Family Support Network of Greater Forsyth is an outreach program of The Centers for Exceptional Children. In 1987, we began to provide support to families who have children with special medical and developmental needs. We are affiliated with The Family Support Network of NC and currently serve Forsyth, Davidson, Davie, Stokes, Surry and Yadkin Counties.

The Family Support Network believes that the greatest asset that a child with special needs can have is a strong support system. We strive to strengthen families and to enhance the lives of children with special needs by providing support, education and caring connections to their families. Our staff are uniquely qualified to help other families, many of them being parents of children with special needs themselves.
SOME OF OUR ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

❖ PARENT-TO-PARENT MATCHING
This program matches trained Support Parents with a family who has a child with special needs or a new diagnosis. Families love talking to others who “get it.”

❖ INFORMATION & RESOURCES
At Family Support Network we can provide information on specific conditions, diagnoses, and community services. Our Lending Library has books, CDs, and DVDs on a variety of topics for families. We also offer a monthly e-newsletter that includes upcoming support groups, workshops, and social events for family members and professionals. We want parents to have the information they need to make informed choices for their family.

❖ PARENT EDUCATION
Workshops, trainings and parent groups held through the year provide caregivers information about caring for children with special needs, coping with difficult circumstances, advocacy skills, community resources and supporting other families.

❖ SIBSHOPS™
These are fun workshops for siblings of children with special needs. The evening includes dinner, games, crafts, and discussion times intended to help kids connect with other “sibs.” Ages 5 to 14.

❖ BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
A large community gathering where families can meet Santa and have a picture made, then enjoy games, crafts, activities and breakfast. Traditionally held on the first Saturday in December, its a great way to kickoff the holidays.

❖ FAMILIES AS TEACHERS
This is an opportunity for medical and education students to learn about the unique challenges and ways of life for families who have children with special needs. Students are matched with families who can share their perspective and experiences.

❖ SUPPORT GROUPS
We offer a variety of support groups for family members. We can also connect individuals with diagnosis-specific support groups in our area.

❖ EDUCATIONAL ADVOCACY
We provide resources for parents to help with understanding and navigating the IEP process and how to advocate for a free and appropriate public education for their child.

❖ SPECIAL TOUCH
This part of our program offers support to families who have children in the Neonatal Intensive Care Units at Brenner Children's Hospital and Forsyth Medical Center. We provide emotional support and information, host parent groups and connect families with resources in their home county.

❖ CHAT & SNACK
Family Support Network staff provide respite and refreshment during this event for families who have children in our local hospitals. Chat & Snack provides an opportunity to have a nutritious meal, meet other families in similar situations, and obtain a variety of information. Volunteer groups help to sponsor these monthly events.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION
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