



# National Indian Parent Information Center

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## Serving Indian Families who have children with disabilities

### **Who we are**

The National Indian Parent Information Center (NIPIC) is a non-profit Native American organization which is currently funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. We serve Native American parents who have children/young adults with special education needs, ages 0-26.

The 13 member board of directors that guides National Indian Parent Information Center consists of 11 members who are Native Americans and are also parents of children with disabilities. Included on the board of directors are representatives from universities, disability law offices, and national Native American associations.

Our main office will be housed in the beautiful state of Oregon, with an satellite office in Oklahoma.

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### **Our Mission:**

"To strengthen our community through support, education and encouragement for American Indian families with children with disabilities or learning challenges, educating and supporting parents, families and professionals in building partnerships that meet the needs of children and youth with the full range of disabilities, ages birth to twenty-six"

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### **What We Do**

Our primary goal is to provide culturally appropriate trainings using materials including workshop materials, printed information and fact sheets designed for and by Native American people. Our materials are reproduced and distributed to anyone who requests this information at no cost.

We provide workshops on the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Individual Education Program (IEP), and Early Childhood Special Education (all workshops listed on page 3).

Another focus we will have is to provide leadership trainings for Native American families who have children with disabilities.

We will hold an annual conference. This conference will bring together Native American families and service providers throughout the country. Our annual conference will be held January 29 and 30, 2013 in Portland, Oregon. For more information and to register go to [http://nipic.org/nipic\\_events/conferences.html](http://nipic.org/nipic_events/conferences.html).

NIPIC's annual two day conference will bring together Indian parent leaders, tribal leaders, and tribal educators. This conference will also bring together tribal and government agencies including: the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE), Indian Health Service (IHS), Office of Indian Education (OIE), Indian Head Start programs, and the FACE program. This in-depth conference will cover national trends and practices for successful outcomes for Native students with disabilities. Over 200 Native American parents and professionals are expected to attend our annual conference.

Thank you to those who have provided words of encouragement and support to NIPIC, and to those we have not connected with yet, we look forward to working with you soon.

Ka dish day (until we meet again),  
NIPIC (National Indian Parent Information Center)



Cherish youth, but trust old age - PUEBLO

## **Native American Resources**

### **Bureau of Indian Education Special Education Section**

[www.bie.edu](http://www.bie.edu)

The Bureau of Indian Education follows the guidelines provided by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), a federal grant program designed to improve educational opportunities for children with disabilities.

### **The University of Oregon**

<http://ucedd.uoregon.edu/?cat=30>

Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) Education, Research, and Service

## What services can N.I.P.I.C. assist me with?

- We can provide printed information on your child's needs and how to get services.
- We can train you to become a leader in your community
- We can connect you with the Parent Training and Information Center (PTI) in your state

### Q: How can I schedule a workshop?

- Go to our website (<http://www.nipic.org>) and fill out a workshop request form. You can e-mail, fax or mail the form to the main office. Our trainers are NA parents.

### Q: How much do trainings cost?

- There is no cost as we are a federally funded program.

### Who should call for assistance?

- Indian parents or relatives of children/young adults with special needs.
- Indian parents or relatives of children/adults with emotional or behavioral problems.
- Professionals who work or have contact with Indian parents.



Everyone who is successful must have dreamed of something  
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### We can provide the following Workshops at no cost

(min. of 20 participants)

- 1) What is the Individualized Education Program (IEP)?
- 2) What is the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)?
- 3) What are my rights as a parent of a child in Special Education?
- 4) An overview of IDEA

## Workshop List

(Individuals with Disabilities Education Act)

- 5) Parent Leadership how to develop parent leaders in your community (6 hour training)
- 6) How to work with professionals and other Indian services providers

Our workshops are designed for the Native American population. We strive to make our workshops and materials

culturally relevant to the population we serve.

To schedule a workshop:  
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