



# Parent Liaison Project

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## About Us

The Parent Liaison project is supported by Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS) and Hillsborough County Public Schools (HCPS). Each liaison works closely with area district schools and staff and is a parent of a child who currently receives, or has received, Exceptional Student Education (ESE) services through HCPS.

## Our Goal

To guide and empower families to become collaborative, effective advocates for their child with special needs by providing information, help and support to promote academic and social success in school and within the community.

## Some Things We Do

- Facilitate effective communication between families and schools
- Provide families with guidance to understand educational supports & procedures
- Answer questions or refer families to appropriate school/district personnel
- Support families navigating transitions, from early intervention services through post- secondary programs (*ages 3 to 22*)
- Assist in the Individual Educational Plan (IEP) process/educational meetings
- Provide informational sessions to increase understanding of the educational process and promote family involvement
- Develop & distribute materials that benefit families of children with special needs
- Connect families with agencies that provide services and/or resources
- Facilitate FDLRS/Early Childhood Council (ECC) developmental screenings
- Share common family concerns with school district administration

## Useful Websites

- Hillsborough County Public Schools <http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/>
- Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resources System (FDLRS) <http://fdlrs.mysdhc.org>
- Division of Educational Access, Opportunity, and Alternatives <http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/departments/38>
- Subscribe to our Electronic Newsletter <http://tinyurl.com/FDLRSENews>



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# Proyecto Enlace de Padres

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Apoyado por Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS) y las Escuelas publicas del condado de Hillsborough (HCPS)

## Acerca de Nosotros

El Proyecto Enlace de Padres es apoyado por el Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS) y Las Escuelas del Condado de Hillsborough (HCPS). Cada representante del Proyecto Enlace de Padres trabaja en conjunto con las escuelas de las diferentes áreas del distrito y con su personal y también es padre de un niño que recibe o ha recibido servicios de Educación Excepcional por medio de las escuelas del condado de Hillsborough.

## Nuestro Propósito

Guiar y permitir a las familias que trabajen en colaboración y de manera efectiva como defensores de sus hijos con necesidades especiales suministrándoles información, ayuda y apoyo para promover el éxito académico y social tanto en el ámbito escolar como en la comunidad.

## Algunas de las cosas que hacemos

- Facilitar comunicación efectiva entre familias y escuelas
- Dar a familias orientación para entender procedimientos y soportes educativos
- Contestar preguntas o referir a las familias al personal apropiado en el distrito o en las escuelas
- Respalda a las familias en el navegar del sistema desde los servicios de intervención temprana hasta los programas de post secundaria. (Edad de 3 a 22)
- Ayudar en el proceso del Plan Educacional Individualizado (IEP)
- Proveer sesiones informativas para expandir el conocimiento de los procesos educativos y promover la participación familiar
- Desarrollar y distribuir materiales que beneficien a las familias con hijos de necesidades especiales
- Conectar a las familias con agencias que puedan proveer servicios o recursos
- Facilitar en conjunto con FDLRS/Early Childhood Council (ECC) las evaluaciones del desarrollo
- Compartir las preocupaciones de las familias con el personal del Distrito Escolar

## Páginas de Internet de interes

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