## PARENT INVOLVEMENT INITIATIVE *(SPDG)*

Dear Parents/Teachers,

I would like to introduce you to the *Parent Involvement Initiative* administered by the University of Kentucky Human Development Institute. This initiative was developed to help meet the needs of parents, teachers, community members, and virtually anyone who impacts the life of a student identified with a disability.

The University of Kentucky has developed a webpage with resources designed to answer questions and provide information concerning the special education process and services and resources available. You can access this webpage at https://www.hdi.uky.edu/spdg/parents

**What will you find on the *Parent Involvement webpage?***

- ***The Kentucky Parent Guide for Special Education:*** This handbook provides a description of the step by step process used for providing special education services for students with disabilities in Kentucky public schools. It includes information on evaluation, eligibility, IEP and resources available in the school setting and elsewhere across the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
- ***Parent Initiative Video Series:*** This is a series of 6 brief videos that further explain the information found in the ***Kentucky Parent Guide.*** The videos range in length from 10 to 26 minutes and can be watched by an individual or a group. Each video can be watched by itself as a specific need arises, or can be viewed as an entire series.
- ***Additional Resources:*** Informational brochures and fact sheets are posted to further clarify questions regarding the special education process and services.

Please feel free to access this information at any time and share with anyone who may have a need or an interest in special education services in Kentucky. If you have any questions, my contact information is listed below.

Thank you,

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