

# Exceptional Children Information for Parents



**EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN**  
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## Exceptional Children Division's Website

A few months ago, the EC Division's new website went live. While this is exciting, it can be challenging as everything looks different and is housed in a new place. The information provided below is to orient users to the location of frequently used resources.

- [Homepage](#)
  - EC Staff Information
  - Hot Topics
  - District-level EC Director Information
- [Office of Early Learning](#)
  - Early Literacy – Science of Reading
  - Kindergarten – Let's Get Ready Guide
  - Preschool
- [Every Child Accountability & Tracking System \(ECATS\)](#)
  - MTSS
  - District Annual Performance Reports
- [Federal Regulations and State Policies](#)
  - *NC Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities – Revised March 2021*
  - Links to federal policies – IDEA, FERPA
  - Project Child Find
  - Special Education forms
- [Parent Resources](#)
  - Archived Parent Newsletters
  - Information Documents for Families
  - *Parent Rights and Responsibilities in Special Education*
  - The Council on Education Services for Exceptional Children
  - Links to online national and statewide resources
- [Resources for Unique Needs](#)
  - Resources specific to disability area
  - Related Service Information
  - NC Innovations Waiver (Medicaid home & community-based services)

## 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

- Arc of the Triangle [Events](#)
- Autism Society [Workshops](#)
- Autism Speaks [Information Topics](#)
- CADRE [Parent Resources](#)
- ECAC [Events](#) & [Recorded Webinars](#)
- National Alliance on Mental Illness [Courses](#)
- NC Down Syndrome Alliance [Events](#)
- Special Olympics NC [Events](#)

## Impact Early Childhood Education Summit

- June 18, 2022, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM at UNC Charlotte
- Free event for early childhood professionals, parents, and caregivers aimed at celebrating and supporting those who are helping children, birth through third grade, to grow strong roots for a healthy foundation. See [registration link](#) for more information.

You can find previous newsletters in the Parent Newsletter google folder at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/ECParentNewsletters>

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