

RESOURCES FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

(Compiled by EDIS Program, Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune)

ARC of North Carolina - <http://www.arcnc.org>

Assistive Technology Information

- www.check-it-out.org - N.C. assistive technology information with links

Autism Society of North Carolina

- information, publications, support groups for parents of children with autism spectrum disorders; summer camp information
- phone 800 442-2762; website <http://www.autismsociety-nc.org>

Autism Society of NC – Onslow County Chapter

- meets 3rd Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m @ Onslow Memorial Hospital, Education Bldg., Jacksonville
- contact: Lynn Kudlacz at (816) 289-1268 or LynnKudlacz@yahoo.com

BEGINNINGS for Parents of Children Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, Inc.

- provides parent education, support, and resource information to parents of children who are deaf or hard of hearing – no cost
- call 800 541 HEAR; website <http://www.ncbegin.com>

Children's Developmental Services Agency

- provides multidisciplinary developmental evaluations and developmental services for children birth through 36 months who do not live in base housing; no cost to families for most evaluations
- regional center is: Children's Developmental Services Agency 2842 Neuse Blvd., New Bern, NC 28562
- phone toll free 866 KIDS N NC

Educational & Developmental Intervention Services (EDIS)

- provides multidisciplinary developmental evaluations and developmental services for children birth through 36 months who live in base housing; no cost to families for evaluations or services
- mailing address: Naval Hospital Attn: EDIS, 100 Brewster Blvd., Camp Lejeune, NC 28547-2538
- location: Berkeley Manor Medical Annex, 5400 Florida Ave., Camp Lejeune

Exceptional Children's Assistance Center

- parent training center for the state of NC
- provides parent manual for special education rights, information on specific diagnoses, free library by mail, workshops, and individual consultation about children's educational rights – a free service
- phone 1-800-962-6817 (Davidson, NC office); website <http://www.ecac-parentcenter.org>

Exceptional Family Member Program

- military family members with special medical or educational needs should be enrolled to assist the military services in assigning appropriate duty stations, per USMC order and Navy Instruction
- Camp Lejeune contact s: Exceptional Family Member Program Marine Corps Family Team Building, Brewster Blvd., Bldg. 40, MCB Camp Lejeune, 910 451-0176
- MCAS New River members should contact Family Service Center, MCAS New River, 910 449-5247
- Sponsors Camp Special Time, a free overnight respite care program held several times per year for children enrolled in EFMP
- Camp Lejeune EFMP sponsors the Military Committee for Persons with Disabilities, a volunteer group which seeks to improve facilities & services for persons with disabilities
- EFMP web site www.mccslejeune.com (click on main menu, then EFMP) lists many upcoming recreational, educational, & support group activities in its newsletter
- Children in EFMP are eligible to receive up to 40 hours per month of free respite care; contact Child Care Aware at 800 424 2246 or www.naccrra.org/MilitaryPrograms/EFMP

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Family Support Network

- central directory of resources, information and referral for North Carolina
- coordinates parent support groups locally and statewide; matches parents with other parents in similar circumstances
- printed information on specific health problems, diagnoses, and disabilities
- phone 1-800-TLC-0042 (state office); website <http://www.fsnnc.org>

Governor Morehead Preschool Program –

- home-based services for preschool-age children who have visual impairment
- call 919 733 0533

Military Homefront – www.MilitaryHomeFront.dod.mil - see Troops and Families, Special Needs section

Military One Source – www.MilitaryOneSource.com or 800 342 9647

- vast resources for military families, available 24/7

National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities (NICHCY)

- provides resource information and referrals via internet and phone, publications, conference information, information on organizations
- provides information on resources available in each state
- access NICHCY at www.NICHCY.org or at 1 800 695-0285

North Carolina Early Intervention Library

- large collection of print and video materials on early childhood and early intervention available for loan by mail
- phone (828) 432-5267; web site www.ncei-eclibrary.org

North Carolina Early Intervention Web Site – www.ncei.org – explains North Carolina’s early intervention program

PARENTSS (Positive Action for Recreational & Educational Needs of Today's Special Students)

- local parent support/advocacy/family recreation group meets once a month for parent education/support or family recreational activities;
- watch Jacksonville Daily News for meeting announcements

Respite Care Program – Onslow County Partnership for Children

- provides up to 40 hours per month of free respite care for military family members registered with EFMP
- services planned on a case-by-case basis
- contact person: Holly Ramsey, Family Liaison @ 910 938 0336

Special Education Alliance (SEAL)

- parent group meets to discuss families advocating for children’s educational needs & plan family activities 4th Thursday on alternate months at Onslow Memorial Hospital;
- contact: Wendy Boyd (910) 577-3969 or webo5k@hotmail.com

Specialized Training of Military Parents (STOMP)

- national parent training center for military families
- telephone consultation for parents regarding educational rights and information at 800-5-PARENT (no cost)
- web resources at www.stompproject.org
- listserv – send a blank email to STOMP-subscribe@topica.com
- will provide workshops for parent groups

TEACCH (Treatment and Education of Autistic and related Communication Handicapped Children)

- state funded evaluation, treatment, and research centers
- regional center is Wilmington TEACCH Center, 1320 South 16th St., Wilmington, NC 28401; phone 910 251-5700; web site <http://www.teacch.com> updated Sep 2008