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

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| “Behind every young child who believes in himself is a parent who **believed first**.”  
– Matthew Jacobson | **Tips for Families:** Everyday Leadership Skills | **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** | Pay a Compliment Day | **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. |
| **Leadership is not about titles, positions, or flow charts. It is about one life influencing another.”**  
– John C. Maxwell | **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.** | **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 | **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 | **Why is family leadership necessary?**  
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.** |

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