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PARTNERSHIP NEWS!

THE PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN OF WAYNE COUNTY

Dear Friends,

As we approach Thanksgiving, The Partnership for Children of Wayne County would like to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude. Your unwavering support, active involvement, and genuine dedication make our community a better place for our children to learn, grow, and thrive.

We are immensely thankful for the joyful moments shared in our programs. The partnerships we've built with families and caregivers are invaluable, as they empower us to work together in fostering a nurturing environment for our children. Together, we are not just dreaming of a brighter future; we are actively creating it, one step at a time.

This season let's celebrate the spirit of gratitude by reflecting on the blessings in our lives. Whether it's the support of family and friends, the joy of a child's laughter, or the simple pleasures that fill our days, we encourage you to take a moment to appreciate what truly matters. Let's continue to uplift one another and spread kindness in our community, reinforcing the bonds that make us strong.

Wishing you all a warm and wonderful Thanksgiving filled with joy, love, and cherished moments with your loved ones. May this holiday remind us of the power of togetherness and the importance of gratitude in our lives.

With heartfelt gratitude,
The Partnership for Children of Wayne County

Important Dates

Nov. 3rd- Daylight Savings Time Ends

Nov. 11th- Office Closed

Nov. 14th- Deadline for Poinsettia Orders

Nov. 21st- 8:15 am-Board Meeting

Nov. 26-27th-Poinsettia Pickup/Deliveries

Nov. 28-29th- Thanksgiving Holiday



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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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER

\$15 EACH OR 2 FOR \$25
Choose from Red or White Poinsettia
8" pots with pot cover
Add a bow for an additional \$2.50
(choice of red or gold ribbon)

RESERVE YOUR POINSETTIA BY NOVEMBER 14TH.

Pick up your pre-ordered poinsettia from PFCW office Nov. 26th & 27th from 9am-4pm.

Questions? Please contact Blair at 919-735-3371 x229



ORDER NOW

Giving Tuesday

Tuesday, December 3rd

Small Gifts, Big Futures: Give \$5 Before 5!



Christmas with Santa

Come enjoy a visit with Santa, Mrs. Claus and the Partnership Staff. There will be crafts, games, and a treat to take home.

Thursday, December 17th, 2022
10 am-11:30 pm
Location: The Boys and Girls Club

Call Crystal to register:
919-735-3371 x227



FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS

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
- ✓ Sessions begin, Tuesday February 4th 5:30-7:30pm each night
- ✓ Meals and child care provided each night

ENROLL NOW

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



Reminder:
Turn your
clocks
back on
Nov. 3rd.

Connect with other dads in a supportive environment where you can share experiences, tips, and laughter. Whether you're facing challenges or celebrating wins, this is a safe space for everyone. Let's empower each other on this parenting journey!

For more information contact:
Angela Frady
919-735-3371 x237
afrady@pfcw.org

***Childcare and dinner are provided*





NC Pre-K Applications

2024-2025 NC Pre-K applications are available. Children must be 4 years old by August 31st.

www.pfcw.org

Call 919-735-3371 for more information



PARENT SPOTLIGHT

What is your favorite part of our Parents as Teachers program?

My favorite part about the program is getting my child ready for school.

What impact has the program had on your family? The program has taught us a lot and we have grown a lot with this program.

What is your favorite children's book?
Are You My Mother? by P. D. Eastman

What are your hobbies?
My hobbies are coloring, watching tv, and playing with my daughter, Kairi.



HANNAH MERRILL
PAT Parent



Tips for Carbon Monoxide Safety

- Install carbon monoxide (CO) alarms. Make sure there is one on every level of your home, especially around sleeping areas.
- Test CO alarms every month. Replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Avoid using gas appliances inside your home. Use generators and grills outside of your home, away from windows and doors. Warm up vehicles outside of your garage.
- In a CO emergency, leave your home immediately. If the CO alarm sounds, quickly leave your home. Move to a safe location outside where you can breathe in fresh air before you call for help.



Install a carbon monoxide alarm on every level of your home.

November is Family Engagement Month!

Here are some quick ideas to celebrate Family Engagement Month:

Family Learning Nights: Host interactive events like reading or science nights.

Community Service: Organize a family volunteer day.

Family Fun Day: Plan games, sports, and food for families to enjoy together.

Challenges: Create fun family challenges, like reading a certain number of books.

These activities can strengthen family bonds and enhance community connections!





Annual Meeting



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Annual Meeting breakfast at Lane Tree. It was inspiring to hear from our speakers about the vital role of early education and the pressing child care crisis we face. Your presence and participation are crucial in driving these important conversations forward. Together, we can make a difference!



Congratulations to the Wayne County Chamber for being awarded the Champions for Children award.

Congratulations to Ms. Gena Ross of 3 Heirs Day Care!



Gena Ross, Owner
3 Heirs Day Care



We are thrilled to announce that Ms. Gena Ross has been awarded the Family Child Care Project Start Up Grant! This generous grant provides vital funding for Family Child Care Homes, offering \$10,000 for those with a temporary license and \$5,000 for already licensed facilities. Ms. Ross can utilize these funds in a variety of impactful ways, including curriculum development, office supplies, educational supplies, personal protective equipment (PPE), furniture, and professional development.

We encourage all grant recipients to view this opportunity as a stepping stone toward long-term success. By thoughtfully considering all areas of spending—beyond just materials—Ms. Ross is setting up 3 Heirs Day Care for a thriving future. Congratulations once again, Ms. Ross! We can't wait to see the positive impact this grant will have on your day care and the families you serve.

TRAINING CALENDAR

November 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 	4 COP 10:00-11:30am	5	6 Teaching with a Purpose 6:30-8:30pm Virtual	7 COP Dads Night Out 5:30-7:00 pm	8	9
10 	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14 ITS SIDS 6:30-8:30pm	15	16
17	18 COP 10:00-11:30am Creating a Print Rich Environment 6:30-8:30pm	19	20 EPR 6:30-9:00pm	21	22	23
24	25	26 	27	28 Happy Thanksgiving	29 Office closed	30



PFCW Trainings



Circle of Parents

To register for trainings contact: The Partnership for Children of Wayne County, Crystal Heath 919-735-3371 ext. 227 or 0 for the Front Desk.

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