

Exceptional Children Information for Parents



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DHHS Division of Services for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing

The state-wide network of Regional Centers for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing offers a variety of classes, training, and resources across the state. We encourage families who have children who are deaf or hard of hearing to sign-up for the listserv announcements and newsletter directly. Please view the [map of the Regional Centers](#) along with their contact information as ***you must call the Regional Center near you to sign-up for their newsletter.***

Assistive Technology Free Tool Spotlight

- Looking for a free, flexible, adaptive, and customizable digital learning environment for middle schoolers? What about a tool that also helps readers discover insights about their strengths, preferences, and challenges? A new tool from the Center on Inclusive Software for Learning (CISL) at CAST might be able to help. Check out [Clusive](#). Clusive provides vocabulary-rich, leveled versions of high-interest articles and full-length texts. It also provides teachers with the ability to add their own documents in an EPB or .docx format.

[Clusive Website at CISL](#)

Clusive [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Clusive and Bookshare [Webinar from CAST](#)

- Bookshare® makes reading easier. Hundreds of thousands of people with dyslexia, learning disabilities, visual impairments, physical disabilities, and other reading barriers have read millions of Bookshare® books. Users can customize their experience to suit their learning style and find virtually any book they need for school, work, or the joy of reading.

[Bookshare website](#)

[Who Qualifies?](#)

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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](#)

Jr. NAD Conference

- June 30 – July 4 in Orlando, Florida

The National Association of the Deaf (NAD) is seeking interested 13 – 17-year-old volunteers to help with the conference. Volunteers do not have to be deaf or hard of hearing, but those with hearing difficulties will be prioritized for this opportunity. Visit [Jr. NAD pages](#) for more information about the conference and volunteering. Applications for volunteering are due May 1, 2022.

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