Resources
Available from the Florida Center

A Parent’s Guide to the ERIC Database
Building an Early Childhood Parent Teacher Resource Center
Employers, Families, and Education (U.S. Dept. Of Education)
Family Resource Directory (Florida Dept. Of Education)
Fathering (Minnesota Educational Services)
Getting the Best Bite of the Apple (How to Take Control of Your Child’s Education)
Involvement is for ALL Parents (Austin Area Urban League & Texas Education Agency)
Involving Parents: A Handbook for Participation in Schools
New Directions in Parent Involvement (Academy for Educational Development)
Organizing a Successful Parent Center (Calif. DOE)
Organizing a Successful Parent Center: A Guide and Resource (Calif. DOE)
Parent Involvement: The Right Choice (Texas PTA)
Reaching All Families: Creating Family Friendly Schools
Research into Practice: Parent Involvement (North Central Regional Education)
SERVE Reports: Supporting Family Involvement in Early Childhood Education: A Guide for Business
Sharing Success: Families and Schools: An Essential Partnership (SERVE)
Taking Charge or Your Child’s Education
The Family is Critical to Student Achievement (National Committee for Citizens in Education).
The Kindergarten Survival Handbook (also available in Spanish version)
The Center for Parent Involvement (FCPI) was funded by the U.S. Department of Education; Goals 2000, Educate America Act from 1994-1999. Guided by an advisory board of parents and professionals, the FCPI’s goal was to tap the power of parents.

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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