

# Exceptional Children Information for Parents

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## High School Summer Camp Opportunity

Cooperative Leadership Camp is a five-day overnight camp program put on by the Cooperative Council of North Carolina. (This year's camp will be June 21-25, 2021). Teens from rural parts of the state are sponsored to attend for free by their local cooperative. Up to 70 teens can be taken for the program for optimal success. The program is an experiential learning process where the teens build a worker/owner tee-shirt cooperative, elect a board, hire a general manager, design, and produce tee-shirts. They learn about the leadership, governance, and the seven cooperative business principles during the entire process. The teams put together the seven Principles Infomercials to perform, have a leadership awards banquet night, and learn what it means to be a part of the greater good that cooperatives offer. The week also contains workshops from other cooperative industries including the agriculture sector, credit unions, retail, and utilities. The objectives are to educate, connect and promote the cooperative way of doing business, and provide a fun learning experience for the teens that are selected to attend. For more information about the camp experience and the application to apply, please visit their website page, [Cooperative Leadership Camp](#).

The Cooperative Council of NC (CCNC) is an association of cooperatives in North Carolina founded in 1935. CCNC's mission is to promote, educate, and connect cooperatives across several different channels in our state. The Council hosts a camp each year; this year will either be virtual or in person, depending on our state and CDC's gathering recommendations. For more information about the association, please visit their [website](#) (ccnc.coop).

## Family Support Program at the UNC-School of Social Work Summer Camps

Every year in late February or early March, the Family Support Program at the UNC at Chapel Hill School of Social Work put together a directory of summer camps. While the 2021 Directory has not been posted yet, please check out the [website](#) to see last year's camp directory to help prepare for this year.

Check out previous newsletters for other resources.  
<https://ec.ncpublicschools.gov/parent-resources/parent-listserv-communications>

## Important Links

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [U.S. Department of Education](#)
- [N.C. Department of Health & Human Services](#)
  - [Strong Schools NC Public Health Toolkit \(K-12\)](#)
- [N.C. Department of Public Instruction](#)
  - [Lighting Our Way Forward \(Summary\)](#)
- [No Kid Hungry](#)
- [NCDPI-COVID-19 Responses & Resources](#)

## Upcoming Events

February 2: [Groundhog Day](#)  
February 3: [World Read Aloud Day](#)  
February 8: [International Epilepsy Day](#)  
February 17: [National Random Acts of Kindness Day](#) (monthly calendars available)  
February 19-21: [Mini Camp at Camp Royall](#)  
February 26: [Tell a Fairy Tale Day](#)  
February 26-27: [NC Council for Exceptional Children Conference](#) (virtual)  
February: [Share & Care Virtual Event](#)

## Stakeholders Needed

The Path-4CNC (Children's Complex Care Coalition of NC) is seeking stakeholders who are involved with children with *complex medical needs*. The goal is to gather perspectives and recommendations to create a plan to address the gaps and needs of this population. Two of the target areas for discussion are:  
1- Training for school staff to provide high-quality services  
2- Increasing funds for schools to provide co-located services.

If you would like more information or would like to participate, please contact Christy Moore, [cmoore@ecacmail.org](mailto:cmoore@ecacmail.org).

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