



2023

November is Family Engagement Month

Join the Team..... Family Engagement is Everybody's BUSINESS!

Family Engagement is a shared responsibility between families, school and the community. The business community plays a vital role. Engaging the business community in supporting families not only benefits schools and families but the business community. Better educated children make for a stronger workforce later down the road.

The Exceptional Children's Assistance Center (ECAC) invites you to join us in celebrating the important role families play in their child's education. As research tells us families' involvement in their children's education stands out as one of the greatest predictors of health, development, well-being and academic outcomes. Working families' struggle with juggling work and participating in school activities. Working parents also cite flexible work schedules as a major factor in job retention.

Below are ideas that you can begin implementing right away:

1. Share the link Family Engagement Month link <https://www.ecac-parentcenter.org/family-engagement-month-2023> with employees. This link hosts the family engagement month activity calendars, events and additional resources.
2. Create a virtual workplace hub where families can access information and connect to resources. Organizations like ECAC can provide at no cost electronic resources that families can access from a workplace Website or Facebook page.
3. Invite ECAC or other community organizations to hold free lunch and learn webinars for employees on parenting and educational issues. This can help to create a community for working families to learn and connect with each other.
4. Provide unpaid or paid leave to families attending school meetings.

*If you are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees;
if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people.*

– Chinese Proverb

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About the Exceptional Children's Assistance Center (ECAC). ECAC is a private nonprofit parent organization committed to improving the lives and education of ALL children, through a special emphasis on children with disabilities and special healthcare needs. This project helps families /caregivers navigate the special education system and provide families with the information and tools parents need to be an informed and active participant in their child's education! For addition information go to our website at www.ecac-parentcenter.org. Or contact Beverly Roberts, Family Engagement Manager at Broberts@ecacmail.org.