursday, October 15, 2009, 9:00-3:00, Creating Agreement, Shrine Club
 Saturday, November 14, 2009, 9:00-3:00, Behavior Change, Maennerchor Club

I am interested in Act 48 Yes No (Bring your PP ID#)



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DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION 3 DAYS BEFORE THE TRAINING DATE

Mail this registration form to the PEAL Center or Reply by FAX 412 282-4408 or e-mail to: Admin@pealcenter.org

Use "Erie Series" as the title of your message Include all of the information on the registration form in your e-mail.

I am on the PEAL Mailing List
 Add me to the PEAL Mailing List

Persons requiring accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), please contact Ceil Belasco at the PEAL Center, 866-950-1040 (toll free)

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SEPT

Saturday, September 12, 2009
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Maennerchor Club
1607 State St., Erie, PA 16501

The Dance of Partnership: Why Do My Feet Hurt?

**Strengthening the Parent-Professional
Partnerships**

Janice Fialka, MSW, ACSW

This training is designed to assist professionals and parents who have children with special needs or disabilities to better understand the challenges faced as they form and maintain partnerships with each other. Using humor and stories, Ms. Fialka explores the unique dimensions which complicate this working relationship from both perspectives: parent and professional. She addresses such questions as: Can there truly be a partnership? What does each partner bring to this alliance: similarities and differences? How can partners be more effective in their work together?

As a result of the training, participants gain insight about their work and partnership skills. They experience a renewal in their desire to collaborate. Janice uses mini-lectures, video clips, and interactive learning activities to ensure a lively and thoughtful experience and exchange of ideas.

Ms. Fialka has worked professionally in the field of adolescent health care for more than 30 years, as a social worker, educator, consultant, administrator, grant writer, and trainer. She combines her personal experience as a mother of a 21-year-old son who has developmental disabilities and her professional expertise as a social worker, trainer, and national speaker.

OCT

Thursday, October 15, 2009
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Shrine Club
2525 W. 38th Street, Erie, PA 16506

Creating Agreement

**Conflict Resolution Skills
for Parents and Educators**

**Staff of the Office of
Dispute Resolution (ODR)**

Creating Agreement is an educational and training opportunity, designed to focus participants' understanding of, and skill development in, the areas of conflict, effective communication, collaboration and problem solving. The aim is for appropriate and successful outcomes at the local level. When families, schools and service providers are effectively working together, the results are powerful. Positive consequences directly and indirectly benefit the student, and opportunities to build rapport between families and schools are enhanced.

Registration limited to 45 participants. Registrants will be offered the opportunity to participate in a Train the Trainer session to be scheduled after completion of this training.

LUNCH will be provided at ALL trainings

Act 48 Hours available for ALL trainings

Registration is quick and easy at **www.pealcenter.org**
or use the attached registration form

NOV

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Maennerchor Club
1607 State St., Erie, PA 16501

Behavior Change is a Family Affair

**Positive Behavior Support Strategies
to Support Children with Challenging Behavior**

Kiki McGough, Parent and Educator

We all have challenging days! This interactive session will highlight effective strategies to promote family school partnerships to support students with challenging behavior. Participants will learn to identify the "rough spots" of their day and set up proactive and positive routines. They will also develop an understanding of the process of behavior change and apply these as they brainstorm solutions to a specific behavior challenge that impacts the family. Specific tips and strategies will be shared for bedtime, meal time and getting ready for school. Parents will create a mini behavior change plan for themselves with a data tool to "Stick with the plan!"

Kiki McGough is currently a Special Education Coordinator in Adams 50 School District CO and has served as the Colorado PBS State Coordinator. She has extensive experience working with schools and families on implementing positive behavior support strategies. She provides interactive and engaging presentations with strategies that teachers and parents can quickly implement at home and school. Kiki has 35 years of experience in the field of special education AND has 3 wonderful children with ADHD who have provided lots of material for stories and hands on parenting skills.