

Exceptional Children Information for Parents



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Parent to Parent Family Support Network of the High Country along with LAND (Leadership Alliance for Neurodevelopmental Disabilities), NCCDD (NC Council on Developmental Disabilities) and Meet the Needs NC want to meet and hear from individuals with I/DD, their families, and caregivers to learn about unmet services and support needs. The group is hosting two regional events that will bring together community partners, agency leaders, and policymakers to hear your story, share resources, and provide education on how you can advocate, educate, and inform key decision-makers on the importance of listening to the voices of those with I/DD-lived experience.

We need the word spread far and wide to get people with I/DD to attend along with their families and/or caregivers. We want to have as many attendees as possible; this is a great opportunity for them to tell their stories, good or bad, to policymakers and have them hear from the ones who have lived the experience. These two events are the start of what will hopefully grow to great things happening across NC to support people with I/DD and their families/caregivers.

Please [register](#) to attend either in person or virtual.

Thank you - Kaaren Hayes, Teresa Emory, Norma Bouchard & Diane Coffey

Timothy B. and Jane A. Burnett Seminar

The Burnett Seminar serves parents of teens and young adults with ADHD/LD, as well teachers, and other professionals who work with them, and other people who are interested in learning differences. This year's theme is *We're Not Broken – Changing the Autism Conversation: A Conversation about Academic Success*. The seminar features Eric Garcia '14, a journalist covering politics in Washington, D.C. He uses his life experience as an autistic person as a springboard to discuss what many autistic people have been saying for years: autism is a part of their identify; they don't need to be fixed.

[Learn more and register](#) for this free virtual or in-person seminar.

Important Links

- [Office of Special Education Programs](#) (U.S. Dept. of Ed.)
- [N.C. Department of Public Instruction](#)
- [Office of Exceptional Children](#) (NC)
- [No Kid Hungry](#)

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](#)

Focus on Family & Disability Seminar Series

This series is a forum to educate diverse audiences about current issues, policies, research and evidence-based approaches in health, education, and disability to improve outcomes for children with disabilities and their families. Target audiences include graduate students, faculty, service providers, community stakeholders, and family members. More information and registration can be [found here](#).

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