

Activities

Teachers, administrators, mental health staff, parents and professionals in their respective fields of expertise participate in a series of workshops focusing on topics that are chosen based on parent interests, needs and relevancy. These workshops are presented in informal venues for people to share their ideas with others in their community in comfortable settings. Topics may include but are not limited to parenting issues, child development, social and emotional issues, updates on the curriculum and common core standards, nutrition and stress management.

'The Parent Advocacy Center' will provide recreational activities such as crafts and yoga, based upon parental request.

Roundtable Discussions

Participants engage in discussing issues affecting our schools and community with school professionals, educators and business members representing various fields of expertise. Scheduled topics will be announced.

Parent Discussion Group

Effective parenting ideas are shared on a monthly basis. This forum presents a wonderful opportunity for parents to meet and network with other parents, share ideas and concerns, and form bonds and friendships.

How to Contact Us

Parents and guardians are welcome to contact the *'Parent Advocacy Center'* to learn more about resources that are available to them. Questions are also welcome and can be directed to Florence Joyner at (516) 819-5479.
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Parent Advocacy Center (Parent Resource Center)



The mission of the 'Parent Advocacy Center' is to advance educational opportunities and foster personal development for children by networking between teachers, parents and community.

Goals & Objectives

The **'Parent Advocacy Center'** is the Central Islip Union Free School District's response to the *'No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.'* This law is built on four common sense principles: 1) accountability for results; 2) emphasis on doing what works based on scientific research; 3) expanded parental options; 4) expanded local control and flexibility.

The **'Parent Advocacy Center'** serves as an important link between parents and the Central Islip Union Free School District by helping families participate more effectively in their children's education. The **'Parent Advocacy Center'** trains and informs parents and professionals on a variety of pedagogical topics; helps families obtain appropriate educational and other services; helps children and families access resources that address their needs.

The **'Parent Advocacy Center'** has been building a cadre of speakers from elementary, secondary and post-

secondary settings who provide the community with valuable information about testing, special education and the new school report cards and many other topics. Some of the funds from this grant will be used to secure speakers capable of expanding the community's knowledge and understanding of the critical educational issues which our students and schools are facing.

Surveys conducted by the school and New York State Education Department show

that parents are reluctant to work with schools due to a lack of trust. The School/Community Fair provides an opportunity to foster a sense of common purpose and connectedness between the school district and community members. It is important to show families that they are valued members of the school community. The School/Community Fair will offer entertainment for youth and an opportunity to disseminate educational and support information to parents.

