



North Carolina Parent Information and Resource Center Parent Partners E-PIC

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Welcome to the 1st Parent Partners E-PIC, our new electronic bulletin with quick facts and information concerning No Child Left Behind. Each month we will pick a topic and address how NCLB relates to parent involvement in a one page, easy to read format. We hope that you will share information with school staff, parents and other educators.

Let us tell you a little about our organization. Since 1995, Parent Partners has been federally funded by the US Department of Education as NC's Parent Information and Resource Center. We are a project of the Exceptional Children's Assistance Center, a non profit parent organization committed to improving the lives and education of *all* children. While most of ECAC's projects have a special emphasis on serving parents of children with disabilities, Parent Partners reaches out to serve families of children receiving Title 1 services. A priority is given to services for families whose children are in Title 1 schools "in improvement."

Each Parent Partners E-PIC will feature something we have "picked" to share such as a new fact sheet, current research, a teaching strategy, a training opportunity or an effective parent involvement activity. People interested in receiving E-PICS can sign up at workshops or conferences, by telephone, email or through our website.

For your information, here are some services and resources that we currently offer:

- Individual assistance to parents and educators
- Toll-free information line on a variety of topics at 1-800-962-6817
- New *No Child Left Behind Quick Facts* CD
- Reading Activity Packet for Elementary School Students
- Reading Activity Packet for Middle School Students
- Empower Newsletter
- Lending Library
- Website information at www.ecac-parentcenter.org
- Hispanic Tool Kits
- Parent Education/School Personnel Workshops on a variety of topics, such as:
 - No Child Left Behind
 - Helping Your Child Become a Good Reader
 - Effective School Partnerships
 - Involving Dads
 - Parent Involvement in Middle and High School Years
 - Understanding School Report Cards
 - Understanding School Choice
 - Understanding School Improvement

All of our resources and services are provided free of charge and are available to you by calling 704-892-1321 or our toll-free number 1-800-962-6817. You may also email us at parentpartners@ecacmail.org. We look forward to hearing from you soon!