



JANUARY 2026

PARTNERSHIP NEWS!

THE PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN OF WAYNE COUNTY

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! We want to take a moment to say thank you for standing with the Partnership for Children of Wayne County. Because of your support, we are able to serve children, families, and early childhood providers across our community in meaningful ways.

This year, your generosity helped us strengthen early childhood education, support families with young children, and provide resources that help children get a strong start in life. Every program we offer and every family we serve is impacted by the kindness of people like you.

As you consider your end-of-year giving, we invite you to make a gift to the Partnership. Your donation directly supports programs that promote healthy development, school readiness, and family engagement. No matter the size, every contribution makes a difference and helps us continue this important work.

End-of-year gifts are also a meaningful way to give back while planning for the year ahead. Your support ensures that we can continue meeting the needs of children and families throughout Wayne County in the coming year.

We are deeply grateful for your continued trust and generosity. Together, we are building a stronger future for our youngest learners and the families who care for them.

Thank you for being part of our mission.

With appreciation,
Partnership for Children of Wayne County



DONATE ❤️

UPCOMING DATES:

Jan. 15-Finance Committee Mtg. @ noon

Jan.19- Office closed

Jan 22. Board of Director Mtg. @ 8:15am



EARLY CARE & EDUCATION

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.

Centro de recursos para el aprendizaje temprano

COMUNIQUESE CON CRYSTAL:
919-735-3371 X227

**\$15 AL AÑO
AFILIACIÓN**
por individuo



El Centro de Recursos para el Aprendizaje Temprano ofrece materiales educativos de alta calidad para padres, profesionales de la primera infancia, estudiantes, terapeutas y cuidadores. Los materiales están disponibles para préstamo durante cuatro semanas.



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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FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS

CIRCLE OF PARENTS



Circle of Parents (COP) offers a friendly, supportive space for parents and caregivers of children ages 0-5. Led by parents and guided by trained facilitators, it's a place to openly share the joys and challenges of raising young children and to find support together.

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Dates:

Jan. 12th- 3pm-4:30pm

Feb. 2nd- 10am-11:30am

Feb. 18th- 5:30pm-7pm

(RSVP required)

March 2nd- 10 am-11:30am

March 23rd- 10am-11:30am

Parents as Teachers

SIGN UP NOW

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

SIGN UP NOW

¿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 kinder. 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.



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SAFE KIDS

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a dangerous gas you can't see, smell, or taste—often called the “invisible killer.” It is produced when fuel-burning appliances like heaters, grills, clothes dryers, or vehicles don't burn fuel properly.

Young children are especially vulnerable because their bodies process CO differently than adults, causing symptoms to appear more quickly and severely. Signs of CO poisoning can include headaches, nausea, and drowsiness, and in serious cases, it can be life-threatening. The good news is that simple steps can help protect your family and keep your home safe from carbon monoxide.



**SAFE
KIDS**
WAYNE
COUNTY





May 9, 2026

(Rain Date: June 4, 2022)

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**!

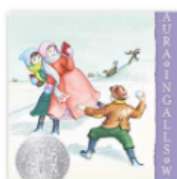


**WELCOME
TO THE TEAM!**

MELISSA STRICKLIN
Director of Early Care & Education



WINTER BOOKS for kids to read



Winter is the perfect time to slow down, snuggle up, and enjoy a good book with your child.

Reading together builds connection while supporting early learning. Here are some great winter-themed books to enjoy as a family.



Finding Your New **Pink**

A Safe Space for Moms

Healing after infant loss, miscarriage or postpartum depression

Whether you've faced miscarriage, infant or child loss, or postpartum depression, this group offers comfort, understanding, and hope. Join us in a safe space to share, listen, and rediscover your joy—your “pink”—one step at a time.

Join us from 6-7pm
The Partnership for Children of Wayne County, Inc.
800 N William St. Goldsboro, NC 27530.
(919) 735-3371 if you have questions.



To register, contact
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Healing doesn't mean the loss disappears. It means you find the strength to carry it with love—and colors return to your world.



Check out this fun, educational video that helps kids learn all about winter! It's a great way to explore the season together and spark curiosity through learning and play.

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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.



REVISED - JANUARY 2026 SEATED & VIRTUAL TRAINING CALENDAR



Date/Time	Training Title	Description of Training	Hours	Cost
Thursday 1/8/2026 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Child Development Fundamentals	Participants will recognize the developmental stages of older preschoolers and understand how to plan developmentally appropriate activities based on group and individual needs of children in care. (Trinisia Carlton/ PFCW) **For Preschool Teaching Staff	2 Hours	\$7
Tuesday 1/13/2026 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	ECERS-3	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. (Tamesha Lewis / PFCW) ** For Preschool Teaching Staff	2 Hours	\$7
Wednesday 1/14/2026 6:30 – 8:30 pm	Circle Time Fun	Early Childhood training to help equip Educators with strategies and techniques to create engaging and effective circle time sessions that promote social-emotional, cognitive and language development in young children. (Trinisia Carlton/ PFCW)	2 Hours	\$7
Tuesday 1/20/2026 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	FCERS-3	Family Child Care Home providers will learn about successful and best practices relating to space and furnishings, personal care routines, language and books, activities, interaction, and program structure. Educators will incorporate NCFELD. (Tamesha Lewis / PFCW) **For Family Child Care Home Staff	2 Hours	\$7
Wednesday 1/21/2026 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	ITS SIDS	Participants will be able to explain safe sleep risks including SIDS, suffocation, strangulation, and Entrapment and how to prevent them. Understand the causes of SIDS and the external stressors that contribute to a safe sleep environment. Learn about rules and best practice related to safe sleep, be able to respond to an unresponsive infant and identify resources for those who are experience grief from a SIDS death. (Kim Barnes)	2 Hours	\$10
Thursday 1/22/2026 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Thoughtful Transitions From Chaos to Calm	Participants will gain knowledge to implement thoughtful transitions for children that involve preparing them for changes in their environment and/or routine. Effective transitions focus on making changes predictable and manageable for the child, fostering a sense of security and control that can be achieved through visual cues, games, fingerplays, sing along, chants, etc. (Cassandra Dunn/PFCW)	2 Hours	\$7
Wednesday 1/28/2026 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Caring for the Caregiver VIRTUAL	This training will focus on Infant/Toddler caregiver's wellness and well-being. Caregivers will explore how stress and trauma may impact their interactions in the classroom and how they can safeguard the most important protective factors-themselves. Participants will explore the strategies for building self-reflection and general workforce wellness. (HSBS)	2 hours	\$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

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