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To: All Interested Parties

From: Cindy Dascher, Parent & Family Consultant
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Re: 2011-2012 Parents Encouraging Parents (PEP) Conferences

Parents Encouraging Parents (PEP) Conferences are family-centered events designed to offer support, information and education to **both parents and professionals** who work with children with disabilities across Colorado. PEP promotes the partnerships between parents and professionals that are essential in supporting and including children with disabilities in schools and communities.

The 2011-2012 PEP Conferences will be held:

- October 27-29, 2011 in Vail, Colorado
- February 2-4, 2012 in Colorado Springs, Colorado
- April 26-28, 2012 (Location to be determined)

Here is what participants have said about their PEP experience:

"I was truly inspired with this conference! The amount of information and resources made available to us was so valuable. I could not be more grateful for the opportunity. My daughter will benefit big time!" – 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!" – School Professional

For more information about PEP and to complete the preliminary application, please visit <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/PEP.asp>. You may also call 303-866-6846 or 1-877-834-0588 toll-free for general information.

Thank you for sharing this information with Colorado families and other professionals who may be interested. We look forward to seeing you at PEP!