

Happy Spring!



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Save the Date



Parents bring  
your  
camera for  
a photo!

# The **EASTER BUNNY**

is coming to the Early Learning Resource Center!

**April 3, 2023      9:30-11:00 am**  
**April 4, 2023      5:00-7:00 pm**

Each child will receive a book and an  
Easter prize!

 **Partnership for Children of  
Wayne County**

 **800 N. William St. Goldsboro**



# TEDDY BEAR PICNIC



Celebrating the Week of  
the Young Child and Safe Kids Day  
with stories, games, crafts & more

Location: Wayne Community College

April  
5th

10:00 AM-12:00 PM



Please register by calling: 919-735-3371 ext. 227



Where it's OK to  
**look** and **touch!**

SAVE THE  
*date*

May 13, 2023

9:00am-2:00pm  
Wayne County Fairgrounds

Quiet Time  
**RESERVED**

(no loud noises or flashing lights)

9:00 am-11:00 am

## Child Abuse Prevention Month



### Wayne CARES tackles child abuse prevention month.

A community coalition is expanding efforts to prevent child abuse in Wayne County. Please read more from Goldsboro News-Argus [here](#)!

## Child Care Crisis

Early learning programs are struggling, but what exactly are members of the early childhood profession experiencing in programs across the country? We recorded our members' responses and the final product is a rallying call for us all! Watch the short video below to learn more about the struggles and concern about the ongoing crisis in child care across the state and nation.



### 5 Ways NC Democrats and Republicans are Working Together on the Child Care Crisis

Democrats and Republicans are sponsoring five bills together about early childhood in North Carolina, and seeking ways to address the child care crisis. Read and learn more [here](#) from the Charlotte Observer!



## Got Books?



# We take book donations!



Literacy is an integral part of a child's development. Our Little Libraries located around Wayne County, give families access to free books for children and families. We gladly accept book donations of children's and chapter books!

## New Staff

Welcome to the team

# Tamesha Lewis



Program Specialist  
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919-735-3371 ext. 240



## Board Spotlight

### BOARD SPOTLIGHT

Melissa Harrell



WAGES Mental Health  
Services Manager

**Current position and number of years employed?**

WAGES Mental Health Services Manager for 3 years.

**Why did you chose to be on the BOD for the Partnership?**

I have dedicated my career to helping children and families live happy and healthy lives. The mission and programs provided to our community through the Partnership for Children aligns perfectly with my passions and purpose.

**How do you think the Partnership impacts the community?**

I grew up in rural Western NC and was blessed to have a mother who valued education and family members who could care for me while she worked. As a Mom of three kids, I was fortunate to have resources and a deep support network to ensure my children had a strong early childhood education. No matter their family situation or socioeconomic status, every child should have equal access to high quality childcare and community resources. From books to parent support, and so much more, the PFC is making that happen every day here in Wayne County so that every child can reach their full potential.

**Favorite Quote:**

"There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children." Nelson Mandela

**Favorite Children's Book:**

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Numeroff because I can so relate to the mouse!

## Early Learning Resource Center

### Early Learning Resource Center



The Early Learning Resource Center offers high quality educational materials for parents, early childhood professionals, students and caregivers. Materials are available for a four week loan period.

Contact Crystal Heath to become  
a member today!

919-735-3371 x 227



\$15  
membership fee  
per individual,  
per year

## Circle of Parents



Our Circle of Parent group had guest speaker Melissa Harrell with WAGES come and provide a presentation. You can join the Circle of Parents group every Monday from 10:00-11:30 at the Partnership office!

## Survey

Please take just a minute to answer 6 questions about your knowledge of the Partnership for Children. We'd love to have your feedback!

Scan QR code below!





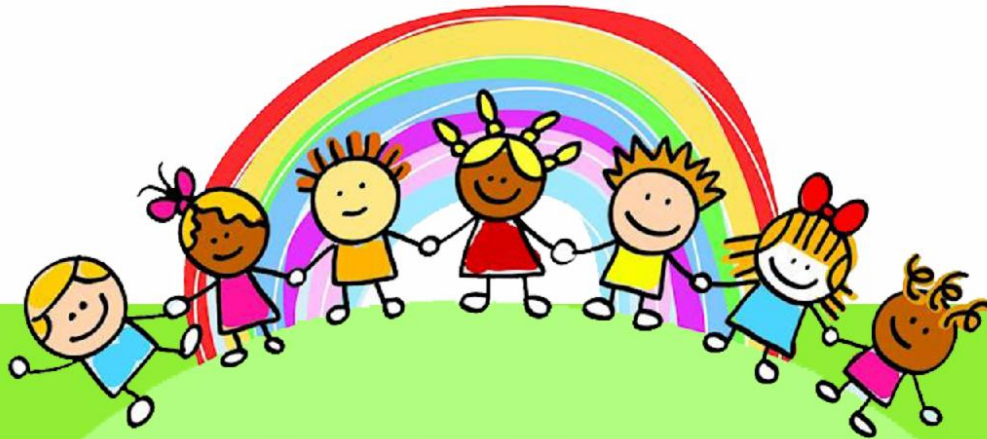


## It's Time to Enroll!

The Partnership for Children is now accepting Pre-K applications for the 2022-2023 programming year. Download the application from our website: [www.pfcw.org](http://www.pfcw.org) or pick one up at our office.

To qualify your child must be four on or before August 31, 2022. To begin the application process, we require a copy of the birth certificate and proof of one month's income for any parents living in the home.

Applications may be returned to the Partnership by mail or in person; or, they may be emailed to Maria at [mlopez@pfcw.org](mailto:mlopez@pfcw.org).



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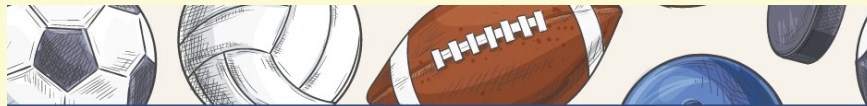
# Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

## Register your child today!

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a book gifting program that mails free, high-quality books to children from birth to age five, no matter their family's income.



## Safe Kids



## YOUTH SPORTS SAFETY TIPS



### Safety Tips

- Prepare kids for the demands of playing sports
- Warm up and stretch before games and practices
- Remember to hydrate
- Wear appropriate sports gear
- Don't take chances with the Brain: Know the signs and symptoms of concussions
- Make rest a priority
- Be a prepared coach
- Be a supportive parent

## Community Events

We cordially invite you to the...

Opening Ceremony for  
Prevent Child Abuse Month

Tuesday, April 4th  
The Hub  
11:00am

**Hosted by Wayne C.A.R.E.S**  
(Coalition on Abuse, Resilience, Education & Support)



**April 21st-Purple Up for Military Kids!**



# PURPLE UP!

## for military kids

Stop by and see us at the North Carolina Pickle Festival, April 29!  
Lots of fun games and activities for kids!



## About Us!

How can you support our mission?



### About us:

The Partnership for Children of Wayne County, Inc. is a non-profit organization designed to provide programs and services for families and children in Wayne County, North Carolina. We build partnerships with families and the community to create a comprehensive system of early care and education. In doing so, our community leads the way in building a brighter future for all of North Carolina.

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