Activities of individual island POPPE PTI Centers may include:

- Providing workshops and training for parents, educators, information specialist and parent Trainers
- Researching issues identified and prioritized by parents and community; collaborating and cooperating with other community agencies to provide up-to-date, excellent and comprehensive information/training to address them
- Developing training materials and information; translating materials into primary local languages
- Providing information/workshops for support groups
- Provide Training and events that proactively advocate for proclamations to establish “Beyond Limitations” Week (disability awareness) as an annual national event among all POPPE island nations in addition to other essential “Individuals with Disability” related legislation.

The organizational make up of each parent center may be as individual as the families and communities they serve.

The network of POPPE Parent and Information Centers goals are to:

- Create a communication infrastructure for parent centers that serve families of children and youth with disabilities across the Pacific Basin;
- Connect each parent center to the Internet and enable the centers to communicate through e-mail.;
- Share a database where parent centers can obtain and offer input on resource materials;
- Help individual parent centers set up their own Web sites;
- Conduct regional meetings;
- Designate one parent center as a “Center of Expertise” to offer other parent centers high-quality information and advice on challenging issues…probably Pohnpei State PTI;
- Publish and distribute standardized curricula and other materials addressing cultural diversity;
- Translate English language IDEA curriculum and positive behavioral intervention materials; as well as other materials into the six (6) primary languages spoken in the participating jurisdictions;
- Collect data from all parent centers to measure their effectiveness;
- Form relationships with local, national and international experts on business and media to further the effectiveness of the parent centers (C/PRC and PTI);
- Collaborate with other agencies and organizations funded by US Department of Education’s Office of Special Education Programs and other service providers to share information and develop materials that serve families of children with disabilities;
- Initiate activities among parent centers (C/PRC & PTI) and stakeholders on issues of systems change and school reform;
- Research, develop and offer courses, activities and events on self-advocacy.

Adapted from the report of the Technical Assistance Alliance for Parent Centers 2002
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