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**NATIONAL REPORT ON PARENTAL INFORMATION AND RESOURCE CENTERS  
HIGHLIGHTS EDVANTIA'S WEST VIRGINIA CENTER**

November 1, 2010 – The National Coalition of Parental Information and Resource Centers (NCPIRC) recently published a data book on their national outcomes. The book, *Great Families Mean Great Schools: PIRC Outcome Data 2008-2009*, details the impact state PIRCs have had on parents and school-family relationships and features the achievements of notable PIRCs throughout the country. One of those centers featured is Edvantia's West Virginia Parent Connections (WVPC).

WVPC is noted both as the state's "definitive expert on parent and family involvement," as well as a "vital conduit of communication" for the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE). WVPC works with WVDE on policy matters, with schools to implement state and federal initiatives, and with parents to provide information and encourage participation. "We focus our work on assisting districts with building the bridge between parents and schools, and collaborating with the WVDE to bring parental involvement to the forefront," says Anita Deck, Program Director of WVPC, "we believe these strong partnerships are essential to student academic achievement and are pleased to have a role in that work."

The NCPIRC data book provides statistics gathered from approximately 1,050 parents and 615 educators on topics such as the ability of PIRCs to help families engage in their child's education, and how PIRCs helped educators learn strategies for working with families.

For more information about the West Virginia Parent Connections at Edvantia, or to download a copy of the NCPIRC data book, please visit [www.wvparentconnections.org](http://www.wvparentconnections.org) or call 800-624-9120 ext. 5478.

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