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## WELCOME KAREN GREENLEE, NEW FAMILY SUPPORT SPECIALIST

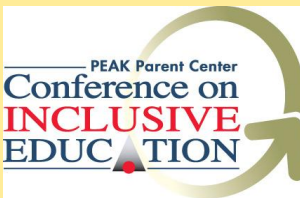


Hello! My name is Karen Greenlee. I am the new Family Support Specialist at Pathfinder Services of North Dakota. I was born and raised in North Dakota. I graduated from the University of Maine with a degree in Behavioral Science. I worked in the field of Domestic Violence for several years. Prior to working at Pathfinder, I worked as a Family Advocate for the Minot Head Start Program.

I am married to Preston Greenlee. Together, we have 3 sons, two of whom are in the military. We have 8 grandsons. I am excited to work with Pathfinder families and look forward to hearing from you.

## TIM'S MONTHLY UPDATE

### *Pathfinder Staff Attends PEAK Conference on Inclusive Education*



Recently two of our staff attended the PEAK conference on February 9th and 10th in Denver Colorado. It was a great chance for us to develop strategies for access, equity, and opportunity. There were multiple breakout sessions at this conference and keynote speakers that shared their education and experience in working with children and providing inclusive education.

The conference allowed for our staff to interact with Parent Training Information Centers from multiple states such as Wyoming and South Dakota. We developed a better understanding of what other PTI centers were doing in their state, and we shared with them how we approached our programming in North Dakota.

I have attended many conferences throughout my career and I would say that this was probably the best conference I have ever attended. The information presented and interaction between the speakers and the professionals allowed for an environment of new ideas and information. The PEAK conference was a great experience for the staff that attended and provided us with a plethora of information in regards to Inclusive Education.

## Help Support Pathfinder in Receiving 2017-2019 Legislative Funding

Here is a link to find the districts and where they are located:

<https://ndgov.maps.arcgis.com/apps/StorytellingTextLegend/index.html?appid=cc1cd59ae12c49af802fd73eabaa82b7>



Pathfinder is North Dakota's only Federally funded Parent Center and

Appropriations - Education and Environment Division

Chair  
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Senate Appropriations

Chairman  
[Senator Ray Holmberg](#)  
Republican



is currently working hard to secure Legislative funds for the 2017-

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District 10

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District 9

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District 35

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District 17

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[Representative Jim Schmidt](#)

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District 17

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District 28

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District 12

[Senator David Hogue](#)

Republican  
District 38

[Senator Ralph Kilzer](#)

Republican  
District 47

[Senator Gary A. Lee](#)

Republican  
District 22

[Senator Tim Mathern](#)

Democrat  
District 11

[Senator Dave Oehlke](#)

Republican  
District 15

[Senator Larry J. Robinson](#)

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District 24

[Senator Ronald Sorvaag](#)

Republican  
District 45

[Senator Terry M. Wanzek](#)

Republican  
District 29

2019 biennium so we can continue to provide services to the parents of North Dakota. It is essential that North Dakota continues to invest in Pathfinder so we can continue to offer services and trainings to parents and professionals of North Dakota. We also help parents to network with other organizations and service providers. We provide print resources and links to reviewed resources. Please reach out to North Dakota's legislators and express how important it is to show their support for Pathfinder Services of North Dakota.

**UPDATE:** Bills are preparing to cross over from the House to the Senate. Please contact the Senators listed and support Pathfinder Services. It really does make a huge difference.

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION NEWS

*Online public schools, including online charter schools, must provide special education services. (August 2016)*



In this "Dear Colleague" letter, US ED clarified that online public schools (including online charter schools) must provide special education services to kids who need them. US ED acknowledged that finding and evaluating kids who need services can be a challenge in an online school. That's because teachers and students in these schools typically don't meet face to face. However, kids with disabilities still have the right to services. And online schools must have policies and procedures to provide them.

To read the letter, visit <https://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/guid/idea/memosdcltrs/dcl-virtual-schools-08-05-2016.pdf>. Also included is a link to the specific guidance from North Dakota as of December 2016 in regards to home schooling and children with disabilities: <https://www.nd.gov/dpi/uploads/1211/DPIHomeEduInfoPaper.pdf>

| Partner                                     | Date                       | Time             | Title   | Location   | Cost  | To Register   |
|---|----------------------------|------------------|---|--|---|---|
| PATHFINDER SERVICES OF ND                   | On Demand                  | On Demand        | Unpacking Your Child's IEP  | On Demand  | Free  | Email to <a href="mailto:info@pathfinder-nd.org">info@pathfinder-nd.org</a> for more information  |
| Center for Parent Information and Resources | On Demand                  | On Demand        | School Planning & Educational Strategies Following Traumatic Brain Injury                 | On Demand  | Free  | <a href="http://www.parentcenterhub.org/webinar-tbi-2014/">http://www.parentcenterhub.org/webinar-tbi-2014/</a>   |
| Family Matters PTIC Illinois                | On Demand                  | On Demand        | Using Technology to Access the General Curriculum   | On Demand  | Free  | <a href="http://www.fmptic.org/recordings/family-matters-recordings/recording-registration?proto=https&amp;prefix=www&amp;main=youtube&amp;suffix=com&amp;rest=watch?v=ztrNiY4G-6Q&amp;feature=youtu.be">http://www.fmptic.org/recordings/family-matters-recordings/recording-registration?proto=https&amp;prefix=www&amp;main=youtube&amp;suffix=com&amp;rest=watch?v=ztrNiY4G-6Q&amp;feature=youtu.be</a> |
| Grand Forks NDSU County Extension           | 1/31/2017 to 3/7/2017      | 6:30 - 8:00 pm   | Parenting the Love and Logic Way  | Century Elementary School Library, 3351 17th Avenue South, Grand Forks | Free including childcare but preregistering is required | Call 780-8229   |
| Pacer                                       | On Demand                  | On Demand        | Engaging and Supporting Culturally Diverse Families with Young Children                   | On Demand  | Free  | <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qayF0qCn3wY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qayF0qCn3wY</a>   |
| Pacer                                       | On Demand                  | On Demand        | Practical Tips for Working Effectively with Culturally Diverse Families of Young Children | On Demand  | Free  | <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aQoaagDWMrs">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aQoaagDWMrs</a>   |
| PEAK  | On Demand                  | On Demand        | Access to General Education   | On Demand  | Free  | <a href="http://tadnet.adobeconnect.com/p1uce3rpz2f/">http://tadnet.adobeconnect.com/p1uce3rpz2f/</a>   |
| PEAK  | On Demand                  | On Demand        | From Text Maps to Memory Caps   | On Demand  | Free  | <a href="http://tadnet.adobeconnect.com/p2002zc1794/">http://tadnet.adobeconnect.com/p2002zc1794/</a>   |
| Region II Parent Resource Center            | 1/30 to 3/13               | 6:00- 7:30 pm    | Nurtured Heart  | TBD  | Free  | Call 875-6450   |
| Region VI Parent Resource Center            | Monthly, 2nd & 4th Tuesday | 10:30 - 11:45 am | Family Art Hour   | Faith Lutheran Church, 309 4th St NE, Valley City                      | Free  | Call 701-845-8528   |
| South Dakota Parent Center                  | On Demand                  | On Demand        | Ins and Outs of a 504 Plan  | On Demand  | Free  | <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/?sm=5m5v6On2iGZn0aQ5%2f2N5VA%3d%3d">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/?sm=5m5v6On2iGZn0aQ5%2f2N5VA%3d%3d</a>   |
| South Dakota Parent Center                  | On Demand                  | On Demand        | Understanding an Individual Health Plan (IHP)   | On Demand  | Free  | <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PZC5XHZ">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PZC5XHZ</a>   |

## NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (NDDPI) PARENT RESOURCE

### Extended School Year (ESY) Guide and Extended School Year (ESY) Brochure



Summer may seem a long way off, but it is approaching fast. Some students need support and services over the summer to keep hard-earned new skills. These documents from the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) break down the process, give important factors to look for, and show how teams can include it on the IEP. To read the full guide, go to <https://www.nd.gov/dpi/uploads/60/ESYDocumentReformatted.pdf> or for just a quick overview, check out the brochure

and go to <https://www.nd.gov/dpi/uploads/60/AParentGuidetoExtendedSchoolYearLegalBrochure.pdf>

## RAISING PRE-SCHOOLERS

*ZERO to THREE : Early Connections last a Lifetime*



**Q:** *I am concerned about my child's development in several areas. How can I find a Developmental Specialist or someone who could evaluate my son's development? My pediatrician does not seem concerned, but I just have a strong feeling that something is wrong.*

**A.** Parents' concerns about their children's development should be taken seriously. A developmental screening or evaluation can determine whether your child needs more in-depth testing (assessment) or if his development is within the typical range. Click on <https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/267-i-am-concerned-about-my-child-s-development-who-do-i-talk-to-about-my-worries> to read more on this topic and check out the other excellent resources for child care providers and parents of this age

group.

## RAISING ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

*Resources for Helping Children Transition from Elementary to Middle School*



Growing up can be fun and exciting, but it can also be scary and challenging - not only for the students but also for the parents. It can also be frustrating for teachers who can see a child with so much potential and can't understand why they are struggling so much with moving up from elementary to middle school. Here are some resources for parents with suggestions on how to ease the chaos. The first article "Easing the Middle School Transition for a Child with LD" can be read online at <https://www.familyeducation.com/school/transition-high-school/easing-middle-school-transition-child-ld> and "My Child in Special Education is Transitioning into Middle School" can be read online at [http://matrixparents.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/HELP-27-Trans.to\\_middle.school\\_engl-span.pdf](http://matrixparents.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/HELP-27-Trans.to_middle.school_engl-span.pdf). The last article is available in both English and Spanish.

## LIFE WITH TEENS

***A Must - Read for Juniors and Seniors and their Families***

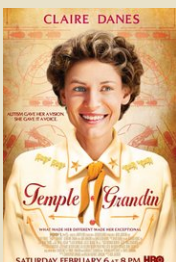
**Learning Disabilities and the Law: An Overview For Students**



There are different laws to assist us and protect our rights, both in college and in the employment world. Unfortunately, we need to stand up and do most of our advocating for ourselves to get the protections. Our families and workers can help but we need to take as active a role as possible, beginning to prepare for the age of 18. This article breaks down some of the major laws and tells how it applies for both employment and higher education. Read it online at <https://ldaamerica.org/learning-disabilities-and-the-law-after-high-school-an-overview-for-students-2/>.

## LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT

**Temple Grandin (2010) - Claire Danes**



This DVD paints a picture of a young woman's perseverance and determination while struggling with the isolating challenges of Autism at a time when it was still quite unknown. The film chronicles Temple's early diagnosis; her turbulent growth and development during her school years; the enduring support she received from her mother and, aunt, and her science teacher; and her emergence as a woman with an innate sensitivity and understanding of animal behavior. This resource is available for check out for up to two weeks at no charge for parents or youth. Professionals simply pay return postage. For more information check out our library section on <http://psnd.co>, or call 701-837-7500.

## MULTI CULTURAL MOSAIC - ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

*Cultural Awareness and Connecting with Native Communities*



This resource comes to us from the National Center for Parent Information and Resources. When service providers visit a Tribal community, they may find it helpful to know a bit about Tribal etiquette and culture. While etiquette will vary from Tribal community to community, there are commonalities as well. This fact sheet lists many such cultural considerations. Observing them will



enhance communication with Native families and your connectedness with the Tribal community. Also check out some on demand webinars listed above in the webinars section to learn more. The resource is a pdf and can be read online at <http://naptac.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/CulturalAwareness.pdf>

*STAY CONNECTED*

