



## PEP's Frequently Asked Questions

### ***How much does PEP cost?***

PEP is a parent-focused conference offered free-of-charge by the Colorado Department of Education. Hotel rooms and meals are provided throughout the conference, with the exception of dinner Friday night.

### ***Can I bring my children to PEP?***

PEP is a conference designed for parents and professionals. In some instances, exceptions can be made (i.e., nursing mothers). However, childcare is **NOT** provided. If you require special consideration, please contact a PEP staff member at 303-866-6846 (leave your name and phone number).

### ***Do I have to stay for the entire conference?***

This conference is designed to be of greater value to parents/professionals who attend the entire conference. All topics of discussion flow together from the opening session to the closing. To miss a day or even a session would mean missing valuable information and resources. Each PEP Conference has a wait list. If you are unable to commit to the entire conference, we ask that you wait to attend a future conference to allow someone else the opportunity to attend.

### ***Can I attend PEP alone?***

The only requirement for PEP participants is a parent and/or professional relationship to a child with a disability. However, we **STRONGLY** encourage both parents attend, and single parents to bring a support person who will also participate in the conference. PEP is an intensive, informational conference and could be overwhelming for a person attending alone.

### ***If I come alone, must I share a hotel room?***

If you register alone, you will have your own room unless you indicate on your application that you are willing to share a room with another participant. If you register with another person, you will share a room with that person.

### ***What is the dress code?***

Dress is casual!

### ***I attended a PEP conference two years ago. Can I attend this year's conference?***

PEP conferences generally cover the same topics. Therefore, if you attended a conference two years ago, you will most likely encounter similar information this year. We advise parents and professionals to attend no sooner than five years after their first conference.

### ***I was placed on a wait list for one of last year's PEP Conferences. Am I guaranteed a reservation for one of this year's conferences?***

PEP is a highly sought-after conference and slots fill quickly. We try to prioritize parents and professionals who have been placed on a prior wait list. Once placed on the wait

list, you will be informed of the **next year's conferences only**. Please note if you are on a wait list, you must still register for the conference you'd like to attend. PEP is filled on a first-come, first-served basis; to increase your chances of acceptance to your PEP conference of choice, we recommend you complete your application as soon as possible.

**What is a typical PEP Conference schedule?**

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| <b>Thursday</b> | 5:00-6:00 pm      | Registration  |
|                 | 6:00-7:30 pm      | Dinner and Opening Session  |
|                 | 7:45-9:00 pm      | Small Groups  |
| <b>Friday</b>   | 7:30-8:40 am      | Breakfast and Introduction  |
|                 | 8:45-10:15 am     | General Session – Parenting a Child with a Disability and Rebuilding Dreams   |
|                 | 10:30 am-12:00 pm | Small Groups  |
|                 | 12:00-12:45 pm    | Lunch and Announcements   |
|                 | 1:00-3:00 pm      | General Session – The Law and the Education of Children with Disabilities   |
|                 | 3:30-5:30 pm      | Topical Sessions (Men Only, Ask the Doc, Behavior Supports, Advocacy, Friendships, etc.)  |
|                 | 5:30-7:00 pm      | Social Time   |
| <b>Saturday</b> | 7:30-8:40 am      | Breakfast   |
|                 | 8:45 am-12:00 pm  | General Session (choose one) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individualized Education Program (IEP)</li> <li>• Early Childhood – Resources and Supports</li> <li>• Transition IEP</li> </ul> |
|                 | 12:00-12:45 pm    | Lunch   |
|                 | 1:00-1:45 pm      | Small Groups  |
|                 | 1:45-3:00 pm      | Closing Session   |

**★ Participants will receive agenda and resource materials at the conference. The actual agenda may vary slightly. ★**

