



MAY 2026

Partnership News!

THE PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN OF WAYNE COUNTY

Our 9th Annual Touch A Truck was a tremendous success, welcoming more than 1,400 attendees from across the community for a day full of fun, learning, and excitement! Children and families had the opportunity to explore vehicles of all kinds, meet local heroes and businesses, and enjoy hands-on experiences throughout the event.

Guests also enjoyed a great variety of food trucks and wonderful vendors who helped make the day even more special. From the giant sand pile to the many interactive activities, there was something for everyone to enjoy. We were especially grateful that the weather held off, allowing families to fully enjoy the event from start to finish.

This event would not have been possible without the support of our sponsors, exhibitors, volunteers, vendors, and community partners. Thank you to everyone who helped make Touch A Truck another memorable and successful event for our community!

We can't wait to see everyone again on May 8, 2027, for our 10th Annual Touch A Truck!

If you attended, we'd love to have your feedback on the event!

UPCOMING DATES:

May 21-Finance Committee Mtg.-noon

May 25- Office closed

May 28- Board of Directors Mtg.-8:15am

Scan QR code for survey



EARLY CARE & EDUCATION



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



EARLY LIFE LEARNING CENTER

Director: Helen Armstrong

ACCEPTING SCHOOL AGES
5-12 YEARS OLD



919-583-1055



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2209 A East Ash St.



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

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Dates:

June 1
10-11:30 am

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.

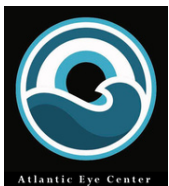
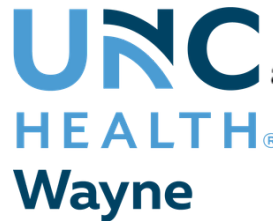


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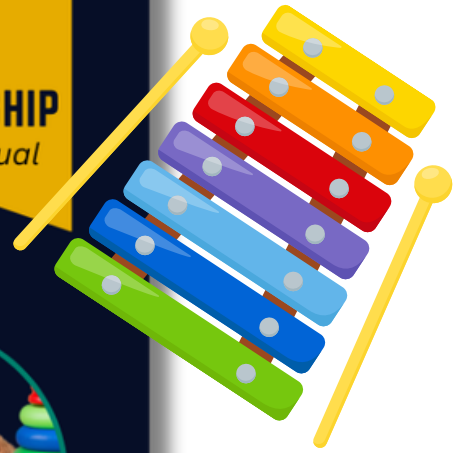
Early Learning Resource Center

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.



SAFE KIDS

May is Safe Kids Month!



Summer is an exciting season for families, often bringing vacations, barbecues, picnics, and time away from work and school. Yet summer is also known as “trauma season” among health professionals in the United States because unintentional injuries and deaths increase dramatically among children. Safe Kids Month is a national celebration dedicated to inspiring parents to take simple steps that help keep their kids safe as they get ready for summer. Visit: www.safekids.org for resources and more information.

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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Kids First
Youth Enrichment Program
Communities Supporting Schools
Of Wayne County, Inc.

SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM
FOR STUDENTS K-8TH GRADE

A summer full of activities including reading, art, STEM, & more!

Tuesdays and Thursdays
June 16th-July 30th

9am-12pm	1pm-4pm
K-4 th Grade	5 th -8 th Grade

Space is Limited!
Register & Reserve your child's place today!

111 S. Center St. Goldsboro, NC 27530

MORE INFO
waynecss.org/kidsfirst

Supply Fee \$25 per student

BEEE A Part of 4-H Summer Day Camps



QR Code for
4-H Summer Day
Camp Brochure
wayne.ces.ncsu.edu

**REGISTRATION
STARTS: MAY 4, 2026**



Website link:

<https://wayne.ces.ncsu.edu/news/4-h-summer-day-camps-2026/>

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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.



MAY 2026 SEATED & VIRTUAL TRAINING CALENDAR



Date/Time	Training Title	Description of Training	Hours	Cost
Wednesday 5/13/2026 8:30 am – 12:30 pm	Playground Safety	This training will review all the DCDCEE rules required for Child Care Center Playgrounds in accordance with the most recent Playground Safety information. (Cassandra Dunn/ PFCW)	4 Hours	\$20
Thursday 5/14/2026 6:30 – 8:30 pm	Math with A Blast VIRTUAL	This training introduces participants to basic math concepts and dynamic teaching methods. Participants will explore fun, interactive strategies to effectively teach foundational math skills in the classroom, making math engaging and accessible for young learners. (Tamesha Lewis/ PFCW)	2 Hours	\$7
Tuesday 5/19/2026 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 contributes 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 have experience grief from a SIDS death. (Trinisia Carlton / PFCW)	2 Hours	\$10
Wednesday 5/27/2026 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Ready, Set, Summer – Keep Children Learning	Participants will gain strategies to share with families on how to keep preschoolers learning during summer by encouraging focus on activities that build literacy, numeracy, and social-emotional skills through play and engagement while allowing them to also relax and enjoy the summer break. (Cassandra Dunn/ 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