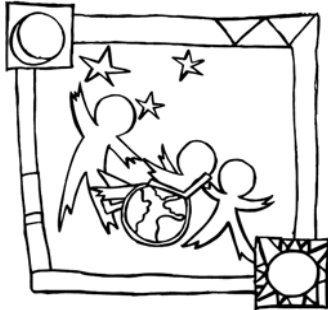


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ecac, NC's Statewide Parent Training and Information Center (PTI) provides all services to parents and families *at no charge!*

- ▶ Parent Info Line Answered by Parents
- ▶ Individual Assistance with Educational Issues
- ▶ Parent Education Workshops
- ▶ Information and Referral
- ▶ Newsletter
- ▶ IEP Partners
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IEP Partners Program



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ECAC's IEP Partners Program provides local, knowledgeable volunteers to assist parents and families during the IEP Process (Individualized Education Program).



ECAC IEP Partners help parents to become more effective advocates for their child!

IEP Partners do not speak for parents.

ECAC IEP PARTNERS - QUICK FACTS

ECAC trains and supports volunteers to help parents and families prepare for IEP meetings and also to attend IEP Meetings with parents when possible. Our goal is to have IEP Partners throughout North Carolina.

ECAC is a highly respected Parent Training and Information Center (PTI), with funding from the US Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, and maintains a reputation for providing accurate information and positive support to North Carolina families and educators. ECAC promotes the importance of parents and schools building collaborative relationships.

An ECAC IEP Partner:

- is a volunteer;
- provides knowledgeable support to the parents or family members;
- is knowledgeable about the special education processes and regulations; and
- works to help build positive relationships.

An ECAC IEP Partner is NOT

- a legal advocate;
- an expert;
- acting as a lawyer, and is
- not the parent!

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How can I become an ECAC IEP Partner?

IEP Partners must complete our free comprehensive training program. Trainings are held throughout North Carolina, and offered via online webinars and conference calls.

What is included in the training?

- Special Education Laws and regulations
- Components of the IEP
- Preparing for the IEP Meeting
- Effective communication and problem solving skills
- Record keeping
- Dispute resolution and more!