

## REGIONAL MEETINGS & SUPPORT *(not hosted by RAPC)*

### Mountain Child Care Connections

We can help you find quality childcare. Serving these western North Carolina Counties: Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Polk, Rutherford, Swain & Transylvania. Free and Confidential. We offer: individualized referrals and consultations; information on over 345 available programs in western NC; types of care available; smart tips for choosing a quality program; and information on fees and fee assistance programs. Information available for finding full-time, part-time, wraparound, afterschool, or summer care. Connecting with an early childhood educator. Call for a one-on-one session Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm. Or do your own search available online 24/7, <https://stage.worklifesystems.com/parent/2>. Mountain Child Care Connections 877.752.5955 or 828.354.0107. A subsidiary of Southwestern Child Development Commission.

TePodemos ayudarle a encontrar guarderías de calidad. Atendemos a estos condados del occidente de Carolina del Norte: Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Polk, Rutherford, Swain y Transylvania. Gratis & confidencial. Ofrecemos: referencias y consultas individualizadas; información sobre más de 345 programas disponibles en el occidente de Carolina del Norte; tipos disponibles de cuidado; consejos útiles para escoger un programa de calidad; información de pagos y programas de asistencia de pagos. Información disponible para cuidado después del horario de clases, o en verano, a tiempo completo, parcial y envolvente. Conectar con un(a) educado(a) de educación temprana. Llame para una sesión personal lunes a viernes, 8:00 a. m. a 5:00 p. m. Investiga por ti mismo(a) disponible en línea 24/7 <https://stage.worklifesystems.com/parent/2>. Mountain Child Care Connections: 877.752.5955 o 828.354.0107. Una subsidiaria de la Comisión de Desarrollo Infantil.

### Hope4NC

**Hope4NC is North Carolina's crisis counseling program** mobilized to help communities as they recover from the devastating impacts of Hurricane Helene through:

- Individual Crisis Outreach and Support
- Group Crisis Outreach
- Public Education
- Community Networking and Support
- Assessment, Referral, and Resource Connections

Our **Hope4NC Helpline** has been activated and is free, confidential, and available 24/7.  
Call **1-855-587-3463**

**Crisis Counselors** at LMEs/MCOs are covering the affected counties to

- offer emotional and educational support to disaster survivors experiencing stress, emotional fatigue, a mental health crisis, or just need to talk
- link survivors with resources to aid them with their recovery and rebuilding plans
- assist with disaster preparedness

Vaya Health and Partners Health are expanding their referral and support networks and want to work with organizations serving older adults, children and youth, people with disabilities, people with a history of substance use or mental health conditions, tribal populations, first responders, people with limited English proficiency, and others.

For more information on Hope4NC or to connect with local LMEs, contact Fiorella Horna, Special Populations Program Manager via email at [fiorella.horna@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:fiorella.horna@dhhs.nc.gov)

Every Wednesday  
9 am to 11 am  
Harris Region Hospital  
51 Eastgate Dr, Sylva

# Western NC Support Group Meeting

This support meeting is geared for families in western NC who have a loved one with autism. Folks join to share experiences, challenges and successes. We discuss what resources are helping and what needs there are. You are invited to a Zoom meeting, please register in advance for this meeting:

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Please contact Meleah Lowe, ASNC Support Groups Specialist at [m Lowe@autismsociety-nc.org](mailto:m Lowe@autismsociety-nc.org) if you have questions about this virtual support group meeting for the western NC region.

Second Tuesday of Each Month  
6:30 pm  
Harris Regional Health and Fitness Center  
7 Leroy George Dr, Clyde

For individuals who have lost a loved one to the drug crisis--Do you have a family member, friend or loved one *struggling* with addiction (Substance Use Disorder)? Have you or someone close to you *lost* a child or loved one to the drug crisis? Are you searching for hope and understanding? Would it help if you had someone to talk with or even a shoulder to cry on? Would you benefit from peer-generated fellowship, outreach, and support? We are *The SHARE Project*, and we are here for you and others like you! We have walked miles in your shoes, are fighting your same battles and have cried your same tears. We have learned that power comes in unity, there is strength in numbers and together we can make a difference! We are working to strip the shame and stigma from the drug epidemic so ordinary people caught up in this extraordinary crisis have a safe place to land. We want you to know that WE DO UNDERSTAND and YOU ARE NOT ALONE! Due to COVID-19 closings, please check our website for time and location.

<https://www.theshareproject.org/events/>.

## Outreach Support Group

Third Tuesday of each month

6:30 pm

Harris Regional Health and Fitness Center

7 Leroy George Dr, Clyde

Outreach Support Group—For individuals who have a loved one suffering from addiction--Do you have a family member, friend or loved one *struggling* with addiction (Substance Use Disorder)? Have you or someone close to you *lost* a child or loved one to the drug crisis? Are you searching for hope and understanding? Would it help if you had someone to talk with or even a shoulder to cry on? Would you benefit from peer-generated fellowship, outreach, and support? We are *The SHARE Project*, and we are here for you and others like you! We have walked miles in your shoes, are fighting your same battles and have cried your same tears. We have learned that power comes in unity, there is strength in numbers and together we can make a difference! We are working to strip the shame and stigma from the drug epidemic so ordinary people caught up in this extraordinary crisis have a safe place to land. We want you to know that WE DO UNDERSTAND and YOU ARE NOT ALONE! Due to COVID-19 closings, please check our website for time and location. <https://theshareproject.org/upcoming-events/>

## Parents and Caregivers of Teens Support Group

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

6pm to 7:30 pm

Virtual

For any adult caring for a loved one ages 12 to 18 who is navigating mental health challenges. For more information and to get the QR code to register, contact [info@namiwnc.org](mailto:info@namiwnc.org) or 828-505-7353.

## On Track WNC Educational Classes

Our workshops are free, 1.5 long—with the exception of our All-Day Homebuyer Workshop—and are offered in-person or via Zoom. Interpretation available upon request. Email [info@ontrackwnc.org](mailto:info@ontrackwnc.org) to request interpretation services. All in-person workshops are provided at our Asheville office., located at: 50 South French Broad Avenue, Suite 222, Asheville NC, 28801. **To stay up-to-date with our current offerings join our e-news mailing list.**

### Live Zoom & In-Person Class Offerings

*We'd love to see you! Click on this link to view the calendar and links to classes.*

<https://ontrackwnc.org/what-we-do/workshops.html>

### Understanding Credit

Credit is...complicated. Let's unpack it together! Learn what you can do to build it, improve it, and how to plan for future financial goals.

- **Duration:** 1.5 hours
- **Cost:** FREE

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### Money Foundations

Discover habits and strategies to build financial confidence and stability. This workshop is perfect for beginners or anyone looking to get back to basics.

- **Duration:** 1.5 hours
- **Cost:** FREE

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Envision resilience and identify habits that encourage financial wellness in this interactive and fun workshop. This is a shame-free space to set your money intentions!

- **Duration:** 1.5 hours
- **Cost:** FREE

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### **Dealing with Debt**

Join us to demystify debt in a shame-free, nonjudgmental space. It's never too late to face your money and make a plan to manage, pay down, or resolve personal debt.

- **Duration:** 1.5 hours
- **Cost:** FREE

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### **Preparing for Homeownership**

Take your first step toward homeownership by learning strategies to become mortgage ready.

- **Duration:** 1.5 hours
- **Cost:** FREE

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### **First Time Homebuyer**

Are you considering buying your first home within the next couple of years? Are you participating in a homebuyer program that requires a homebuyer education certificate? This is THE workshop for you!

- **Duration:** 7 hours
- **Cost:** \$100 (covers registration, materials, and snacks)

*The classes listed below are free and pre-recorded. Complete them at any time at your own pace.*

<https://ontrackwnc.org/what-we-do/on-demand-classes.html>

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### **Money Foundations**

- Learning the foundations of basic money management helps us better understand our financial goals and habits. This class covers best practices, from budgeting to spend and saving to survive surprise expenses.
- FREE

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### **Credit: How to Build and Repair Your Credit Score**

- What is credit? Why is it important? Learn about ways to build your credit score from the ground up or improve it to reach your financial goals.
- FREE

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### **Homebuyer Education - WNC Local Supplement**

- Learn about various steps in the Homebuying process from our expert guest speakers including lenders, a home inspector, a real estate attorney, and a downpayment assistance specialist. Takes approximately 1.5 hours.
- FREE

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### **Debt Payment During Uncertain Times**

- Financial uncertainty calls for a new approach to managing money and debts. We'll discuss how to use different debt repayment strategies and hardship options.
- FREE

## **Legal Aid of NC**

At Legal Aid of North Carolina, we believe that justice is the foundation of strong families and safe communities. Every day, we stand with neighbors facing overwhelming challenges—from domestic violence to unlawful eviction—offering not just legal help, but hope and a path to stability. Legal Aid of NC helps with disaster relief, housing, family law, employment, education, government benefits, domestic violence and sexual assault, consumer issues, and other areas. Visit this link for the Legal Aid of NC Justice Hub <https://legalaidnc.org/2026/01/06/legal-aid-of-north-carolina-launches-justicehub-a-new-statewide-intake-system-to-make-access-to-justice-faster-and-easier/> or follow this link to get started with help. <https://legalaidnc.org/justicehub/>.

## **Exceptional Children's Assistance Center**

The Exceptional Children's Assistance Center (ECAC) provides resources and assists families to navigate the special education system, know their rights, and use their voice. We provide information, support, training and resources to assist families caring for children with special needs from birth to age 26. We also support young adults with disabilities in becoming self-advocates and leaders and the educators and professionals who serve them. As parents of special needs children, we understand. ECAC's Parent Educators are parents of children with special needs. We approach this work with practical knowledge and personal experience. We know that families are their children's first and most influential teachers. We assist families in also becoming their child's best advocate in school, the community and in life. Visit the website to learn more about ECAC, the support and resources offered as well as the workshops offered. <https://www.ecac-parentcenter.org/>.

## **Autism Society of North Carolina**

The Autism Society of North Carolina improves the lives of Individuals with autism-- Our services and programs are tailored to the unique needs of individuals with autism. We enable them to have healthy, safe, and fulfilling lives in their own communities. Our expertise helps individuals – many of whom have significant lifelong needs – be as independent as possible and achieve their goals and dreams; supports their families--Autism Resource Specialists are often the first people parents talk to after their child is diagnosed. We help families connect with resources, keep their children safe, find services, and resolve school issues. We also provide guidance on lifelong issues including employment, residential options, and planning for children's needs beyond parents' lives; and educates communities-- Our training for professionals such as doctors and teachers has increased the quality of care for individuals with autism. We advocate for the needs of the autism community with state policymakers. Our education efforts have increased public awareness of autism and helped NC have a lower average age of diagnosis than the U.S. Find information, workshops, resources, and much more at <https://www.autismsociety-nc.org>.

## **Heart Health**

September 3, 2026

10 am to 12 pm

Virtual

This course is intended for community stakeholders and those interested in learning about heart health. It focuses on improving heart health and reducing the risk of heart disease. You'll learn how to recognize early warning signs, understand your personal risk factors, and take practical steps to monitor and manage your heart health. The training also covers how mental health can influence your overall well-being. This is a virtual session, and the MS Teams link will be sent out a week prior to the event. Follow this link to register <https://www.vayahealth.com/event/heart-health-2/>.

## **Unseen Losses: Aging, Grief, and Change**

September 8, 2026

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Macon County Public Library

This is a free in-person event at Macon County Public Library located at 149 Siler Farm Rd, Franklin, facilitated by the Vaya Health's Health Education and Aging Resource Team (HEART). Contact Hours are provided through NC Department of Health and Human Services. This training equips care providers with tools to recognize and respond to various types of loss and grief, offering practical ways to support caregivers navigating emotional fatigue, role strain, and prolonged uncertainty. Participants will learn grief-informed strategies to foster resilience and promote compassionate, holistic support. If you would like to attend this event, please click button below that says "Going" and complete the form. After you RSVP, you will receive a confirmation email from WordPress. This email may go to your spam filter. Registration Required: Please register here <https://www.vayahealth.com/event/unseen-losses-aging-grief-and-change-w-heart-9-8-2026/> or call Macon County Public Library at (828) 524-3600.

## **Innovations Stakeholder & Employer of Record (EOR) Quarterly Meeting**

September 9, 2026

12 pm to 1 pm

Virtual

Connect with Microsoft Teams by computer, mobile app, or telephone. Link for computer or mobile app: [tinyurl.com/VayaInnovations](https://tinyurl.com/VayaInnovations) Call-in number for audio only: 1-828-552-4129, conference ID: 459 354 049#. Questions may be submitted before the meeting by email to [innovations.stakeholder@vayahealth.com](mailto:innovations.stakeholder@vayahealth.com). We look forward to connecting with you soon! Click to join the Innovations Stakeholder email group.

## **Cuando las conductas se interponen**

September 9, 2026

7 pm to 8:30 pm

Virtual

Aprenda habilidades que ayudarán a los padres, cuidadores y maestros a identificar y comprender las conductas desafiantes mientras crean un ambiente de cambio positivo y apoyo. Descubra cómo las Evaluaciones Funcionales de la Conducta (FBA, por sus siglas en inglés) y los Apoyos e Intervenciones

para la Conducta Positiva (PBIS, por sus siglas en inglés) pueden funcionar tanto en la escuela como en el hogar. Presentado por: Millie Ramos, Educadora Bilingüe para Padres de ECAC.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/1917855105594/WN\\_UQ7cPu0HSH6xUWXzERAOgG](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/1917855105594/WN_UQ7cPu0HSH6xUWXzERAOgG).

## **Question, Persuade, Refer: Suicide Prevention**

September 10, 2026

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Question, Persuade, Refer is an emergency response to someone in crisis. In this training, you'll learn: How to ask the right questions about suicide; How to persuade a person to get help; and, How to refer an individual to the right resource. The Microsoft Teams link will be sent out a few days prior to the training. Follow this link to register <https://www.vayahealth.com/event/question-persuade-refer-suicide-prevention-11/>.

## **Facing Substance Use and Misuse in Your World**

September 11, 2026

10 am to 11 am

Virtual

Substance use is a reality in every community. This course identifies common substances, addiction development, and their impact on families and communities. The focus is on the older adult population regarding identification, safety, treatment, and recovery. This is a free virtual event facilitated by the Vaya Health HEART team. CEU's are provided through NC Department of Health and Human Services. An email with an evaluation will be sent to you following the event. This must be filled out and returned before CEU's are provided. Please follow this link <https://www.vayahealth.com/event/webinar-facing-substance-use-and-misuse-in-your-world-e-heart/> then RSVP below to attend webinar. When you RSVP you will receive a confirmation email from Word Press which will include the link to join. This email may go to your spam filter. RSVP is required to attend this event. After you RSVP, you will receive a confirmation email containing the link to join the event. A reminder email with the same link will also be sent prior to the event. Please be sure to check your spam or junk folder, as these emails may occasionally be filtered there.

## **Suicide and Aging...Conversations for Life!**

September 11, 2026

11:15 am to 12:15 pm

Virtual

Conversations about suicide are not always comfortable; however, having the dialogue opens the door for help! This course focuses on warning signs, adaptive responses, and prevention methods for aging individuals at risk of suicide. This is a free virtual event facilitated by the Vaya Health HEART team. CEU's are provided through NC Department of Health and Human Services. An email with an evaluation will be sent to you following the event. This must be filled out and returned before CEU's are provided. Please follow this link <https://www.vayahealth.com/event/webinar-suicide-and-aging-conversations-for-life-e-heart/> then RSVP below to attend webinar. When you RSVP you will receive a confirmation email from Word Press which will include the link to join. This email may go to your spam filter. RSVP is required to attend this event. After you RSVP, you will receive a confirmation email containing the link to join the event. A reminder email with the same link will also be sent prior to the event. Please be sure to check your spam or junk folder, as these emails may occasionally be filtered there.

## Unseen Losses: Aging, Grief, and Change

September 14, 2026

1 pm to 2 pm

Virtual

This is a free, interactive virtual event hosted by the Vaya Health's, Health Education and Aging Resource Team (HEART). Course Interaction: The live webinar format encourages active participation. Both attendees and presenters can ask questions throughout the session, promoting a dynamic and engaging learning experience. Course Completion and Contact Hours: To qualify for Contact Hour credit, participants must be punctual, sign in at the beginning, attend the entire session, and complete a course evaluation. This is a 1-hour course, and partial credit will not be granted. After submitting the evaluation, certificates of completion will be emailed to participants. Contact Hours are accredited through the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. Closed Captioning is available in Spanish. Los subtítulos están disponibles en español. This training equips care providers with tools to recognize and respond to various types of loss and grief, offering practical ways to support caregivers navigating emotional fatigue, role strain, and prolonged uncertainty. Participants will learn grief-informed strategies to foster resilience and promote compassionate, holistic support. If you would like to attend this event, please follow this link <https://www.vayahealth.com/event/webinar-unseen-losses-aging-grief-and-change-w-heart9-14-26/> then click button below that says "Going" and complete the form. RSVP is required to attend this event.

After you RSVP, you will receive a confirmation email containing the link to join the event. A reminder email with the same link will also be sent prior to the event. Please be sure to check your spam or junk folder, as these emails may occasionally be filtered there. We also have the option of calling in to attend event. Phone number is: 828-552-4129 and the code is 122 001 348#

## Effective Parent Advocacy

September 14, 2026

5:30 pm to 7 pm

Virtual

Strong advocacy skills are critical as you work to ensure your child's benefits from his/her education. Learn the steps to help you effectively advocate for your child's needs. Remember, you are an equal partner in your child's education.

*Presented by: Anastacia Newton, ECAC Parent Educator*

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**

## Facing Substance Use and Misuse in Your World

September 15, 2026

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Virtual

Substance use is a reality in every community. This course identifies common substances, addiction development, and their impact on families and communities. The focus is on the older adult population regarding identification, safety, treatment, and recovery. This is a free virtual event facilitated by the Vaya Health HEART team. CEU's are provided through NC Department of Health and Human Services. An email with an evaluation will be sent to you following the event. This must be filled

out and returned before CEU's are provided. Please follow this link <https://www.vayahealth.com/event/webinar-facing-substance-use-and-misuse-in-your-world-e-heart-2/> then RSVP below to attend webinar. When you RSVP you will receive a confirmation email from Word Press which will include the link to join. This email may go to your spam filter. RSVP is required to attend this event. After you RSVP, you will receive a confirmation email containing the link to join the event. A reminder email with the same link will also be sent prior to the event. Please be sure to check your spam or junk folder, as these emails may occasionally be filtered there.

## **Suicide and Aging...Conversations for Life!**

September 15, 2026

2:45 pm to 3:45 pm

Virtual

Conversations about suicide are not always comfortable; however, having the dialogue opens the door for help! This course focuses on warning signs, adaptive responses, and prevention methods for aging individuals at risk of suicide. This is a free virtual event facilitated by the Vaya Health HEART team. CEU's are provided through NC Department of Health and Human Services. An email with an evaluation will be sent to you following the event. This must be filled out and returned before CEU's are provided. Please follow this link <https://www.vayahealth.com/event/webinar-suicide-and-aging-conversations-for-life-e-heart-2/> then RSVP below to attend webinar. When you RSVP you will receive a confirmation email from Word Press which will include the link to join. This email may go to your spam filter. RSVP is required to attend this event. After you RSVP, you will receive a confirmation email containing the link to join the event. A reminder email with the same link will also be sent prior to the event. Please be sure to check your spam or junk folder, as these emails may occasionally be filtered there.

## **After the Diagnosis: Helping the Older Child Navigate the Journey**

September 15, 2026

7 pm

Virtual

This webinar is intended for parents whose children were diagnosed with autism **after the age of eight**. Workshop objectives: To learn how autism may affect your child; To learn options that may help your child; and To locate resources to support your family. To register, email Ruth Byrum at [rbyrum@autismsociety-nc.org](mailto:rbyrum@autismsociety-nc.org). *If your child is recently diagnosed but eight years old or younger, please look for After the Diagnosis: Get Help, Get Answers, Get Going webinars on our **calendar**.*

## **IEP Road Trip**

September 16, 2026

5 pm to 6 pm

Virtual

For this webinar, we will explore different parts of the IEP for students attending North Carolina Public Schools and the rules of the road. We'll cover a lot of territory and how to navigate roadblocks and detours that may occur along the way. Upon reaching our final destination, passengers will have a better understanding of special education terminology, the IEP process and will know how to prepare for and participate in IEP meetings. *Presented by: Mandy Sonnenberg, ECAC Assistant Director of Programs.*

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**

## **Suicide and Aging...Conversations for Life!**

September 21, 2026

1 pm to 2 pm

Virtual

This is a free, interactive virtual event hosted by the Vaya Health's, Health Education and Aging Resource Team (HEART). Course Interaction: The live webinar format encourages active participation. Both attendees and presenters can ask questions throughout the session, promoting a dynamic and engaging learning experience. Course Completion and Contact Hours: To qualify for Contact Hour credit, participants must be punctual, sign in at the beginning, attend the entire session, and complete a course evaluation. This is a 1-hour course, and partial credit will not be granted. After submitting the evaluation, certificates of completion will be emailed to participants. Contact Hours are accredited through the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. Closed Captioning is available in Spanish. Los subtítulos están disponibles en español. Conversations about suicide are not always comfortable; however, having the dialogue opens the door for help! This course focuses on warning signs, adaptive responses, and prevention methods for aging individuals at risk of suicide. If you would like to attend this event, please follow this link <https://www.vayahealth.com/event/webinar-suicide-and-aging-conversations-for-life-w-heart9-21-26/> then click button below that says "Going" and complete the form. RSVP is required to attend this event. After you RSVP, you will receive a confirmation email containing the link to join the event. A reminder email with the same link will also be sent prior to the event. Please be sure to check your spam or junk folder, as these emails may occasionally be filtered there. We also have the option of calling in to attend event. Phone number is: 828-552-4129 and the code is 489 750 261#

## **Diabetes Management**

September 22, 2026

1 pm to 3 pm

Virtual

This diabetes training is designed to provide participants with foundational knowledge about diabetes and essential self-management skills. The program aims to increase awareness and understanding of the condition, empowering individuals to take control of their health or better support those living with diabetes. This training is suitable for community stakeholders wanting to expand their knowledge of diabetes care and management. This is a virtual session, and the MS Teams link will be emailed out several days prior to the session. Follow this link to register <https://www.vayahealth.com/event/diabetes-management-3/>.

## **Unseen Losses: Aging, Grief, and Change**

September 22, 2026

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Jackson County Public Library

This is a free in-person event at Jackson County Public Library located at 310 Keener Street, Sylva, facilitated by the Vaya Health's Health Education and Aging Resource Team (HEART). Contact Hours are provided through NC Department of Health and Human Services. This training equips care providers with tools to recognize and respond to various types of loss and grief, offering practical ways to support caregivers navigating emotional fatigue, role strain, and prolonged uncertainty. Participants will learn grief-informed strategies to foster resilience and promote compassionate, holistic support. If you would

like to attend this event, please click button below that says “Going” and complete the form. After you RSVP, you will receive a confirmation email from WordPress. This email may go to your spam filter. Registration Required: Please register here <https://www.vayahealth.com/event/unseen-losses-aging-grief-and-change-w-heart-9-22-26/> or call Jackson County Public Library at (828)586-2016.

## Understanding Manifestation Determination

September 23, 2026

5 pm to 6 pm

Virtual

This session will provide parents and caregivers with a clear understanding of what a Manifestation Determination Review (MDR) is, when it is required, and how it protects students with disabilities during disciplinary actions. Participants will learn how to prepare for an MDR meeting, including what information to review, who to invite, and how to document connections between a child’s disability and the behavior in question. The session will also cover key questions parents can ask during the MDR meeting to ensure the team fully considers the child’s disability, the implementation of the IEP or BIP, and whether the behavior constitutes a pattern. Finally, participants will learn what steps to take after the meeting, including requesting documentation, understanding outcomes, and knowing their options if they disagree with the decision. Designed to empower families to confidently advocate for their child and actively participate in a fair and thorough MDR process. *Presented by: Mandy Sonnenberg, ECAC Assistant Director of Programs.* **CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**

## El impacto del autismo en los hermanos, padres y familiares

September 24, 2026

7 pm

Virtual

La Sociedad de Autismo de Carolina del Norte invita a padres y profesionales a esta charla que explica el impacto del Autismo en los padres, hermanos y la familia en general. Objetivos: - Retos que enfrentan los padres; - Impacto del diagnóstico en los hermanos; - Educando a los hijos y la familia sobre el autismo; y - Recursos para la familia. Ingrese al cuadro que dice "Join the webinar" en el email del Zoom que usted recibirá después de registrarse. Para información y Recursos en Español contacte a Mariela Maldonado, Senior de Alcance y Recursos Hispanos, 919-302-4625 o, por email, [maldonado@autismsociety-nc.org](mailto:maldonado@autismsociety-nc.org). The Autism Society of North Carolina invites parents and professionals to this free webinar only in Spanish about “The impact of Autism on parents and siblings.”

## Kinship Conference

September 26, 2026

9 am to 3 pm

UNC Wilmington Campus: 601 College Rd, Wilmington NC 28403

Are you a kinship caregiver supporting a child involved with DSS? Or are you a child welfare professional who supports relatives with DSS involvement? Join FFS-NC in partnership with NCDHHS for a Kinship Conference. Lunch provided, door prizes, networking, relevant topics. Have questions: contact [info@ffa-nc.org](mailto:info@ffa-nc.org), visit [ffa-nc.org](https://ffa-nc.org), or call 800.578.7770. **40 kinship tickets still available for 33 more days still available as of 8/7/26**. Professional tickets are all gone. Follow this link to register. <https://ffa-nc.networkforgood.com/events/101848-kinship-conference-eastern-region>.

## Parent Counseling and Training as a Related Service

September 29, 2026

6 pm to 7:30 pm

Virtual

Often when we think of related services listed in the IEP, the first things to come to mind are OT, PT and Speech. Did you know that related services also include parent counseling and training? Parent counseling and training means: Assisting parents in understanding the special needs of their child; Providing parents with information about child development; and, Helping parents to acquire the necessary skills that will allow them to support the implementation of their child's IEP or IFSP. This presentation will provide information about the use of Parent Counseling and Training as a Related Service under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Join us to learn more about how this service can be implemented by IEP teams to support students with disabilities and their families.

Presented by: *Anne Johnston, ECAC Parent Educator*. **Click here to register**

## Kinship Conference

October 17, 2026

9 am to 3 pm

Biltmore Church, Asheville NC

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