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Media Press Release
NOVEMBER IS FAMILY ENGAGEMENT MONTH

The Exceptional Children's Assistance Center ([ECAC](https://www.ecac-parentcenter.org)), invites you to join us in celebrating Family Engagement Month by getting the word out! This is an opportunity to highlight and remind ourselves of the important role families play in the education and well-being of their children throughout the year. 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.

Family Engagement is a shared responsibility between families, schools and the community. ECAC along with a collaborative group of partners, will be facilitating activities during Family Engagement Month to support family, school and community engagement. We welcome you to share these activities and resources with your audience! Visit the ECAC Family Engagement Month webpage at: <https://www.ecac-parentcenter.org/family-engagement-month-2021/> for details and to download resources.

- **Family Engagement Month Activity Calendars.** Calendars include resources and activities for families of young children, Elementary and Middle/High school students.
- **School Activity Calendars.** This calendar for teachers includes activities that welcome families to connect with the school and community
- **Family Engagement: It's Everybody's Business Factsheet.** Business communities play a vital role in education. Better educated children make for a stronger workforce. This business fact sheet offers tips to boost employee morale, retention and support working family's involvement in their children's education.
- **"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. Share an experience with their child's teacher / school that shows a welcoming attitude and enthusiasm in working with families to create a positive experience for students with disabilities and their families.
- **Virtual "Pass the Mic" Parent Panel on November 18th @ 6pm (National Parent Involvement Day)**: This first guest is Sherry Thomas, NCDPI Director, Exceptional Children Division followed by the Parent Panel. The panel will talk about Family Engagement, the role of parents and their experiences of parenting a child with disabilities.

HELP US TELL THE STORY!

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*