



APRIL 2026

Partnership News!

THE PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN OF WAYNE COUNTY

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to come together as a community and take action to protect our children. One simple but powerful way to show your support is by participating in **Wear Blue Day on April 10th**—a visible reminder that every child deserves a safe, nurturing environment.

Prevention starts with strong families and supportive communities. By raising awareness, checking in on one another, and connecting families to local resources, we can all play a role in keeping children safe. If you or someone you know could benefit from support, organizations like the Partnership for Children of Wayne County offer programs, resources, and guidance to help families thrive.

Together, we can make a difference—because protecting children is everyone's responsibility.

UPCOMING DATES:

- April 3- Office Close/Good Friday holiday
- April 10- Wear Blue Day
- April 14th- Teddy Bear Picnic-9:30-11:30am
- April 14th- Community Resource Fair-4pm-6pm
- April 17- Wear Purple for Military Kids
- April 20- Resource & Development Committee Mtg.
- April 23- Executive Committee Mtg.



EARLY CARE & EDUCATION



2026-2027

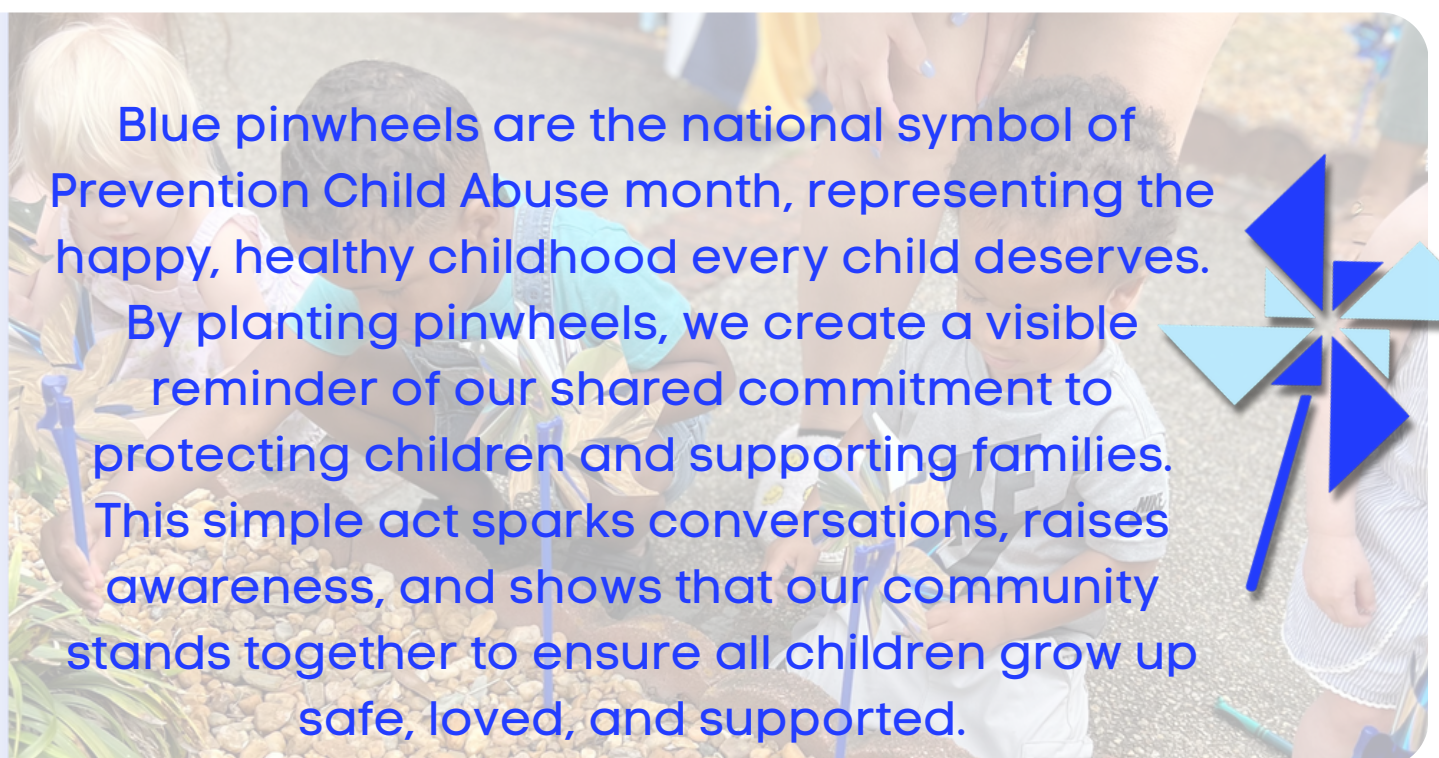
NC PRE-K APPLICATIONS

We are now accepting NC Pre-K applications for 2026-2027 school year.

**Child must be 4 years old by August 31st.*

Contact us at 919-735-3371 x245

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Blue pinwheels are the national symbol of Prevention Child Abuse month, representing the happy, healthy childhood every child deserves. By planting pinwheels, we create a visible reminder of our shared commitment to protecting children and supporting families. This simple act sparks conversations, raises awareness, and shows that our community stands together to ensure all children grow up safe, loved, and supported.



FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS



CIRCLE OF PARENTS

Circle of Parents (COP) is a supportive space for parents and caregivers of children ages 0–5 to share experiences and find encouragement together.

CONTACT US

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Dates:
April 6th
10am-11:30am

April 20th
10am-11:30am

Parents as Teachers

Looking for extra support on your parenting journey? Parents as Teachers (PAT) is a *free and voluntary* program designed to support families with young children, from **prenatal through kindergarten**. Grounded in the belief that parents are their child's first and most important teachers, PAT offers personalized visits, child development screenings, parenting resources, and connections to community services.

Why join PAT?

Because early childhood is the foundation for lifelong success—and you don't have to do it alone.

Get involved today and give your child a great start!



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Los padres como maestros

¿Buscas apoyo adicional en tu camino como padre?

Padres como Maestros (PAT) es un programa gratuito y voluntario diseñado para apoyar a familias con niños pequeños, desde la etapa prenatal hasta el kínder. Con la convicción de que los padres son los primeros y más importantes maestros de sus hijos, PAT ofrece visitas personalizadas, evaluaciones de desarrollo infantil, recursos para padres y conexiones con servicios comunitarios.

¿Por qué unirse a PAT?

Porque la primera infancia es la base del éxito durante toda la vida, y no tienes que hacerlo solo.

¡Involúcrate hoy y dale a tu hijo un gran comienzo!



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Triple P – Positive Parenting Program® is one of the world's leading evidence-based parenting programs, developed through over 30 years of research at Australia's University of Queensland. Proven effective across cultures and family types, Triple P helps parents of children ages 0–12 build positive relationships and manage behavior confidently.

For more information, contact:

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for every parent

May 9, 2026

9:00am-2:00pm

Wayne County Fairgrounds

Quiet Time
RESERVED

(no loud noises or flashing lights)

9:00 am-11:00 am

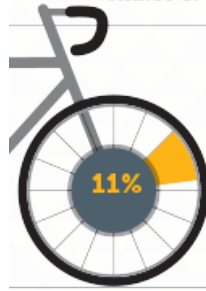
Welcome to Touch-A-Truck
where it's OK to **look** and **touch**!



Thank you sponsors!



Every hour, nearly 50 children visit emergency departments with an injury related to **bikes, scooters, skates or skateboards**.



Serious head injuries (concussions, internal injuries and fractures) made up 11% of ED visits across the four wheeled sports.

Fractures to the shoulder, arm, elbow, wrist or hand were the most frequent diagnoses for hospital admissions.

19% of hospital admissions for **scooter injuries** to children in 2015 were because of a **head injury**.



Almost 40% of parents of children ages 5-14 years indicated that their **child did not always wear a helmet** when participating in one of the four wheeled sports.



Among parents who say they **always wear a helmet** when riding a bike, 86% say their child also does. However, among parents who say they **never wear a helmet**, only 38% say their child always does.

Always

86%

Never

38%



Reasons why parents report their **children do not always wear a helmet**:

47% Parents think area is safe/View child as experienced/Don't see helmets as necessary.



Why no helmet?

27% Child finds helmet uncomfortable.

24% Other kids don't wear one.

22% Child thinks helmets aren't cool.



Top Tips to Keep Kids Safe on Wheels

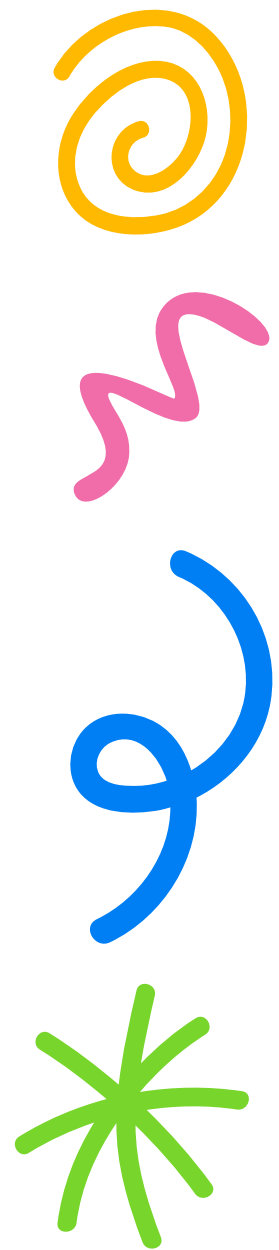
- All riders should wear a properly-fitted helmet. It is the best way to prevent head injuries and death.
- Ensuring correct fit of a helmet can increase comfort and use.
- Knee pads and elbow pads are recommended for scooters, skaters and skateboarders. Wrist guards are also recommended for skaters and skateboarders.

SAFE KIDS
WORLDWIDE

PURPLE UP!
for military kids

Purple Up for Military Kids!
April is the Month of the Military Child—a time to honor the strength and resilience of military-connected kids. On Purple Up Day, wear purple to show your support and appreciation. Purple represents all military branches, reminding us we stand united in recognizing these incredible children. Let's celebrate them and the sacrifices they make every day!





April is Autism Awareness Month, a time to promote understanding, acceptance, and inclusion of individuals on the autism spectrum. This month encourages communities to learn more about autism, support individuals and families, and celebrate the unique strengths and perspectives of those with autism. Together, we can foster environments where everyone feels valued, supported, and included.

PFCW EVENTS



FREE Train Rides

Picnic, Trains and Teddy Bear Games

FREE Popcorn OR Snow cone

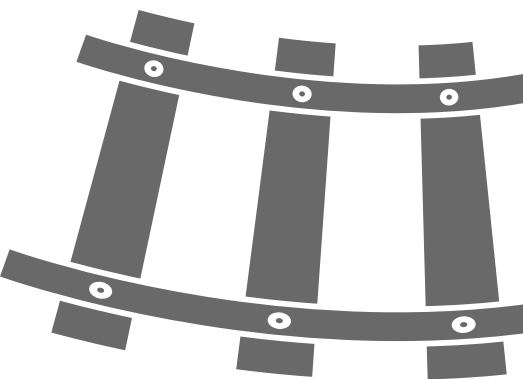
Bring a picnic lunch and help us celebrate!
The Week of the Young Child

**Location: Herman Park
900 Park Ave. Goldsboro**

April 14th

9:30am-11:30am

Call to register:
919-735-3371 x227



FREE Train Rides

On the Right Track:

Popcorn & Snow cones \$1

Family Fun Day for Child Abuse Prevention

Learn about resources in Wayne County

**Location: Herman Park
900 Park Ave. Goldsboro**

April 14th

4:00pm-6:00pm

Want to be a vendor?



SCAN HERE



Wish List



Join us in supporting families in our community! Our Amazon Wish List is full of items that make a big difference for children and parents alike. Every gift helps meet immediate needs and brings encouragement when it matters most.

Valerie Wallace, Executive Director
Amanda Atkinson, Finance Officer
Sharon Price, Administrative Assistant
Thomas Nevins, Compliance Officer
Shelly Willis, Program Evaluator
Blair Cox, Community Engagement Coordinator
Angela Frady, Family Support Coordinator
Rosa Audelo, Family Support Specialist
Kasey Casbarro, Family Support Specialist
Brianna Modin, Family Support Specialist
Trinisia Carlton, Program Specialist
Tamesha Lewis, Program Specialist
Cassandra Dunn, Behavior Support Specialist
Crystal Heath, Early Learning Resource Specialist
Maria Lopez, NC Pre-K Intake Specialist & Administrative Assistant
Melissa Stricklin, Director of Early Care and Education



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PFCW Mission:

The Partnership for Children unites the community to effectively support and empower families, prepares children to succeed in school and encourages continuous learning for educators of young children, therefore contributing to the economic vitality of Wayne County.



APRIL 2026 SEATED & VIRTUAL TRAINING CALENDAR



Date/Time	Training Title	Description of Training	Hours	Cost
Thursday 4/02/2026 4:00 pm –	CPR & First Aid	CPR: Participants will learn lifesaving- breathing techniques. First Aid: Teaches critical skills needed To respond to and manage a first aid, choking or sudden cardiac arrest emergency in the first few Minutes until emergency medical services until (EMS) arrives. ** REMINDER: Can't be used toward your DCDEE on-going training hours. (Albert Jones/CPR-FA Instructor)		\$75
Wednesday 4/15/2026 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Music & Movement	Who knew that music could be so beneficial to a young child's development? Music and movement are not only enjoyable aspects of children's playtime, but also a great way for them to create, listen to, to music. Participants will gain knowledge of music and movement activities that are appropriate for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and those with special needs as well as how to include the children's families and cultures in meaningful ways. (Cassandra Dunn)	2 Hrs	\$7
Wednesday 4/22/2026 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Outdoor Play Enhanced	Participants will be introduced to techniques/strategies and proper ERS requirements to implement lea centers into the outdoor playground environment. (Cassandra Dunn)	2 Hrs	\$7
Thursday 4/23/2026 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	ITERS-3 Infant Toddler Rating Scale	Providers will learn about successful and best practices relating to space and furnishings, personal care routines, language and books, activities, interaction, and program structure. Providers will utilize strategies, the rating scale, and the NC FELD content as it relates to Early Childhood Best Practices for the classroom environment. (Tamesha Lewis) ** For Infant and Toddler Teaching Staff	2.5 Hrs	\$7
Wednesday 4/29/2026 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	EPR Emergency Preparedness Response	Participants will identify ways to prepare staff and children for emergency events. Learn how to outline/plan procedures and practice drills. Mandated training for childcare centers and family childcare homes. (Trinisia Carlton)	2 Hrs	\$15
Thursday 4/30/2026 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	ECERS-3 Early Childhood Rating Environmental Rating Scale	Providers will learn about successful and best practices relating to space and furnishings, personal care routines, language, and literacy, learning activities, interaction and program structure. Providers will utilize strategies, the rating scale, and the NC FELD content as it relates to Early Childhood Best Practices for the classroom environment. (Trinisia Carlton) ** For Preschool Teaching Staff	2.5 Hrs	\$7

Minimum number of participants required. If minimum number of participants is not met by noon the business day before, the class will be cancelled. *Note: To view our full training registration policy please visit our website: www.pfcw.org *Note: To register contact: The Partnership for Children of Wayne County/Crystal Heath 919-735-3371 ext. 227 cheath@pfcw.org or Front Desk at ext. 0