

Exceptional Children Information for Parents



EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
NC Department of Public Instruction

November 9, 2022

Family Engagement Month

November is family engagement month and the Exceptional Children's Assistance Center has put together many great activities for families.

- **2022 Family Engagement Month Activity Calendars.** These calendars include resources and activities for families of Young Children ([English/Spanish](#)), Elementary ([English/Spanish](#)) and Middle/High ([English/Spanish](#)) School students.
- **2022 School Activity Calendar.** This [calendar](#) for teachers includes activities that welcome families and encourage their partnerships with schools and communities.
- **"Tell Us Something GOOD" AWARD.** Families who have children enrolled in NC public schools are invited to nominate their child's school for the "Tell Us Something Good" award. The winning school will receive \$1000.00 to support family engagement and the parent that submitted the winning entry will receive a \$200 Gift Card. [Read more...](#)
- **"Tool Time" Tuesday:** This is a 30-minute webinar segment featuring timely topics and resources for families. [For more information...](#)
- **Telling Your Story Webinar.** This training is for families of children birth - 5 years old who are interested in sharing their story. "Telling Your Story" is an interactive training and will explore the most effective ways to share their unique story to make a difference. Space is limited. Families can [Register Now!](#)
- **"Unseen".** ECAC and the North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities ([NCDDC](#)) invites you to join families and communities across the state in viewing the documentary "Unseen" on November 17th from 11:00 am – 1 pm. The demands of daily life can negatively affect the mental and physical wellbeing of parent caregivers. Following the documentary there will be a panel discussion featuring families, providers, and policy makers as they explore what can be done to meet the needs of families and caregivers across the state. Watch the [trailer](#), and [REGISTER NOW!](#)

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](#)

Do you have an upcoming event you'd like to share with the community? Please email with information.

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

Contact: Alexis Utz, Parent Liaison
Office of Exceptional Children, NC DPI
Email: alexis.utz@dpi.nc.gov

