



PARENT INFORMATION CENTER OF DELAWARE, INC.

5570 Kirkwood Highway

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2009 PIC CONFERENCE  
May 16th, 2009  
Sussex Central High School

# Building a Village for Your Child: Connecting Families, Schools and Communities



*Delaware Senate Minority Leader Gary Simpson has been advocating for children and families for more than a decade. Since first being elected in 1998,*

*he has served on the Senate's Education Committee and has continued to learn about the needs of parents. On May 16th the Milford resident will present the keynote address at the Parent Information Center's Building a Village for Your Child Conference.*

WE'LL GIVE YOU THE ANSWERS TO ALL OF THESE QUESTIONS, AND ANSWER MANY OTHERS THAT PARENTS FREQUENTLY FACE.

- Do you have questions about your child's IEP?
- Did you know that technology can help your child become a reader?
- Do you know your child's learning style?
- Do you have a plan to help your child transition to Kindergarten?
- Do you know how to keep your children safe on the Web?

Let us give you the tools to make it easier.

Being a parent is hard.

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#### PIC's MISSION

*To improve outcomes  
for all children, espe-  
cially children with  
disabilities, and their  
families by providing  
information, education  
and support.*

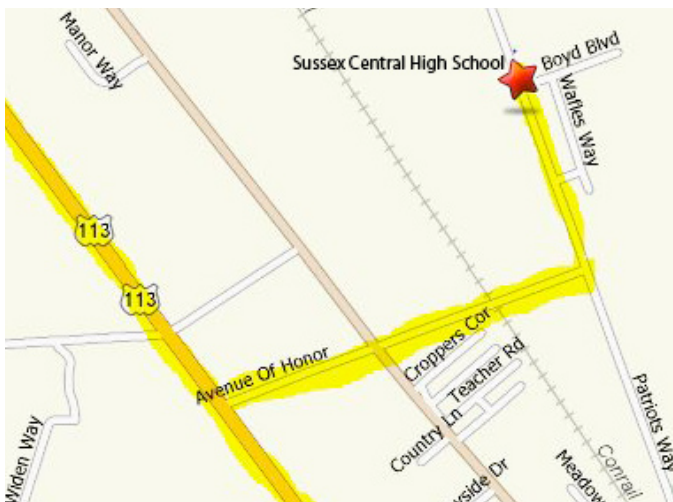


#### PIC's VISION

*That all children fulfill their potential to lead pro-  
ductive and independent lives in their communities.*

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## Conference Schedule

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REGISTRATION: 7:30 A.M. TO 8:30 A.M.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: 8:40 A.M. TO 9:00 A.M.

SESSION I: 9:15 A.M. TO 10:30 A.M.

Understanding the New IEP Form

- available in English and Spanish

Surfing Safe: Avoiding Internet Dangers

Learning Styles Explained

SESSION II: 10:45 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

Technology Tools that Help Build Literacy Skills  
for All Children

Get Ready for Kindergarten

- available in English and Spanish

Parents' Procedural Safeguards Under the IDEA

- available in English and Spanish

LUNCH: 12:00 P.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

SESSION III: 1:15 P.M. TO 2:30 P.M.

Parental Involvement Under Title 1

Bullying in Schools: Why Does It Happen and  
What You Can Do to Stop It

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Parent's Guide to Understanding Response to  
Intervention (RTI)

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We have door prizes!  
Free food! Exciting speakers!

*And a wealth of knowledge to share with you!*

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# Workshop Descriptions

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## UNDERSTANDING THE NEW IEP FORM

*Maria Mendoza, PIC  
Mila Wells, PIC*

Do you have questions about your child's IEP? You're not alone! In this workshop, parents will read and understand the 2009 IEP form. In an effort to address their children's strengths and needs for specialized education, parents will learn how to recognize appropriate measurable and non-measurable goals and benchmarks. Strategies shared at this workshop will help parents communicate with the school and become effective members of the IEP process.

## SURFING SAFE: AVOID INTERNET DANGERS

*Lori Roe, Cape Henlopen School District*

Keep your children safe online. Information and tips will be presented about online personal safety, cyber citizenship, cyber security, and protection against Viruses, Spam, Scams and Phishing. Online resources will be shared for parents, along with fun Web sites for kids to learn how to be safe when on the Internet.

## PARENTS' GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION

*Rachel Burwell, DE DOE*

What is Response to Intervention? This session will look at the law's intent and the questions parents might want to ask if their child is struggling with learning. Parents will receive information and helpful questions to guide their discussion with school personnel. Parents will also receive information to help them understand what data teams may be reviewing and using to determine student progress, and how they can help the school team and their child.

## LEARNING STYLES EXPLAINED

*Shannon Griffin, The Rodel Foundation*

What is multiple intelligence? Whether it is at home or in the classroom, both parents and educators want to teach children effectively. This workshop will explore the idea of multi-intelligence that determines the type of environments in which your child would thrive based upon their interest, personality, and various learning styles.

## GET READY FOR KINDERGARTEN!

*Stephanie Wagner, PIC  
Lilia Estrada Meredith, PIC*

What does your child need to be "ready" for kindergarten? Children need to be socially and emotionally ready for school. This workshop will give parents the information they need to successfully transition their children into kindergarten.

## PARENTS' PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS UNDER THE IDEA

*Shonna Hillard, PIC  
Maria Mendoza, PIC*

Parents will understand their rights and responsibilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Delaware's Special Education Regulations. Additionally, parents will learn how to become an effective advocate for their child and will gain the knowledge to apply their rights if they disagree with their IEP Team decisions.

## TECHNOLOGY TOOLS THAT HELP BUILD LITERACY SKILLS FOR ALL CHILDREN

*Dan Fendler, DE Assistive Technology*

Learn about some basic tools that are available to help students who struggle with reading or writing. The primary focus will be on tools that are available at no cost, but we will cover many different options. Also learn what's available to help you create your own accessible text and audio books.



## PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT UNDER TITLE I

*Louise Henry, State Parent Advisory Council  
Caren Turner, State Parent Advisory Council*

A beginning course on Title I. This workshop will give the history, purpose, guidelines, policy and requirements as stated in the No Child Left Behind Act. Title I parenting strives to equip families with educational resources that will enhance children's academic and personal potential. The mission is to help develop students who will become lifelong learners and who will be able to enter the workforce with necessary skills.

## BULLYING IN SCHOOLS: WHY DOES IT HAPPEN AND WHAT YOU CAN DO TO STOP IT

*Lisa Bryant, PIC  
Lilia Estrada Meredith, PIC*

Every day in our communities and schools children are threatened, teased and bullied. Do you know the warning signs of bullying? In this workshop, parents will learn to identify signs of bullying and tips for prevention. Parents will also learn how to support their child when bullying has occurred.

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# Registration is as easy as 1, 2, 3!

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## 1. Mail

Fill out and detach the registration form and send it to:

**Parent Information Center of Delaware**  
5570 Kirkwood Highway  
Wilmington, DE 19808

## 2. Fax: 302-999-7637

Fill out and fax registration form to PIC!

## 3. E-mail: picofdel@picofdel.com

Send the registration form via email!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need a child care stipend?  Yes

Do you need a transportation stipend?  Yes

Please indicate if you need special accommodations:

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Other Language \_\_\_\_\_

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# Deadline to register is May 7th!

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Please select one topic for each session:

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