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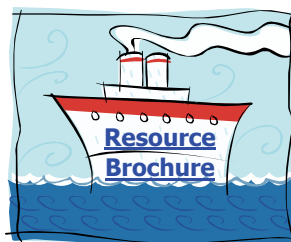
Welcome from the NC Family to Family Health Information Center (HIC)!

This monthly electronic newsletter is designed to provide parents with links, resources, information and activities of particular interest to the issues of children with special health care needs.

To be added or removed from "The Beacon" mailing list please email us at: hic@ecacmail.org

Your ship has come in!

A wealth of knowledge is at your fingertips. Click on the links below for our resource materials brochure, revised support group list, and **NEW** best practice bulletin.



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Internet Links



1. The Maternal and Child Health Library - [Autism Resources](#)
2. Center for Medical Home Improvement - [Medical Home](#)
3. Resources for Grandparents as caregivers:
 - AARP - [Caring for your Grandchild](#)
 - Families Together, Inc - [Resources for Grandparents Including those raising Grandchildren with disabilities](#)
 - Grandparents Raising Grandchildren - [Current news links for NC](#)
 - Pacer Center - [Grandparent to Grandparent Program](#)
 - For Grandparents parenting children - [GrandsPlace](#)
4. Prescription Assistance Programs:
 - [RxAssist](#)
 - [Pfizer Helpful Answers](#)
 - [Partnership for Prescription Assistance](#)
 - National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) - [Patient prescription drug assistance program](#)
 - [RxHope](#)
5. Great Outdoors Month:
 - [Presidential Proclamation](#)
 - [Fee FREE weekends in your National Parks](#)
6. NC Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services:
 - [Communication Bulletins](#)
 - [Local Management Entities](#)
7. NC Department of Health and Human Services
 - [Consumer Directed Supports](#)
 - NC Oral Health Section - [Safety Net Dental Clinics in NC](#)
8. Exceptional Parent Magazine FREE June edition - [EP Magazine](#)
9. Transition - [The Youthhood](#)

Congratulations 2009 Graduates!

10. Autism Society of America - [Preparing to Experience College Living](#)
11. [ThinkCollege.net](#)



FALL WORKSHOP SERIES

We are currently scheduling workshops across the state and would love to speak with your group! We offer workshops on a variety of subject matters related to health care information including:

- Private Health Insurance
- Prescription Assistance Programs
- Medical Home
- Record Keeping with a Care Notebook
- Navigating the Mental Health System
- Navigating and Negotiating Developmental Disabilities Systems
- Health Consumer Rights and Related Laws
- Public Health Programs 1
 - ◊ Medicaid, Community Alternatives Programs (CAP), Early, Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) and much more!
- Public Health Programs 2
 - ◊ Title V, NC Health Choice, Public Health Programs, Low Cost/Free Clinics and much more!
- Transitioning from Pediatric to Adult Health Care
- How to be an Effective Health Care Advocate

If you are interested in scheduling a workshop for your support group please contact us at (800) 962-6817 ext. 35. There is no charge for this service and all materials are provided!





Visit us online!

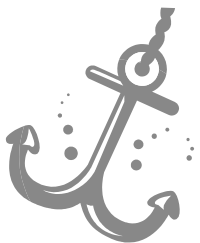
www.ecac-parentcenter.org

Lending Library

The NC Family to Family Health Information Center is adding health and disability specific books to the lending library at The Exceptional Children's Assistance Center. Our library has over 2,000 books which are available to NC parents at no charge. To borrow a book or other library item, please call Shandra Umazar, ECAC's librarian at **(800) 962-6817 ext. 13**.

Health Related Books Added This Month:

- ◇ *Medical Care for the Uninsured* by Mark L. Friedman, M.D., F.A.C.E.P., F.A.C.P and Donna Raskin
- ◇ *The Official Parent's Sourcebook on Schizencephaly* by James N. Parker, M.D., and Philip M. Parker, PhD.



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