

About PIC & PIRC

The Parent Information Center (PIC)

PIC was founded in 1977 as a means of providing information, training and support to families of children with disabilities in New Hampshire. From its inception, the PIC has demonstrated an ability to identify and respond to the changing needs of children and families in N.H.

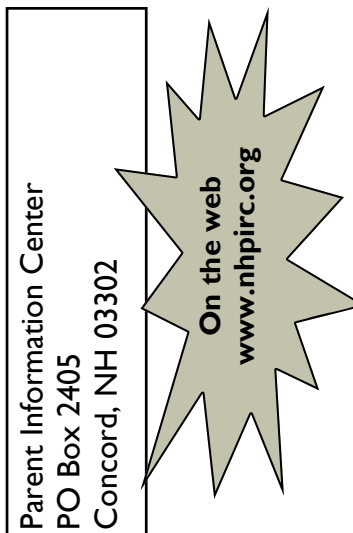
In 1995, PIC expanded services to families of disabled, non-disabled, and at-risk children. PIC is a recognized leader in building strong family/school partnerships and a pioneer in promoting effective parent involvement in the special education process.

NH State PIRC (Parent Information and Resource Center)

NH PIRC, a project of PIC, is a US Department of Education-funded program aimed at improving students academic performance by increasing parental involvement in children's education and by promoting school-family-community partnerships. NH PIRC offers parents, PTA's, schools, school districts and community organizations information and support in a variety of formats including:

- workshops
- publications
- toolkits
- newsletters
- tip sheets

In most cases, services are entirely free.



Let's
Read
Together!



***Make a
Difference-***

***Be a
Literacy
Volunteer***



NH State PIRC

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Help Families Bond with Books

Why Volunteer?

Through volunteering for the **Let's Read Together** program, you'll be engaged in some of the most rewarding experiences a person can have—promoting literacy and language skills and sharing a love of reading. The main activity of volunteers is presenting the Bonding with Books workshop.

What is Bonding with Books?

Bonding with Books is a workshop designed for parents of preschoolers, toddlers and infants. The session teaches important skills needed to explore language, language development and encourage an early love of books. Bonding with Books provides parents with practical, easy-to-learn tips and ideas on how to introduce books and sounds to their children.

What Do I Have to Do?

Let's Read Together volunteers present workshops to parents in your local community. The workshop offers parents realistic strategies to use with their children during the course of their everyday activities. The NH State PIRC Training and Volunteer Coordinator works with you to ensure your trainings are a success.

What Makes Volunteering Fun?

- ☞ Satisfaction from doing a job that makes a real difference in someone's life
- ☞ Gaining confidence in your own abilities as well as knowing you are helping parents to gain confidence in themselves
- ☞ Meeting new people while sharing knowledge, laughter and yourself

What Makes a Successful Volunteer?

A successful volunteer is friendly, flexible, and willing to learn. You don't have to be an expert, just share your time and love of reading with others.

What Benefits Do I Receive?

Volunteers receive training, ongoing support and all materials needed for workshops free of charge, including free books, CDs, and DVDs to give away to parents. You will receive a stipend and expense reimbursement for the workshops you provide.

Of course you'll also reap the benefits and satisfaction that comes from sharing the love of literacy plus lots of "thanks you's" from NH parents and children and from NH State PIRC staff.

"There is more treasure in books than in all the pirates' loot on Treasure Island"
Walt Disney

Why Should I Join Let's Read Together?

Let's Read Together offers volunteers a unique and well rounded program. Through volunteering you are involved in activities that promote personal growth and empower parents to try new techniques. The experience also looks great on a résumé or college application, and of course it's fun! You will also have the opportunity to take part of the NH Parent Leadership Training, where you can learn to train other workshops for parents of young and school-aged children.

How Do I Get Started?

If you are interested in volunteering and would like more information, please contact:

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