

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Butler Parents of Exceptional Children Inc. mission is to improve the quality of life and education for children with special needs, and raise public awareness of their needs and talents. We will also support fellow parents of children with special needs in Butler and the surrounding communities

## OUR OBJECTIVES

- To provide parents of exceptional children with information that will support child achievement and empower parents with the knowledge to become advocates for their children.
- To provide parents of exceptional children a forum to share concerns, difficulties and triumphs with fellow exceptional parents.
- To work with community officials, leaders, and organizations to create and modify activities for the special needs population.
- To create open, positive and effective lines of communication with school officials concerning the educational needs of exceptional children, and to work with our local schools to improve special education services available in Butler.

*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.*  
- Margaret Mead

### Officers

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Communications / Public Relations  
Recreation / Mentoring  
Acceptance and Awareness / Education  
Fundraising / Grants

Butler Parents of Exceptional Children Inc. is a non-profit charitable organization. We hold several annual fundraising events and all profits are used to improve the quality of life and educational opportunities for children with special needs. If you would like to help us with a donation or would like to volunteer at one of our events please contact us.

### **Supporting Achievement and Growth for Children with Special Needs.**



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*Serving Children with Special  
Needs in Butler NJ*

## About Butler PEC

In June of 2004, a group of concerned parents who wanted to serve an active role in the education and social development of their children with special needs, got together to make a difference for their kids. We soon realized our group needed to be a kid centered organization. Serving only the parents of children with special needs would fall far short of making any real change for not only our children, but all the children in Butler. Butler PEC was born to serve children with special needs and to aid their families.



**Our Exceptional Children and Siblings, putting on a puppet show.**

**“We are parent-driven and look to make Butler a better place for kids with special needs; In the process we think Butler will be a better place for all people to live.”**

*Chris Saunders  
Vice-President Butler PEC*

We are always looking for new parents who wish to join our organization.

If you want to be a part of a positive organization and be a part of helping some great kids in our community then-----

**Join us!**



## Services

### Parent Orientation

Are you the parent of a newly classified child, or a parent of a child entering the school from early intervention? Butler PEC parent orientation will help you to understand the special education process. By getting first hand knowledge from fellow parents who have been through the steps already, we can take the confusion and mystery out of the procedures and terminology of special education in the public school system.

### Parent Resource Center

Butler PEC can help parents who need help finding out what services are available for their children and information about the laws that protect their children.

### Recreation and Socialization

Butler PEC offers several Recreation and Social programs. These programs focus on development of social skills and generating community involvement.



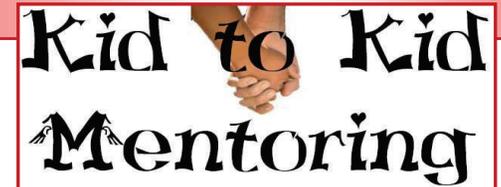
**Michael making a craft at a Butler PEC Arts and Crafts Event**

*Tell me and I forget;  
show me and I remember;  
involve me and I understand.  
- Author Unknown*

## Mentoring Program

### Kid to Kid Mentoring

Typical children are trained to assist and befriend children with special needs. This raises acceptance and awareness and provides for socialization with non-disabled peers.



**“The decision was made to start a support group for the families in the Butler community and surrounding areas. This group would be different than others that preceded it. We wanted to be a positive force in the community.”**

*Frank Rivera  
President Butler PEC*



**Stevie working with mom and dad at a Butler PEC Arts and Crafts Event**

**Butler PEC supports families of children with special needs. We believe that a strong family unit is key to the well being of the exceptional child.**

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