



## Current Opportunities in North Carolina to Tell Your Story, Use Your Voice and/or Participate in Leadership Activities:

**Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC) Meetings** - Local Interagency Coordinating Councils (LICC) are community-based advisory groups. Each county should have a LICC. Local service providers and parents work together to make sure that all families know about early intervention services. To find your LICC, Contact NC ICC Coordinator at 919-707-5528 for more information.

<https://bearly.nc.gov/index.php/icc/licc>

**NC Interagency Coordinating Council** – The Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) brings policy makers, service providers, and parents together. It serves young children with disabilities and developmental delays, and their families. Its members work to ensure that the supports and services offered to families are in line with their needs. The ICC meets quarterly in Raleigh. **These meetings are currently being held virtually.** Contact NC ICC Coordinator at 919-707-5528 for more information.

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**North Carolina Infant Toddler Program** invites all families currently receiving or recently exited from early intervention services to share their story. They may even feature your story on their website, with permission of course. You can email them at [bearlync@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:bearlync@dhhs.nc.gov) or click on this graphic → at the bottom of their website.

<https://bearly.nc.gov/>



**North Carolina Department of Public Instruction Council on Educational Services for Exceptional Children** - The Council on Educational Services for Exceptional Children (Council) is established as an Advisory Council to the State Board of Education. "Public comments are an essential and necessary part of CESEC fulfilling its role to advise the State Board of Education with respect to the unmet needs of children with special needs in the state of North Carolina. Stakeholders are encouraged to submit written comments at any time or attend the CESEC's quarterly meetings and register for public comment. Thirty minutes will be reserved on the CESEC agenda for public input at each meeting. All written comments must be received by at [CESEC@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:CESEC@dpi.nc.gov) or Danyelle Sanders, Exceptional Children Division, 6356 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-6356 by 4 pm, 10 business days prior to the quarterly CESEC meeting. Any comments submitted after that time will be read and/or distributed at a later date."

<https://ec.ncpublicschools.gov/advisory-council/public-comment>

**North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities** – NCCDD always welcomes the public's voice. NCCDD looks for feedback from the community and people they serve. They host important listening sessions across the State that encourage people to voice their opinions on disability issues that affect them the most.

<https://nccdd.org/public-policy/take-action-now.html>

**North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities Inclusive Leadership Training**– The Leadership Development Training for People with Intellectual and Other Developmental Disabilities (I/DD), Parents, Professionals and Other Stakeholders initiative creates an opportunity for Disability Rights North Carolina and the Center for Creative Leadership (CCL) to partner with NC stakeholders on the design and implementation of an innovative and unique leadership development program for people with I/DD, family members and guardians, professionals, and other stakeholders to support advocacy for systems change in North Carolina.

<https://nccdd.org/initiatives/current-initiatives-2017/43-initiatives/725-inclusive-leadership-development-training.html>

**Access Family Support Health Information Center** – *My Child* is a monthly newsletter offering information and resources. It is published through the Access Family Support Health Information Center. The health information center is a collaboration between Family Support Network™ of the Greater Triangle, an affiliate of Family Support Network™ of North Carolina, and Family Resource Center South Atlantic Family to Family Health Information Center. *My Child* is currently seeking parents of children/youth with special health needs to share their stories of challenges, tears, and triumphs. Please send all inquiries to [hic@frcsa.org](mailto:hic@frcsa.org). Put “Health Information Center” as the subject line.

<https://f2fsupport.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/November-2020-My-Child-Newsletter.pdf>

**Disability Rights NC** – Disability Rights NC believes that words have power. Words can challenge assumptions, and raise awareness. Words can give hope to others. “We know that many disability-related issues have become magnified by the COVID-19 pandemic. We want to raise awareness of these issues from the perspective of the disability community. What has your experience of COVID-19 been like? How have things like social distancing and changes (or lack of changes) to policies in hospitals and facilities impacted you? What do you want others in your community to know? This series will explore issues raised by COVID-19. We want to hear from people with disabilities, their family members, or caregivers.”

<https://disabilityrightsn.org/take-action/share-your-story>

**ECAC Opportunities** – Are you interested in submitting your story, or a guest blog or awareness article for our newsletter, website or facebook? Please submit your request to: [acombs@ecacmail.org](mailto:acombs@ecacmail.org)



Are you interested in participating in a Focus Group, Family Advisory Board or Parent Panel? Please submit your letter of interest to: [kmontague@ecacmail.org](mailto:kmontague@ecacmail.org)

**1-800-962-6817**

[www.ecac-parentcenter.org](http://www.ecac-parentcenter.org)

Are you interested in serving on the ECAC Board? Please submit your request to: [lweber@ecacmail.org](mailto:lweber@ecacmail.org)

## National Opportunity:

**Division for Early Childhood** - The DEC Family Committee functions as a necessary and significant arm of the DEC Executive Office formed to highlight and promote family engagement within the organization, field, and practice. The Committee is looking for an Early Intervention provider, parents of children with disabilities and/or delays (under 9) currently receiving Early Childhood services as well as parents whose children with disabilities is no longer receiving Early Childhood services.

<https://www.dec-sped.org/single-post/call-for-dec-family-committee-members>

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