



MARCH 2026

Partnership News!

THE PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN OF WAYNE COUNTY



As we welcome the fresh energy of spring, it's the perfect time to focus on supporting the youngest members of our community. Early childhood is a critical period for growth, learning, and connection—and families play a central role. From nurturing literacy to promoting healthy routines, every little step makes a big impact. This season, let's celebrate the luck of strong family bonds and the joy of helping children thrive!

UPCOMING DATES:

March 19th-12pm: Finance Committee Mtg.

March 26th-8:15am: Board of Directors Mtg.

April 10th: Wear Blue Day-Child Abuse Prevention

April 11th-18th: Week of the Young Child

April 20th-12pm: Resource & Development Mtg.

May 9th-9am-2pm: Touch A Truck @ Wayne County Fairgrounds



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

COMUNÍQUESE CON CRYSTAL:
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**\$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

WWW.PFCW.ORG



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:

March 23rd
10am-11:30am

April 6th
10am-11:30am

April 20th
10am-11:30am

Parents as Teachers



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



¿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 kínder. 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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for every parent

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT STORING MEDICINE

JUST ONE MINUTE

In ER visits for medicine poisonings, parents often say that they only turned their back for a minute.



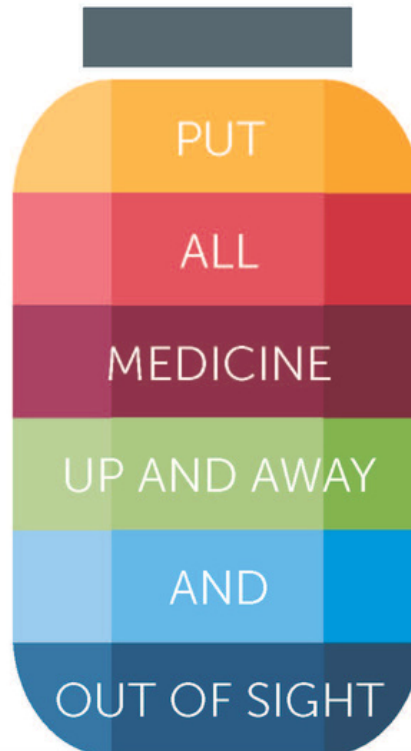
CURIOUS CLIMBERS

Research indicates in about half of over-the-counter poisoning cases, the child climbed on a chair, toy or other object to reach medicine.



CHILD-RESISTANT ≠ CHILDPROOF

Research suggests about half of accidental poisonings involved child-resistant packaging.



EVERY 9 MINUTES,

a young child (under age 6) goes to the ER because he/she got into medicine, and



EVERY HOUR,

a young child is hospitalized, and



EVERY 12 DAYS

a young child dies.



THE RISK IS REAL: HOW FAMILIES CAN HELP PROTECT KIDS

- Put all medicine up and away, out of children's reach and sight. Remember to keep visitors' purses, bags and coats out of reach, as they may contain medicine.
- Remember child-resistant packaging is not childproof. So put medicine away immediately after every use, even if you need to give another dose in a few hours.
- Save the Poison Help number – 1-800-222-1222 – in your phone and post it visibly at home so other caregivers can find it in an emergency.

**SAFE
KIDS**
WAYNE
COUNTY

May 9, 2026

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**!



Ready to start building a career in early education?
Take the first step, your future begins today!



Early Childhood Workforce Ready Academy

Complete interest form
by March 26th!

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Participants will complete essential state-required trainings in just two weeks and build the skills employers value in early childhood education. Launch your career in a growing workforce, supporting young learners and strengthening our community.

Offered by The Partnership for Children of Wayne County, Inc with support from The Camber Foundation.



Scan the QR
code to fill
out an
interest form!

FREE FOR PARTICIPANTS

Jumpstart your career in early childhood education! Limited spots are available in the Early Childhood Workforce Ready Academy—secure your spot today and gain the foundational skills to make a real impact on young learners.

TRAININGS:

Healthy & Safety, CPR & First Aid
Challenging Behaviors, ITS SIDS
Playground Safety, NC FELDS
Professionalism/Resume Building



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NEW CHILDCARE CENTER

TRA'S LOVING CARE

Director: Traron Artis

ACCEPTING CHILDREN AGES
1-12 YEARS OLD

1st and 2nd shift slots are currently
available

919-583-5122

3400 Central Heights Rd.



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.



Wish List



Join us in supporting families in our community! Our Amazon Wish List is full of items that make a big difference for children and parents alike. Every gift helps meet immediate needs and brings encouragement when it matters most.

Valerie Wallace, Executive Director
Amanda Atkinson, Finance Officer
Sharon Price, Administrative Assistant
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.



MARCH 2026 SEATED & VIRTUAL TRAINING CALENDAR



Date/Time	Training Title	Description of Training	Hours	Cost
Wednesday 3/11/2026 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Autism in Early Childhood VIRTUAL	This training covers autism in early childhood. Participants will increase their knowledge of early signs and detection of autism for young children. They will be able to name supportive ways to share concerns with caregivers, identify resources that support and can assist young children with autism in the ECE setting, and explore developmentally appropriate activities and inclusion practices for young children with autism. (Kimberly Gurganus)	2 Hours	\$7
Thursday 3/12/2026 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. (Tamesha Lewis / PFCW)	2 Hours	\$10
Wednesday 3/18/2026 6:30 – 8:30 pm	Rainy Day Activities	Are you singing the rainy-day blues and the rain has you and your little ones cooped indoors? Being stuck inside doesn't have to be boring. I've got a few ideas to get you through the day. With a little imagination, you and your little ones can have lots of fun! (Cassandra Dunn/ PFCW)	2 Hours	\$7
Thursday 3/26/2026 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	From Observation to Lesson Plan	Provide teaching staff with the ability to create proper anecdotal/observations. Focus on how to align anecdotal with NCFELD/Creative Curriculum/TSG objectives and apply them to the lesson plan to implement intentional teaching strategies for individualization, small group, and whole class. (Trinisia Carlton / PFCW)	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**