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## 2017- 2018 Parents Encouraging Parents (PEP) Conferences

### 2017 – 2018 PEP Conferences:

October 19 – 21, 2017  
Breckenridge, CO

February 22 – 24, 2018  
Colorado Springs, CO

April 26 – 28, 2018  
Mt. Crested Butte, CO

*"Thank you so much to the Colorado Department of Education for providing the opportunity to attend this conference. My daughter's future is so much brighter now!"*  
-Parent

*"It is probably the best educational conference I've been to because of the content and participants. I think administrators should be encouraged to attend!"*

### Apply Now!

For more information and to apply online go to:  
[http://www.cde.state.co.us/cd\\_esp/PEP.asp](http://www.cde.state.co.us/cd_esp/PEP.asp)

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PEP\\_Application\\_2017-2018](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PEP_Application_2017-2018)

Or contact:

CDE-ESSU-PEP  
1560 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Denver, CO 80202  
PEP Hotline: (303) 866-6846

**WHO:** Colorado families who have a child with a disability. Both parents in a two-parent family are encouraged to attend. Single parents are encouraged to bring a support person who will also participate in the conference. (A support person is someone who is directly involved in the regular care of the child or youth with a disability.)

Directors of special education, principals, special education teachers, general education teachers, related service providers, health care and other Colorado professionals interested in the family and school partnership who work with children or youth with disabilities.

**WHAT:** Decades of research show that the participation of families in their child's education, through specific coordinating between home and school, results in improved outcomes (Jeynes, 2012). PEP Conferences are designed to promote family and school partnerships that are essential in supporting students with disabilities and their families in schools and the community. PEP brings families and professionals together by sharing ideas, discussing concerns, celebrating successes and obtaining information related to parenting, educating and partnering to support student learning. PEP is a non-specific disability conference that focuses on commonalities. PEP Conferences are offered at no cost to attendees.

**WHEN:** PEP is held from 5:00 PM Thursday through 3:00 PM Saturday. The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) Exceptional Student Services Unit (ESSU) pays for lodging and participant meals – excluding Friday night's dinner.

**WHERE:** In order to enable more families and professionals to participate, PEP Conferences are scheduled throughout Colorado.

### Sessions

- Parenting a Child with a Disability and Rebuilding Dreams
- The Law and the Education of Children with Disabilities
- Living with a Disability
- Individualized Education Program (IEP)
- Early Childhood Supports and Services
- Transition IEP and more!

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