

Our Shared Vision
Families making informed decisions, influencing family friendly systems while improving outcomes for ALL children.

Organizational Logic Model



Highly Qualified Staff

Activities

**Keys to Success
Staff, Families and Communities**

**Leadership/Learning
Opportunities**

Outcomes

OUR MISSION
The mission of Parents Reaching Out is to enhance positive outcomes for families and children in New Mexico through informed decision making, advocacy, education, and resources. Parents Reaching Out provides the networking opportunities for families to connect with and support each other. This mission supports *all families* including those who have children with disabilities, and others who are disenfranchised.

Parents Reaching Out achieves this by:
Developing family leadership
Connecting families to each other
Building collaborative partnerships
Providing families knowledge and tools to enhance their power

OUR BELIEFS

- Families need support where ever they are in their journey.
- All families care deeply about their children.
- Families may need tools and support to accomplish their dreams.
- All families are capable of making informed decisions that are right for their family.
- Families in the state benefit from our organization having the staff and materials that meet their diversity.
- Systems that listen carefully to the family perspective improve outcomes for our children.

- Get to know PRO**
- PRO 101
 - Communication
 - E-Mail
 - Phone procedures
 - Web-site
 - Publications
 - Office process/procedures
 - Interview staff
- Capturing what we do**
- Data base
 - Training folders
 - Reporting
- Building Family Leadership**
- Working with volunteers
 - Parent to Parent
 - Family Leadership in Education, Culture Healthcare and Advocacy (FLECHA)
 - Telling your story
 - Record Keeping
 - Asking Questions
 - Host Family 101
- Cross Training**
- Family to Family Health
 - Family As Faculty
 - DreamCatchers
 - Parent Training and Information
 - Parent Information and Resource Center
 - Office support
- Laws and Regulations**
- No Child Left Behind (NCLB)
 - Title One
 - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
 - Part B
 - Part C
 - Healthy Families 2010

- Role Modeling**
Parents Reaching Out is the change we want to see in others
Parents Reaching Out is transparent
- Partnerships**
- US Department of Education
 - Maternal Child Health Bureau
 - New Mexico Department of Education
 - New Mexico Department of Health
 - UNM Continuum of Care
 - New Mexico Community Foundation
 - Albuquerque Public Schools
- Collaborations**
- Early Intervention Programs
 - School Districts
 - Parents As Teachers
 - Universities
 - Head Starts
 - New Mexico PTA
- Meeting Participation**
- Children's Cabinet
 - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Advisory Panel
 - Family Parent Involvement Advisory Committee
 - Early Childhood Action Network
 - Alliance for the Advancement of Education
 - Interagency Coordinating Council

Sense of belonging: Everyone wants to feel that they belong and staff, families and communities are no different. Staff, families and communities who feel included and respected will then work toward the greater goal of helping others. Welcome them!

Competence: Families, staff and communities just may have the solution we've been seeking. Recognize their competence as a partner in the teaching-learning cycle. Families, staff and communities learn a lot about their children's needs as they navigate complex systems. They want to learn more. Offer opportunities for shared learning.

Usefulness: Communities, staff and families have learned countless ways they can assist others to find paths leading to success and independence for their children. Invite them to share!

- Educate Families and Systems
- DreamCatchers*
- Developing the DREAM
 - Next Steps to Success
- Families as Faculty*
- Host Family 201
- Family to Family Health Information*
- Navigating the Health Care System
 - Cultural Competence
 - Waiver Programs
- Parent Information and Resource Center*
- No Child Left Behind
 - Action Teams for Partnerships
 - Mission Transition.
 - Leadership Institute
- Parent Training and Information Center*
- Advocacy and the IEP
 - Advocacy with Honor
 - Positive Directions for Student Behavior
 - Practical Inclusive Education
 - Pathways to the Future

