



JULY 2026

Partnership News!

THE PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN OF WAYNE COUNTY

As we wrap up 2025-2026 programming year, the Partnership for Children of Wayne County would like to thank our community for another incredible year of supporting young children and families.

Because of the dedication of our staff, Board of Directors, staff, educators, community partners, donors, and volunteers, we have continued to strengthen early childhood education and family support services throughout Wayne County. Together, we have helped children build the skills they need for school success, connected families with valuable resources, supported early educators through professional development, promoted child passenger safety, encouraged literacy, and expanded opportunities for children to learn and grow.

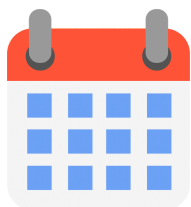
Every success this year reflects the power of community partnerships.

When organizations, businesses, schools, and families work together, children benefit.

As we look ahead to 2026-2027, we remain committed to our mission of ensuring every child has the opportunity to grow up healthy, safe, and ready to succeed in school and in life. We are excited to continue building partnerships, expanding services, and finding new ways to meet the needs of children and families across our county.

Thank you for being part of this important work. Whether you volunteered, partnered with us, attended an event, participated in one of our programs, or simply helped spread awareness of our mission, your support has made a difference.

We look forward to serving Wayne County together in the coming year.



July 3rd- Office Closed

July 8th- Rock Painting @2pm

July 29th- Rock Painting @9am

July 31st- Executive Mtg. @ 12pm

EARLY CARE & EDUCATION

NC Pre-K Applications!

NC Pre-K Enrollment is Open!
Give your child a strong start!
Eligible 4-year-olds can enroll in
FREE, high-quality NC Pre-K,
where they'll build the skills
needed for kindergarten
success. Apply today—help us
spread the word to families
with eligible children!



Congratulations, Early Life Learning Center!

Congratulations to Early Life Learning Center on earning a 5-star rating! As a new facility in Wayne County that was previously operating under a temporary license, this is an exciting accomplishment and a wonderful step forward in providing high-quality care for children and families.



Congratulations, NC Pre-K Graduates!

Congratulations to all of our NC Pre-K graduates! We are so proud of your accomplishments and wish you the very best as you begin your kindergarten adventure. Keep learning, growing, and shining!



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

919-735-3371

Angela Frady x237

Brianna Modin x240



Meeting Dates:

July 13th-10-12pm

July 27th-10-12pm

August 10th-10-12pm

August 24th-10-12pm

Help Us Grow Circle of Parents®!

We want to hear from you! If you're a parent or caregiver, please take a few minutes to complete our short survey. Your feedback will help us strengthen our Circle of Parents® program and ensure we're meeting the needs of families in our community.

Scan the QR code or visit: <https://bit.ly/4ycDqIW>

Thank you for helping us build stronger families together!



Enroll Today for Incredible Years!

Registration is now open for our Fall Incredible Years sessions! This FREE parenting program helps parents of children ages 3-6 build positive parenting skills, strengthen family relationships, and learn effective strategies for managing challenging behaviors. Reserve your spot today!

THE INCREDIBLE YEARS PARENTING PROGRAM (IY)

Incredible Years is a **FREE** 14-16 week program aimed at strengthening parenting skills and addressing behavior problems in children ages 3-6. It offers parents strategies like play, praise, limit setting, ignoring, and redirection to manage challenging behaviors.

- ✓ Gas cards for participation
- ✓ \$50 gift card for completion
- ✓ Meals and child care provided each night

RECRUITING FOR FALL 2026

MORE INFO.?

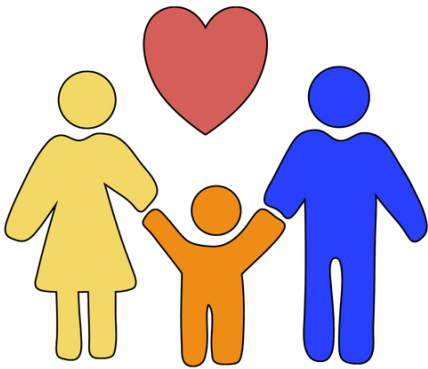
To register call:
Angela Frady
919-735-3371 x237

NCDHHS

Triple P – Positive Parenting Program®

Build confidence in your parenting with Triple P, a free, evidence-based program for parents of children ages 0–5. Learn practical strategies to strengthen family relationships and manage everyday parenting challenges.

For more information:
English: Angela Frady
919-735-3371 ext. 237
Spanish: Rosa Audelo
919-735-3371 ext. 223



A flyer for the Triple P Positive Parenting Program. The top half has a blue background with the title "TRIPLE P" in large white letters, followed by "POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM" in smaller white letters. Below this, a list of benefits is shown with green checkmarks: "Strong Relationships", "Increased Confidence", "Improved Behavior", and "Flexible Options". A red button says "CONTACT US!". Below the button, contact information for Angela Frady is listed: "Angela Frady", "919-735-3371 x237", and "www.pfcw.org". On the right side, there is a circular photo of a woman and a young boy smiling at each other. Text next to the photo says "Positive interactions resilient children". In the top right corner, there is a small logo for "Triple P" with the tagline "for every parent". In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for the "Partnership for Children of Wayne County". The bottom of the flyer has a yellow background with the text "Sessions available for parents and caregivers of children ages 0-5 years old".

A flyer for the Early Learning Resource Center. The top left has the title "Early Learning Resource Center" in large green letters. Below it, contact information is listed: "CONTACT CRYSTAL:", "919-735-3371 X227". On the right side, a yellow banner says "\$15 YEAR MEMBERSHIP per individual". Below the text, there are three circular images: the first shows colorful building blocks, the second shows a young child playing with blocks, and the third shows a teddy bear sitting next to a toy car. At the bottom, a green box contains the text: "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."

Looking for fun, educational resources for young children? The Partnership for Children of Wayne County's Early Learning Resource Center (ELRC) offers books, educational toys, learning kits, games, and curriculum materials available to families, child care providers, and educators.!

The ELRC is designed to support early learning through hands-on play and literacy while providing valuable resources at no cost. Visit us to explore everything the ELRC has to offer and help children build a strong foundation for lifelong learning

SAFE KIDS

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Fireworks Safety Reminder

Keep your family safe this Independence Day! Safe Kids North Carolina reminds everyone that the safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public fireworks display conducted by trained professionals. Sparklers can burn at temperatures hot enough to cause severe injuries, especially to young children. Keep children a safe distance from fireworks, supervise them at all times, and always have water nearby in case of an emergency. Have a fun, safe, and happy Fourth of July!

Inspire a **LOVE** of Reading



Universal Access to Books

Donations help cover the cost of gifting books to children from birth to age five no matter the family's situation.

Family Bonding

Reading together provides caregivers and children valuable opportunities to strengthen emotional bonds.

Community Empowerment

Children who develop strong reading skills early on are more likely to succeed academically and in life.



Great news for families in Wayne County—enrollment for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is open again! You can sign up your child or to receive a FREE, age-appropriate book delivered to your home every month from birth until age five. It's a simple way to build early literacy skills and create special moments around reading together.

To get started, visit

www.imaginationlibrary.com/check-availability, and complete your registration today or scan the QR code.

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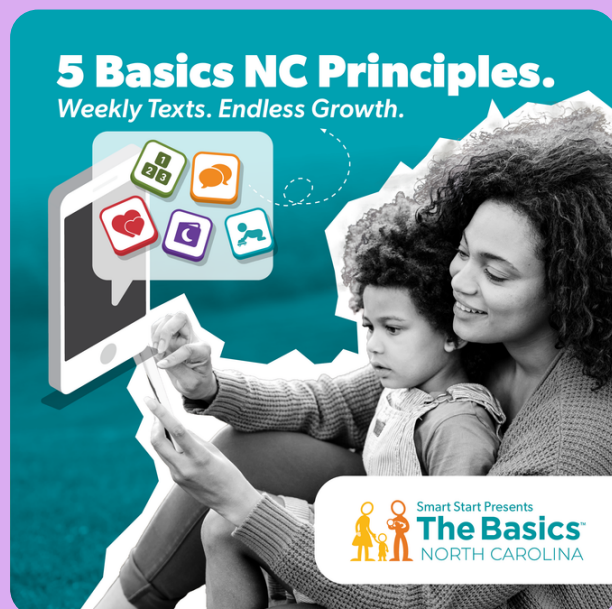
The Partnership for Children of Wayne County proudly congratulates our Executive Director, Valerie Wallace, on being recognized at the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce's W.I.S.E. Women's Gala. Valerie was honored for her outstanding leadership, dedication, and commitment to serving children, families, and our community.

Her passion for improving the lives of young children and supporting families continues to make a lasting impact throughout Wayne County. We are incredibly proud of Valerie and grateful for her vision and leadership. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition!



Congrats!

COMING SOON!



Introducing The Basics NC: Building Strong Brains in Everyday Moments

The Basics NC helps families support children's early brain development through five simple, research-based practices woven into everyday routines. From talking and reading to playing and exploring, these small moments help build strong brains and prepare children for kindergarten success. Every interaction matters. Every community builds brains.

Valerie Wallace, Executive Director

Amanda Atkinson, Finance Officer

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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.

Smart Start **Partnership for Children of Wayne County**

TRAININGS for CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

LEARN • GROW • INSPIRE

JULY 2026 TRAINING SCHEDULE

ITS SIDS	DIRECTOR'S MEETING	OUTDOOR PLAY & LEARNING ENVIRONMENT
Thursday 7/9/2026 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Tuesday 7/14/2026 9:00 – 11:00 am or 6:30 – 8:30 pm	Tuesday 7/21/2026 8:30 am – 12:30 pm
Learn about safe sleep risks, SIDS, and best practices to keep infants safe.	Discuss PFCW services, DCDEE rules, professional development opportunities and more!	Review DCDEE playground rules and create safe, engaging outdoor spaces for children.
2 HRS \$10	2 HRS FREE	4 HRS \$20

INVEST IN YOURSELF. INVEST IN OUR FUTURE.

View full training registration policy: www.pfcw.org

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

Minimum number of participants required. If minimum number of participants is not met by noon the business day before, the class will be cancelled.

REGISTER TODAY!