



What's going on at the Partnership

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The Partnership for Children of Wayne County

800 N. William Street, Goldsboro, NC 27530

CHILD CARE CONFERENCE IS TREMENDOUS SUCCESS!

Over 200 child care professionals participated in The Partnership's **13th Annual Wayne County Child Care Conference** on Saturday, February 27th. The Conference is a joint collaboration with Wayne Community College to serve the professional development of those in the child care industry in our County. Ms. Tanya Dennis, an early childhood consultant and child care provider, shared the often hilarious and always inspirational keynote address, telling participants to be proud of the service they provided and that little lives depended on them every day. The conference theme, "*Mission Possible*" emphasized the wonderful work child care professionals do and that our mission of providing quality child care and development in our County was truly possible. The participants attended 30 workshops on various topics provided by consultants, as well as their own peers. License renewal credit was provided to those who attended. For more information, contact Valerie Wallace at The Partnership, 919-735-3371, ext. 231.

FOCUS ON THE YOUNG CHILD IN APRIL!

Each year lives of our youngest children are celebrated in April with a series of events at The Partnership. The National Association for the Education of the Young Child (NAEYC) designates April 10-16 as **The Week of the Young Child**. The Partnership will help celebrate the week with its annual **Teddy Bear Picnic** on Wednesday, April 13th. This annual event will take place at Cornerstone Commons in downtown Goldsboro from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Story-telling, costume characters, and singing will be provided for pre-school children. Children attending will also have the opportunity to stuff their very own pet bear (or dog or cat....) Child care providers and parents are encouraged to bring their kids, a picnic lunch/snack and come enjoy all the activities. The Partnership requests that you register for the event by calling Crystal Varker at the Partnership, 919-735-3371, ext. 227

The Partnership will also participate in the Goldsboro Mayoral Proclamation of **Child Abuse Prevention Month** on the steps of the City Hall on Monday, March 19th. Once again, the health and welfare of our youngest children will be underlined, as we join community allies in the fight against child abuse. Call Angie Frady at the Partnership, 919-735-3371, ext. 237) for more information.

OUR 12th ANNUAL LOBSTER AND SHRIMP FEST IS UNDERWAY!

The Partnership has begun selling tickets to its annual fundraising project, the **Lobster and Shrimp Fest**. The project is the major private revenue provider for the Partnership and provides funds for many of our projects. Tickets for a 1.25 lb. “Maine” lobster or a comparable value of shrimp are available for \$25 each. Lobsters or shrimp can be cooked or purchased live (lobster) or frozen (shrimp). Sides of baked potatoes and corn on the cob are also available for \$5.

This year, lobster and shrimp are available for pickup starting at 12:00 noon through our fast drive-thru pickup! They will be available until 6:00 p.m. All tickets must be purchased in advance.

Come join Larry the Lobster in The Partnership’s fun and delicious annual fundraiser! And remember, it’s for a “good claws” – the kids of Wayne County!

Call The Partnership for additional information (919-735-3371) and talk to Thomas Nevins (ext. 239) or Sharon Price (ext. 221).