

What is a Parent Liaison?

A Parent Liaison:

Guides and empowers parents to become better advocates for their children

Provides information and guidance for parents on navigating the ESE processes

Provides information on family resources available

Provides schools assistance in implementing parent involvement strategies

Provides assistance and support for the IEP process



Hope Workman

Hope has been a Parent Services Consultant with ESE for the past 16 years. She has 2 children of her own with ADHD, and serves as a liaison between parents who have children with ADHD and the school district. She is available to attend Individual Education Plan meetings, 504 conferences, and is available as a resource for information to both parents and educators of children with ADHD. She also facilitates a support group which meets alternate months between Winter Haven and Lakeland.

To inquire more about the group, or with any other concerns or questions, Hope may be reached at:

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Beverly Brimer

Beverly has many years of experience as a parent of a student with a disability. She serves as a liaison between parents who have students with disabilities and the school district.

She is available to attend Individual Education Plan meetings, school conferences, and is available as a resource for information to both parents and educators of children with disabilities. She also helps parents understand their child's disability and gives suggestions on how to help them.

To inquire about, or with any other concerns or questions, Beverly may be reached at:

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Sharing The Commitment

Sharing the Commitment is a partnership between the Polk County Exceptional Student Education Department and Family Network on Disabilities (FND) to provide information, training and support to educators, parents, and agencies on services and programs for students with disabilities. Sharing the Commitment sponsors workshops for all persons interested in services for students with disabilities.

Sharing the Commitment was created to:

- **Foster** increased communication, commitment, and shared responsibilities between the school district, parents, and community agencies to provide quality programs and services to students with disabilities in our schools;
- **Provide** a forum for parents of students with disabilities to discuss critical issues and concerns, and to provide input for federal grant spending for IDEA Entitlement;
- **Serve** as a resource for the ESE Director and school site Principals in matters pertaining to ESE programs and services;
- **Provide** information and training to school-based administrators, staff, and community agencies on the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Parent Educator Exceptional Resources (PEERs) will be available to provide parents of students with disabilities with up-to-date information, resources and support. A PEER is a specially trained parent of a child with disabilities in the School District of Polk County. Through personal experiences PEER's have learned that positive teamwork among schools and families are the key to our children's success. A PEER can provide information about 504, IDEA, resources, agencies, departments in the school system, different types of programs, and training opportunities that parents and professionals might enjoy. Also, PEER's can help design trainings or workshops that are suggested by the parents in the community.

Karyn Spencer—Lead PEER

Paula Mueller—PEER

To contact Karyn or Paula call the FND state office today at:(800) 825-5736.

<http://fndfl.org/projects/collaboration/Sharing-the-Commitment.asp>