



Parent Resource Center

What is it?

An informal setting for parents, designed to be accessible and comfortable.

Where is it?

Usually in a local school, but can be in other public places (rec. center, mall).



What happens there?

Meetings between parents and school staff, parents talking with other parents, parent groups and workshops.

What does it contain?

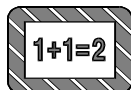
Information about current school programs and events.

Reading materials to help parents assist their children in learning.



Games, books, and videos that parents can use with children at home,

Exchange boxes to share books, toys, and household items.



Information and guidance about higher education opportunities, cultural and community services and agencies to help families with educational, health, and social service needs.

Information and materials to help develop parenting skills.

What are the topics of resource materials?

Family life

Changing in family (divorce, death, etc)

Parenting and child care (discipline, etc)

Home management (financial planning, etc)

Survival skills (nutrition, job service, etc)

Health and well being (fitness, stress management)

Crisis referrals (physical abuse assistance, substance abuse programs, etc)

Where can I find one?

Ask your local school. If they don't have one, ask them for the nearest school that does have one.

Encourage your school to create a parent resource center through your parent-teacher organization.

For more information contact:

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The FCPI gathered information on parent needs, coordinated the information, and created a series of resources organized by theme, including fact sheets for parents and professionals, "Beyond the Basics" resources, and resource identification lists. Many of the resources have been translated into Spanish language versions, and every effort has been made to preserve the meaning and flavor of the original English documents. This series of materials provides a wealth of current information for both parents and providers; the complete set of resources can be obtained in PDF format on the Department of Child and Family Studies Website at www.fmhi.usf.edu/cfs/dares/fcpi. The staff of the FCPI are hopeful that their work will continue to help children get ready to learn for many years to come.

The series' themes include:

- Family Empowerment
- Parent Involvement
- Parenting Support
- School Readiness
- Violence in the Lives of Children
- Transition to Kindergarten

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