



FEBRUARY 2025

PARTNERSHIP NEWS!

THE PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN OF WAYNE COUNTY



Celebrating Family Support Month

Dear Friends,

February is Family Support Month, a time to recognize and honor the essential role families play in shaping the futures of children and communities. At Partnership for Children of Wayne County, we are proud to collaborate with the North Carolina Partnership for Children (NCPC), the Positive Childhood Alliance NC, and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to enhance the support systems that help families thrive.

Together, we are dedicated to ensuring that every child grows up in a nurturing, supportive environment. Through our partnerships, we work to provide resources, guidance, and programs that assist families in overcoming challenges and building resilience, all while creating brighter futures for children in Wayne County and beyond.

This month, we invite you to reflect on the power of family and consider how you can contribute to strengthening the support networks in your community. With your continued support and the efforts of our incredible partners, we are making a lasting difference in the lives of children and families.

Thank you for being an important part of this mission. Together, we can help children and families reach their fullest potential.

UPCOMING DATES:

- **February 9-15:** Random Acts of Kindness Week
- **February 17:** Resource & Development Mtg. @12pm
- **February 28:** Child Care Academy registration deadline
- **March 2:** Dr. Seuss' Birthday (Read Across America)
- **March 7:** State of the Child Conference



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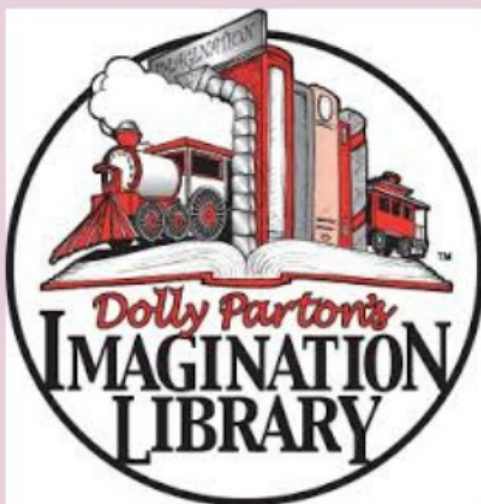
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PFCW Mission:

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.



After seven years of open registration, the Partnership for Children of Wayne County is no longer able to accept new registrations for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL) due to limited Smart Start funding. However, children who are already enrolled in the program will continue to receive books until their fifth birthday.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



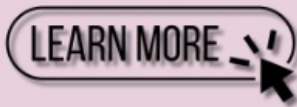
SAVE THE DATE!

May 10, 2025
9:00am-2:00pm
Wayne County Fairgrounds
Quiet Time
RESERVED
(no loud noises or flashing lights
9:00am - 11:00am)

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

TOUCH-TRUCK

Sponsored by:
The Partnership for Children
of Wayne County



Join us at Wayne Community College for a day filled with insightful discussions, workshops, and networking opportunities. This event is a great opportunity to connect with professionals in the child advocacy field and learn about the latest trends and research. Be prepared to be inspired and motivated to make a difference in the lives of children. Don't miss out on this chance to be a part of the conversation on improving the well-being of our youth. Register now and secure your spot!

REGISTER NOW
Deadline
Feb. 28th

FREE CHILDCARE ACADEMY

COURSES:

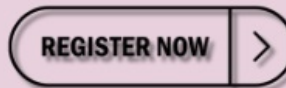
- Health & Safety
- CPR & First Aid
- Challenging Behaviors
- ITS SIDS
- Playground Safety
- BSAC
- Professionalism
Resume Building

MARCH 10TH-21ST
9AM-2PM, DAILY

The Academy is intended for participants not yet working in early child care. Participants will receive training necessary to work in regulated child care programs in North Carolina.
***Certificates will be issued after each training.

Partnership for Children of Wayne County | WAYNE COMMUNITY COLLEGE | CAMBER FOUNDATION

Questions? 919-735-3371 x226 | To Register: 919-735-3371 x227



Parent Spotlight

1. What is your favorite part of our Circle of Parents program?

A: Meeting other mothers with children of a similar age to my son and making connections and new friends.

2. What impact has the program had on your family?

A: We both look forward to going to Circle of Parents each week. It has given me lots of information on local resources, tips on how to navigate motherhood and a little community of support.

3. What is your favorite children's book?

A: Growing up, I enjoyed reading The Complete Tales of Winnie the Pooh by A.A. Milne.

4. What are your hobbies?

A: I enjoy cross stitching. I have done that on and off since I was a teenager.



Scarlett Kimmell

Circle of Parents Interest Survey

Are you a parent or caregiver of a child aged birth through five years old? We want to hear from you!

Circle of Parents® envisions a world where all caregivers have the knowledge, skills, and support needed to raise strong, resilient, and happy children. Our groups provide a friendly, supportive environment facilitated by trained professionals but led by parents and caregivers like you. It's a place to openly discuss the successes and challenges of parenting, while finding and sharing support with others.

As we plan future services, we would appreciate your feedback. Please take a moment to complete this brief survey – your input is essential in helping us better understand the needs of our community and how we can support you and your family.

WE WANT

YOUR

FEEDBACK



SCAN HERE!





Black History Month celebrates the achievements and contributions of Black individuals throughout history. It's a time to honor the struggles, resilience, and impact of Black communities while educating and inspiring future generations. This month reminds us of the ongoing journey for equality and empowers us to continue making progress together.



Read Across America Week is coming! March 3-7. Join in on the fun and get creative! Send your pictures to bcox@pfcw.org. We can't wait to see what you come up with!



SAFE KIDS



National Burn Awareness Week: February 5th-11th

This week, we observe National Burn Awareness Week to raise awareness about burn prevention.

Here are a few tips to keep your family safe:

- Keep hot liquids out of reach to avoid spills and burns.
- Check water temperatures before bathing children—aim for 100°F or less.
- Turn pot handles away from the edge of the stove when cooking.
- Use space heaters safely and keep children at least 3 feet away.
- Know first aid: For minor burns, run cool water over the area and seek medical help for severe burns.



Let's work together to keep our children safe from burns. Share these tips with your loved ones!



Operation MEDICINE DROP

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THE WAYNE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
AND
SAFE KIDS WAYNE COUNTY

HOSTED BY:
NORTHERN WAYNE PUBLIC LIBRARY

March 18, 2025

Northern Wayne Public Library
609 S Wilson St, Fremont, NC 27830
2:00pm-4:00pm

We will collect unused, unwanted, and/or expired prescriptions and non-prescription medications to be properly destroyed. Do your part to help keep our children and water safe.

***cannot accept bio-hazard materials, liquids, or creams.



If you choose to leave your medications in their original containers, please mark out your name, address, and phone number, etc.

For more information:
Shelly Willis, Safe Kids Coordinator, 919-735-3371 ext. 235



Operation MEDICINE DROP

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HOSTED BY:
DUDLEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

March 19, 2025

Dudley Christian Church
212 O'Berry Road, Dudley, NC 28333
2:00pm-4:00pm

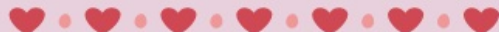
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NC PRE-K

NC Pre-K Applications for 2025-2026 School Year are Now Available!

Parents, it's time to apply for NC Pre-K for the upcoming school year!



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Early Learning Resource Center

CONTACT CRYSTAL:
919-735-3371 X227

\$15 YEAR MEMBERSHIP
per individual

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

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TRAINING CALENDARS

FEBRUARY 2025

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Random Acts of Kindness Week 9th-15th	COP 10:00-11:30am		SACERS 6:00-8:30pm		HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY	15
16	12pm-Resource and Development Meeting		COP 5:30-7:00pm			22
23			COP Dads Night Out 5:30-7:00pm			
			Strengthening Mental Health through Trauma Responsive Care 6:30-8:30pm	Zones of Regulation: Tackling Tough Situations 6:30-8:30pm	Child Care Academy registration deadline	

■ PFCW Trainings ■ Circle of Parents *To register for trainings contact: The Partnership for Children of Wayne County, Crystal Heath 919-735-3371 ext. 227 or 0 for the Front Desk.*



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	Child Care Academy begins		COP Dads Night Out 5:30-7:00pm	Effective Supervision Techniques 6:00-8:30pm		
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