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PEP Conference 2016

Parents Encouraging Parents (PEP) is a **unique, parent-run statewide conference** sponsored and funded by the Nebraska Department of Education, Office of Special Education, in collaboration with the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council. **PEP will be held on March 17-19, 2016**, at the Younes Conference Center, Kearney, NE. Participants in the PEP Conference are **Nebraska parents who are raising a child with a verified disability**. The child with the disability must be enrolled in a Nebraska school district and have either an active IFSP or IEP. One goal of the conference is to provide information about parenting and educating children with disabilities while encouraging parents to share their feelings and experiences. Another objective is to model how parents work with the professionals who are educating and supporting their children to create positive parent-school partnerships.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED IN DELIVERING THE PEP BROCHURE TO NEBRASKA FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES!

- **Please copy and distribute this brochure to all parents of children in your district who have an active IFSP or an IEP. The PEP brochure can be accessed at <http://www.education.ne.gov/sped/index.html>**
- **Call (402) 471-2471 and request** a specific number of brochures (up to 75) to distribute to parents.
- **Place a notice in the school newsletter, special education newsletter, include with progress reports, or hand out at parent-teacher conferences.**
- **Remind parents that there is NO registration fee! Please register by February 18, 2016! After that date, please call 402-471-2471 for availability. Lodging and most meals are provided!**

Total registration for the PEP Conference is limited to approximately 100 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis. **Please encourage parents to register early!** Ten spaces for education professionals who serve children with disabilities in Nebraska public schools also are available.

Thank you for your time and assistance in providing this brochure to parents. Both parents and professionals can reap benefits from the **POSITIVE**, collaborative relationships that are encouraged at PEP.

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Sent to: School Superintendents, Principals, SPED Directors, SPED Teachers, Psychologists, PT, OT, SLP, Counselors, EDN PRT chairs and lead agencies, Head Start Directors and Coordinators

To lead and support the preparation of all Nebraskans for learning, earning, and living.