

FEBRUARY is NATIONAL PARENT (FAMILY) LEADERSHIP Month!

Early Childhood Discovering Leadership

ACTIVITY
CALENDAR

2022 february

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

“Children are the **priority**. Change is the **reality**. Collaboration is the **strategy**.”

– Judith Billings

Explore the early childhood family leadership calendar at today's [Tool Time Facebook Live](#) and hear examples of what other families have done to advocate!

ECAC's Parents as Leaders: Telling Your Story virtual training for Early Intervention Families is February 24th. [Click now](#) for more information.

Take this 5 minute survey [“Discovering Leadership.”](#) It will help identify leadership skills in your everyday experiences and any additional skills you would like to develop.

Pay a Compliment Day

Take the lead today in [helping someone feel special](#).

Take Your child to Library Day
Watch the PBS series [Xavier and the Secret Museum](#) with your child and together check the book series out from the library.

Anyone, anywhere, can make a **positive** difference.

– Mark Sanborn

Tips for Families:
Everyday Leadership Skills

Family leadership begins at home. [Create a family mission](#).

Here are some tips that may be helpful for emerging family leaders. [Tips for Emerging Leaders](#)

We all deserve to be acknowledged, appreciated and celebrated.
[12 Ways to Celebrate You](#)

Questions to ask when considering joining an advisory committee or board.

To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your **heart**.

– Eleanor Roosevelt

“Behind every young child who believes in himself is a parent who **believed first**.”

– Matthew Jacobson



Your story has power and can influence decisions. Set aside time to explore [what parents can do](#).

Identify someone who [inspires](#) you and list the reasons why.

Leadership can feel scary. Think of one step you can take today towards sharing your story. It could be as simple as asking a question or sending an email.

Look up your [local interagency coordinating council](#) (LICC) and attend the next meeting. See what projects may be going on in your area for families.

Alone we can do so little; **together** we can do so much.

– Helen Keller

“Leadership is not about titles, positions, or flow charts. It is about **one** life influencing another.”

– John C. Maxwell

PRESIDENT'S DAY

Leadership Fun for children. Practice leadership skills with your children. Give them the choice between two outfits or two games to play!

Learn more about [leadership opportunities](#) for families in NC.

ECAC's Parents as Leaders: Telling Your Story for Early Intervention Families is Today. If you were unable to register for this session. View the [ECAC calendar](#) for other upcoming webinars and events.

Listening is an important communication skill in developing leadership.

Someone is sitting in the shade today **because** someone planted a tree a long time ago.

– Warren Buffett

“I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people **never** forget how you make them feel.”

– Maya Angelou

As a parent led organization ECAC has a rich history, read about [our mission and ECAC's beginnings](#). View [ECAC's website](#) and watch our video [“Discovering Leadership”](#) to learn more about how we support families.



Communities are strengthened when the voice of the family is valued. Positive social change results when voices of families are represented in policy making discussions and decision making within the local, state, and federal systems.

In your role as a parent, you are an advocate and leader in the everyday life of your family. Your experiences and your knowledge as a family member is invaluable when educational decisions are being made. Parent Leadership Month is an opportunity to honor and celebrate the role of the parent leader whether at home, at school, in the community or at the local, state, and national level.