



EARLY CONNECTIONS

Families and service providers serving as resources in early intervention and early childhood issues for North Carolina

Early Connections is a referral service linking callers to resources. North Carolinians needing resources can access a database of service providers and members of families with children who have special needs who are willing to be a resource regarding topics of early intervention and early childhood. Access Early Connections resources by calling Family Support Network of North Carolina at (800) 852-0042.

The following describes the types of resources in the database:

- ◆ **Presenters** will be referred to callers who are organizing a workshop or presentation in North Carolina.
- ◆ **Mentors** are service providers who have at least 4 years experience and are currently working with children birth to five with special needs. Mentors will be referred to service providers who are seeking 20 hours of one-on-one mentorship within a 12-month period. Mentors are reimbursed for their time through the NC Early Intervention Mentor Program.
- ◆ **Family Resources** are family members of children with special needs. Family resources who are willing to share their story will be referred to callers seeking parents of children with disabilities. Mentor Family Resources will be referred to service providers who are seeking informal discussion/observation to learn about early intervention services from the family perspective for up to 5 hours. Mentor Family Resources are reimbursed for their time through the NC Early Intervention Mentor Program.
- ◆ **Consultants/Panelists** will be referred to callers seeking a person who can provide expertise; who would like to network with parents or professionals with expertise on a particular topic; or who are organizing committees for local, regional, or state projects.

Screening of the resources referred and negotiation of payment for services are the responsibility of the caller requesting services.

For more information please go to www.fsnn.org or contact Laura Curtis, Education & Outreach Coordinator, (800) 852-0042 or (919) 966-0334 or laura_curtis@unc.edu

Please complete the attached application and return it to:

Family Support Network of North Carolina
CB 7340 UNC-CH
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7340
Attention: Laura Curtis



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Resource Application

Name: _____ Home: () _____

Agency: _____ Work: () _____

Work Address: _____ Fax: () _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____ TTY () _____

Home Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____ Web URL _____

How would you like to serve as a resource in NC? (Please check all that apply.)

- Presenter
 Mentor
 Family Resource
 Consultant/Panelist

For Family Members:

Are you a:

- person with a disability?
- parent of a child with special needs?
- family member of a child with special needs? (Other than a parent)

For Service Providers:

What is your current profession? _____

Applicable previous professions (if any): _____

What degrees have you received? _____

What licensure/certification do you have? _____

For Mentors:

What age group are you currently serving?
 Birth to 3 years old
 3 years old to 5 years old
 All Ages

How many years experience do you have serving children birth to five years old? _____

Would you be interested in mentoring a professional from another discipline?
 Yes
 No

If yes, would you please specify the discipline(s): _____

For all applicants:

Do you speak any language other than English?
 Yes _____

No

Please put a check by the topics that describe your areas of knowledge where you are willing to serve as a resource. Please add any specific knowledge you have if it is not listed. This information will be used to make referrals to callers.

- Topics Regarding: Age**
- Prenatal Infant Toddler Preschool Elementary School Age
 - Secondary School Age Family Any Age

- Topics Regarding: Children**
- Typical Child Development Mental Illness Autism Spectrum
 - Atypical Development Health Impairments Cerebral Palsy
 - / Developmental Delay Communication Disorders Prematurity
 - Learning Styles Learning Disabilities Alcohol / Drug Exposure
 - Self-esteem Hearing Impairments Down Syndrome
 - Special Needs (general) Visual Impairments Spina Bifida
 - Developmental Disabilities ADD / ADHD Traumatic Brain Injury
 - Physical Disabilities Other _____

- Topics Regarding: Assessment & Intervention**
- Preterm Baby Screening Inclusion Preschool Readiness
 - Play-based Assessments Adapting Activities Developmentally
 - Hearing & Vision screening Motor Development Appropriate Practices
 - Natural Environments Cognitive Development Program Assessment
 - (ECERS, ITRS)
 - Consultation Model Language Development Positive Behavioral Support
 - Transdisciplinary Model Sensory Integration Early Literacy / Numeracy
 - Teaching Strategies Feeding Health /Nutrition and Safety
 - Assistive Technology (specify areas _____)
 - Other _____

- Topics Regarding: Family**
- Family-centered Care Parenting Skills
 - Parent Involvement Parent-Child Relationship
 - Home Visiting Grief and Loss
 - Transition from NICU to Home Communication and Collaboration
 - Transition from Part C to Part B Individual Family Service Plan
 - Transition- Preschool to Kindergarten Individual Education Plan
 - Family Support Other _____

- Topics Regarding: Community & Professionalism**
- Community Resources Program Administration
 - Parent Leadership in Community Professional Ethics
 - Advocating for Children NC Infant-Toddler Program
 - Local Interagency Coordinating Council Exceptional Children's Program
 - Interagency Collaboration NC Child Care System
 - Team Building IDEA and Related Legislation
 - Stress Management Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
 - Conflict Resolution Appropriate Use of Interpreters
 - Cultural Diversity (specify areas _____)

What counties would you be willing to serve?

- All of North Carolina
- Alamance
- Alexander
- Alleghany
- Anson
- Ashe
- Avery
- Beaufort
- Bertie
- Bladen
- Brunswick
- Buncombe
- Burke
- Cabarrus
- Caldwell
- Camden
- Carteret
- Caswell
- Catawba
- Chatham
- Cherokee
- Chowan
- Clay
- Cleveland
- Columbus
- Craven
- Cumberland
- Currituck
- Dare
- Davidson
- Davie
- Duplin
- Durham
- Edgecombe
- Forsyth
- Franklin
- Gaston
- Gates
- Graham
- Granville
- Greene
- Guilford
- Halifax
- Harnett
- Haywood
- Henderson
- Hertford
- Hoke
- Hyde
- Iredell
- Jackson
- Johnston
- Jones
- Lee
- Lenoir
- Lincoln
- Macon
- Madison
- Martin
- McDowell
- Mecklenburg
- Mitchell
- Montgomery
- Moore
- Nash
- New Hanover
- Northampton
- Onslow
- Orange
- Pamlico
- Pasquotank
- Pender
- Perquimans
- Person
- Pitt
- Polk
- Randolph
- Richmond
- Robeson
- Rockingham
- Rowan
- Rutherford
- Sampson
- Scotland
- Stanly
- Stokes
- Surry
- Swain
- Transylvania
- Tyrell
- Union
- Vance
- Wake
- Warren
- Washington
- Watauga
- Wayne
- Wilkes
- Wilson
- Yadkin
- Yancey

Please share with us a brief summary of yourself (background, special interests, work settings, etc.) so that we may be able to share this with callers or mentees. Please continue on the back of this application if more space is needed.

I, _____, give permission to FSN-NC to maintain and release the above information as part of a database of educational assistance resources for NC's families and service providers.

Signature

Date

Please return application to: **Family Support Network-NC, CB 7340, UNC-CH, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7340**

Thank you!