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New Jersey State Parent Information and Resource Center Earns National Award for Family and Community Involvement

The New Jersey State Parent Information Resource Center, a program of Prevent Child Abuse-New Jersey, recently received a 2010 Partnership Organization Award from the National Network of Partnership Schools at Johns Hopkins University.

NJPIRC is leading efforts across the state to teach and specific strategies that help districts and schools foster family and community involvement. The award recognizes the agency's Parent Information Resource Center (NJPIRC) for its excellence guiding districts and schools to develop comprehensive partnerships between school, family, and community groups as a means to foster strong learning and academic success. Decades of research demonstrate that when families are engaged in their child's education, students achieve stronger learning and academic goals.

"PCA-NJ's Parent Information and Resource Center (NJPIRC) is demonstrating that research-based approaches can be used to increase goal-linked family and community involvement to contribute to student success in school," said Dr. Joyce L. Epstein, Director of NNPS.

NJPIRC continues working with districts and schools to help strengthen school, family, and community partnerships that help students succeed. The schools currently working with NJPIRC to develop comprehensive parent engagement programs include:

- Forest Street Elementary School, Orange NJ
- Keansburg School District, Keansburg NJ
- Passaic County Technical Institute, Wayne NJ
- Burlington Office of Early Childhood, Burlington NJ
- Paterson School #3, Paterson NJ
- Paterson School #7, Paterson NJ
- Lanning Square School, Camden NJ
- US Wiggins College Preparatory Lab School, Camden NJ
- Willingboro Public Schools, Willingboro NJ
- Cramer College Preparatory Lab School, Camden NJ
- Lincoln High School, Jersey City NJ
- Chaplain Charles J. Watters Elementary (PS 24), Jersey City NJ
- Liberty High School, Jersey City NJ
- Charles L. Spragg Elementary School, Egg Harbor NJ
- Highland Park School District, Highland NJ
- Neptune Township School District, Neptune NJ
- Greater Brunswick Charter School, New Brunswick NJ

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