

What is a PIRC?

Parental Information and Resource Centers (PIRCs) are funded by the U.S. Department of Education and are located in every state.

PIRCs provide information, activities, and resources that:

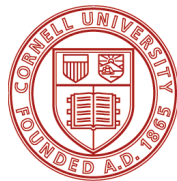
- ✦ Strengthen partnerships between families and schools
- ✦ Improve student academic achievement by increasing family engagement
- ✦ Assist schools in working more effectively with families
- ✦ Demonstrate ways parents can support their child's learning at home



*PIRCs bring
parents and schools together.*

Families and Communities Together with Schools (FACTS) is a Parental Information and Resource Center (PIRC) sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Jefferson County, funded through the U.S. Department of Education. It is one of two PIRC programs in New York State.

For more information on other Youth and Family Development programs at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Jefferson County, visit the website at www.cce.cornell.edu/jefferson.



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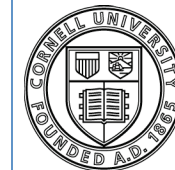
Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Jefferson County educates youth, families, farmers, and communities using research-based knowledge for practical application and life-long learning.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Jefferson County provides equal program and employment opportunities.

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Families and Communities Together with Schools



Professional Development

Are you a teacher or school administrator looking for ways to build relationships with parents?

Through a partnership with Jefferson-Lewis Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), FACTS provides training and technical assistance to schools to increase family engagement.

Staff development and resources on:

- ✦ Creating “family friendly” schools
- ✦ Working with families from diverse backgrounds
- ✦ Developing effective parental involvement policies and compacts
- ✦ Establishing family/school partnership teams
- ✦ Supporting school-based family liaisons



Parenting Education

Families make the difference!

As a Parental Information and Resource Center, FACTS provides free resources and programs for families with children of all ages.

Workshops

Workshops are available in a variety of formats. Topics cover a broad range of issues related to parenting and helping children to be successful in school and in life.

Individual Support

Do you have a specific question or concern about your child? A FACTS educator can respond to you on an individual basis and provide information or referral to additional community resources. Call or e-mail us.

Resource Rooms

Resource rooms offer families and community members access to research-based information and fun activities to support children’s learning in the home. FACTS staff can assist with developing new resource rooms in school and community locations.

***We are your source for parenting information.
Follow us on Facebook and Twitter.***

Parents as Teachers

The early years of life hold the key to future learning.

FACTS uses the nationally recognized Parents as Teachers curriculum to reach families in Jefferson County who have children five and under. This long-term home visiting program provides information on:

- ✦ Healthy child growth and development
- ✦ Promoting literacy and language to ensure school readiness
- ✦ Developing home-school communication skills

New York State PIRC Website

Log on to www.nyspirc.org to discover information and resources for parents and school personnel.

- ✦ On-line training and workshops
- ✦ Facilitator guides for workshops
- ✦ Fact sheets and technical assistance guides
- ✦ Newsletters
- ✦ Links to other family engagement resources

When families, communities, and schools work together, children can succeed.