

Other Activities

Policy Development:

ECAC has a national reputation in the area of legislative and policy development and ECAC staff members are often requested to work with policy makers at both the state and national level on issues concerning families and children with disabilities.

Community Awareness:

ECAC promotes positive awareness of children's issues through disability awareness programs, speakers bureau, publishing articles and presenting in the media and press. ECAC also gives a scholarship award each year to the outstanding NC high school student with a disability.

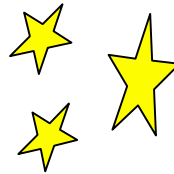


ECAC provides a variety of services to professionals.

Professionals - including teachers, physicians, and lawyers - receive our newsletter and access our Lending Library.

We offer trainings on working with families, special education and legal issues, and a variety of other topics related to family participation and leadership.

"You have been a lifeline for me and I'm a public school teacher!"



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Committed to improving the lives and education of ALL children!



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For more information:

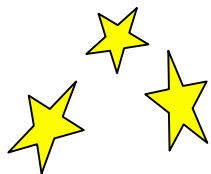
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Parent Info Line
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ECAC Mission

The Exceptional Children's Assistance Center is a private non-profit organization committed to improving the lives and education of ALL children through a special emphasis on children with disabilities.

ECAC affirms the right of all individuals, from all backgrounds and cultures, with or without disabilities, to an appropriate education and other needed services.

We seek to make that right a reality by providing information, education, outreach, and support to and for families with children across the state of *North Carolina*.



About our organization ...

Since 1980, the Exceptional Children's Assistance Center (ECAC) has grown from an all-volunteer parent organization to a full service parent training, information and resource center for families of children with and without disabilities. ECAC has diverse and talented staff including 27 (70%) parents of children with disabilities in offices across North Carolina - Davidson (main office), Raleigh, Asheville, Greensboro and Wilmington.

"The lending library helps educate me without breaking my piggy bank. As a better informed parent, I am a better advocate for my child"

All services are provided at no cost to families!

- Individual assistance with educational issues
- Workshops on a variety of topics
- Toll free **Parent Info Line**
- Lending libraries
- Information packets
- Newsletters
- Parent to Parent Support
- Information and assistance to parent groups *and much more!*

Our key programs include:

Parent Training and Information Center (PTI) -



Since 1983, ECAC has served as the state-wide Parent Training & Information Center (PTI) for North Carolina and provides a variety of no-cost services to help parents and families with children with disabilities, including to:

- Take an active role in decision making and planning for their child's education;
- Communicate effectively with their child's teachers and other professionals, and to
- Learn about the laws, programs, services and resources available to help their child

NC PIRC – Parent Information and Resource Center: Parent Partners

In 1995, ECAC began a new program to develop a center for families of "typical" children. Our Parent Partners program help families to:

- Communicate more effectively with teachers, and other professionals, and to
- Become effective partners with teachers.

Parent Partners provides a special emphasis on urban areas, families from minority communities, training of educators, and assistance to NC's lowest performing schools.

NC Family to Family Health Information Center (NC F2F)

In 2004, ECAC began its newest program designed to provide information and support to families with children with special healthcare needs. Activities of the NC F2F include:

- Providing education and training to organizations currently serving families with children who have special health care needs;
- Developing and disseminating health care and Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) information; and
- Promoting the philosophy of individual and family directed supports.