



JUNE 2026

Partnership News!

THE PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN OF WAYNE COUNTY

Beat the Summer Slide!

Summer break offers students a well-deserved chance to relax and recharge, but it can also result in learning loss known as the “Summer Slide.” Research shows that students who stay engaged in learning activities during the summer are better prepared for success when school resumes. Families can help by encouraging at least 20 minutes of reading each day, visiting the local library, exploring educational games and apps, or incorporating learning into everyday activities like cooking, gardening, and family trips. Even small amounts of regular practice can help students maintain important skills, build confidence, and start the new school year ready to learn.

UPCOMING DATES:

June 19th-Office closed for Juneteenth holiday

June 21st- Father’s Day

June 25th- Executive Committee Mtg-noon

EARLY CARE & EDUCATION



NC Pre-K Applications!

Give your child a strong start. Families with eligible 4-year-olds can now apply for NC Pre-K, a free, high-quality program that helps children prepare for kindergarten.



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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Congratulations to Fundamental Child Care Center on earning a 5-Star Rated License! Thank you for your commitment to providing high-quality early education and care for children and families in our community.

CONGRATS

Fundamentals Child Development Center Pikeville is now 5 star facility!



FUNDAMENTALS
Child Development Center



Class of
2026

CONGRATS GRADUATES!

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



Dates:

June 8
5:30-7pm

(must register)

June 15
3-4:30pm



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



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:

Rosa Audelo (Spanish): raudelo@pfcw.org | 919-735-3371 x223

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Thank you, Donna Phillips, for your years of support and dedication to PFCW as a board member. We appreciate your contributions and wish you all the best as you begin this exciting new chapter. Enjoy your retirement!



Congratulations to Board Treasurer Bill Batts on this well-deserved recognition. Bill has been honored with the 2026 Karen W. Ponder Leadership Award in recognition of his outstanding commitment to early childhood education and his unwavering support for local children and families.

PFCW GOES TO RALEIGH

We are honored to have been invited to the Governor's Mansion in celebration of Provider Appreciation Day and Provider Appreciation Month!

It is such a special recognition for the dedication, care, and hard work that child care providers give to children and families every single day. We are proud to represent our community and celebrate the important role providers play in shaping the future.

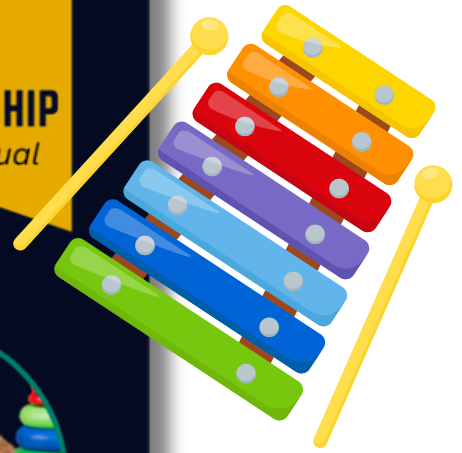
Thank you to everyone who continues to support and uplift early childhood education and care providers across North Carolina!



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.



Our staff attended the Positive Childhood Alliance Regional Convening: Eastern 2026 in Pitt County alongside partners and advocates from across the region. The event provided an opportunity to connect with others committed to strengthening positive childhood experiences and supporting children and families throughout North Carolina. We left inspired by the conversations, shared learning, and collective momentum, and look forward to continuing this important work in our communities.



A Avoid Heatstroke

Avoid heatstroke-related injury and death by never leaving a child alone in a car, not even for a minute. And make sure to keep your car locked when you're not inside so kids don't get in on their own.



C Create Reminders

Keep a stuffed animal or other memento in your child's car seat when it's empty, and move it to the front seat as a visual reminder when your child is in the back seat. Or place and secure your phone, briefcase or purse in the backseat when traveling with your child.



T Take Action

If you see a child alone in a car, call 911. Emergency personnel want you to call. They are trained to respond to these situations.

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.

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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.



JUNE 2026 SEATED & VIRTUAL TRAINING CALENDAR



Date/Time	Training Title	Description of Training	Hours	Cost
Wednesday 6/3/26 & Thursday 6/4/26 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	BSAC Basic School Age Care	BSAC (Basic School Age Care) is a 5-hour introductory level training event for school age care professionals that are new to the field. The training includes the following modules: 1) Health, Safety, & Nutrition, 2) Environmental Design, 3) Child/Youth Development 4) Developmentally Appropriate Activities, 5) Guiding Child Behavior, and 6) Quality School Age Care. This training is required by the NC Division of Child Development for school age care professionals working in licensed programs but is a great training for new staff in any afterschool program setting. (Tamesha Lewis / PFCW)	5 Hrs	\$25
Wednesday 6/10/2026 4:00 pm –	CPR & First Aid	<u>CPR</u> : Participants will learn lifesaving- breathing techniques. <u>First Aid</u> : 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. (Allen Jones/CPR-FA Instructor)		\$75
Thursday 6/11/26 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Wet N Wild Water Safety!	As providers go into the summer programs and incorporate water activities into the lesson plan. This training will give providers new ideas for water play while staying safe/preventing accidents. (Trinisia Carlton/PFCW)	2 Hrs	\$7
Tuesday 6/23/2026 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Splashing into Science	Engaging preschoolers with science can be done with simple, hands-on activities that encourage curiosity, exploration, develop critical thinking skills, and encourage exploration and curiosity. Participants will engage in hands-on activities that can be fun and educational. (Cassandra Dunn/PFCW)	2 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