

Exceptional Children Information for Parents

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National Center on Educational Outcomes

The [National Center on Educational Outcomes](#) (NCEO) focuses on the inclusion of students with disabilities, English learners, and English learners with disabilities in instruction and assessments. The scope of NCEO's work includes issues related to accessibility of assessments across the comprehensive assessment system including formative assessment practices, classroom-based assessments, diagnostic assessments, interim assessments, and summative assessments.

There are many great resources for parents involving children with disabilities related to accessibility and accommodations, graduation requirements, alternate assessments, and much more.

The TIES Center

The [TIES Center](#), which stands for Time, Instructional Effectiveness, Engagement, and State & District Support for Inclusive Practices, is the national technical assistance center on inclusive practices and policies. It works with states, districts, and schools to support the movement of students with disabilities from less inclusive to more inclusive environments. Parents, families, and siblings can find several resources to support inclusion of students with significant cognitive disabilities.

Recently, the NCEO and the TIES Center collaborated to publish two new parent videos to assist parents with supporting their children with significant cognitive disabilities at home. These are a part of a larger [Parent Resource Video series](#). The titles include:

1. [Helping your child by checking progress at home](#)
2. [Helping your child with writing at home](#)

Please visit both organizations' websites to discover more resources.

Important Links

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [U.S. Department of Education](#)
- [N.C. Department of Health & Human Services](#)
 - [Strong Schools NC Public Health Toolkit \(K-12\)](#)
- [N.C. Department of Public Instruction](#)
 - [Lighting Our Way Forward \(Summary\)](#)
- [No Kid Hungry](#)
- [NCDPI-COVID-19 Responses & Resources](#)

Upcoming Events

- Arc of the Triangle [Events](#)
- Autism Society [Workshops](#)
- Autism Speaks [Information Topics](#)
- CADRE [Parent Resources](#)
- ECAC [Events](#) & [Recorded Webinars](#)
- National Alliance on Mental Illness [Courses](#)
- NC Down Syndrome Alliance [Events](#)
- Special Olympics NC [Events](#)

Do you have an upcoming event you'd like to share with the community? Please email with information.

You can find previous newsletter in the Parent Newsletter google folder at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/ECParentNewsletters>

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