



# **Parent Educators in New York State's Cooperative Extension System**

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## **Contact Information & Areas of Expertise**

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The Survey Research Institute (SRI) at Cornell was contracted to conduct a Web survey<sup>1</sup> among Educators working for the Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) system in areas related to Parenting Education. The results of this survey allows not only for this directory of educator's contact information, but also a listing of both the issue areas they work on, and the primary Parent Education programs involved in their daily work. We hope that the distribution of this resource to educators involved in parent education across New York State fosters greater communication among all parent educators.

Entries in this directory are listed alphabetically within each county. Each entry provides the name, contact information (including e-mail addresses where possible), and both the issue areas and parent education programs each educator is involved with at the time of this directory's production. In addition, it is important to note that the entries in this report may not include all parent educators in New York State, nor does it represent all counties in New York State.

Several programs listed in this directory have commonly used acronyms, which are provided below:

<i>Program</i>	<i>Acronym</i>
Discipline is not a Dirty Word	DNDW
Encouraging Great Growth	EGG
Parenting a Second Time Around	PASTA
Parenting at Your Fingertips	PAYF
Parents Interested in Nurturing Effectively	PINE
Parent Partner Program	PPP
Parenting Skills Workshop Series	PSWS
Systematic Training or Effective Parenting	STEP

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<sup>1</sup> Study participants were contacted by SRI via e-mail and directed to their website to access and complete the instrument. Extension Educators were identified through a list serv maintained by CCE of professionals working in subject areas related to parent and child well-being. In total, 50 surveys were completed out of a possible 90 qualifying educators with valid e-mail addresses between September 9 and October 1, 2004 (a 56% response rate).

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Programs: Home Visitation, Parents Apart, Parent Partner Program, PSWS, Even Start Family Literacy Partnership

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