



## Here's What's Happening at the Partnership!

### Who We Are...

The Partnership for Children of Wayne County, Inc. is a non-profit organization designed to provide programs and services for families and children in Wayne County, North Carolina. We build partnerships with families and the community to create a comprehensive system of early care and education. In doing so, our community leads the way in building a brighter future for all of North Carolina.



### Some Thoughts from our Board Member, Kriquette Davis



**April will be here soon and is Child Abuse Prevention Month.**

It is an opportunity for us to educate our communities about the magnitude of this problem. There are many different types of Child Abuse: physical, emotional and sexual. Sometimes it's just one type, but often it is all three.

Child sexual abuse is one of the most prevalent public health issues facing society today. Child sexual abuse is any sexual



act between an adult and a minor, or between two minors when one exerts power over the other. It also includes non-contact acts such as exhibitionism, exposure to pornography, and voyeurism. It happens in places like homes, neighborhoods, schools, and youth sports environments, but it also occurs online, such as child pornography or communicating in a sexual manner by phone or internet.

Only about 38% of child victims disclose the fact they have been sexually abused. It is likely the most prevalent health problem children face with the most serious array of consequences. About one in seven girls and one in 25 boys will be sexually abused before they turn 18.

Nearly 70% of all reported sexual assaults occur to children aged 17 and under. 81% of incidents for all ages occur in one on one circumstances. Six to 11-year-old children are most likely (23%) to be abused in multiple-victim circumstances.

Signs that a child is being sexually abused are often present, but they are often indistinguishable from other signs of childhood stress, distress or trauma. Some of the physical signs include bruising, bleeding, redness and bumps, or scabs around the mouth, genitals or anus. Urinary tract infections, sexually transmitted diseases and abnormal vaginal or penile discharge are also warning signs. Quite often, child sexual abuse victims exhibit anxiety, chronic stomach pains or aches or headaches. Emotional and behavioral signals are common among sexually abused children. Some of these are “too perfect” behavior, withdrawal, fear, depression, unexplained anger and rebellion. Use of alcohol or drugs at an early age can be a sign of trauma such as child sexual abuse.

Victims may exhibit a wide range of immediate reactions, both in magnitude and form. Resilient children may not suffer serious consequences, whereas other children with the same experience may be highly traumatized. Some victims do not display immediate, emotional symptoms in response to the abuse. Some common consequences of trauma include nightmares, bed wetting, falling grades, cruelty to animals, bullying, being bullied, fire setting, runaway, higher risk of teen pregnancy, obesity and eating disorders, depression and self-harm of any kind. One of the most telling signs that sexual abuse is occurring is sexual behavior and language that is not age appropriate.

**Child sexual abuse reports should be made to the state’s child protective service agency, the police, or both.**

All types of child abuse are preventable. As adults it is our responsibility to make sure that our children grow up with their innocence intact. We must be educated, responsible and vigilant; and know the signs and how to act if abuse is suspected. We can arm our children with knowledge, but it is our responsibility to keep our children safe.

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Parents, stay positive!



# Triple P Parenting Seminar Series

- 1. The Power of Positive Parenting**  
(Monday, March 30th - 9:30 to 11:30 am)
- 2. Raising Confident, Competent Children**  
(Monday, April 27th - 9:30 to 11:30 am)
- 3. Raising Resilient Children**  
(Monday, May 18th - 9:30 to 11:30 am)

## Want Parenting Help Now?

Register for free parenting classes offered by the Partnership for Children to be held at:



WAYNE PREGNANCY CENTER

3501 E. Ash Street  
Goldsboro, NC 27534



Register now by calling: 919-583-9330

# operation medicine drop

Bring all old prescription and non-prescription drugs to be properly destroyed.

Do your part to help keep our children and water system safe!

For more information, please call:  
(919) 735-3371 Ext 235

## A National Poison Prevention Event

### Locations:

- Peggy M Seegars Senior Ctr. ....March 16th  
2001 East Ash St. 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- Walgreens .....March 17th  
2602 East Ash St. 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- Realo Discount Drugs .....March 18th  
515 E. New Hope Road 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- Wayne UNC Health Care .....March 19th  
Wayne UNC Health Care 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
- Wayne Community College .....March 26th  
3000 Wayne Mem. Dr. 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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Safe Kids of  
Wayne County



Don't Forget the Lobster & Shrimp Fest  
Because....

The Lobsters are coming...

and so are the shrimp!

Make plans to join us for the Partnership's  
16th Annual Shrimp and Lobster Fest!



Mark your calendar... one day only!

Friday, May 15, 2020

12 noon through 6:00 pm

Tickets are on sale now and  
**MUST** be purchased in advance!

Your \$25 ticket includes your choice of a full Maine lobster (cooked or live) or 2 lbs. of shrimp (cooked or frozen). Sides of baked potato and corn on the cob will be available for an additional \$5.

For information call the Partnership at 919-735-3371 or visit our website at PFCW.org... (we can't wait to see you!)

And Also... Communities Supporting Schools  
Upcoming Fun... Fundraiser!



"HAVE A HEART FOR KIDS"

**7th Annual Fundraiser**  
Sponsored by CSS of Wayne County

**March 27, 2020**

**6:00 - 9:00 pm**

**\$40 a person/\$75 a couple**

**Location: Terrace Room, 104 S. Center Street, Goldsboro, NC**  
**(Business Casual Attire)**



Communities Supporting Schools  
of Wayne County, Inc.

**Sparkles & Spirits \* Appetizers \* Silent Auction & Raffle**

**COME JOIN THE FUN!**

For more information, email [sbennett@waynecss.org](mailto:sbennett@waynecss.org)

## Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Tips

Everything you need to know to keep your kids safe from carbon monoxide.

Fuel-powered devices can provide wonderful benefits to families when used properly. But they also underscore an important necessity in the home: the need for a carbon monoxide alarm. Carbon monoxide poisoning can result from faulty furnaces or other heating appliances, portable generators, water heaters, clothes dryers, or cars left running in garages. At its worst, carbon monoxide can cause severe side effects or even death.

### Install Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- Make sure your home has a carbon monoxide alarm. If you don't have one, please go out and get one.
- As with [smoke alarms](#), make sure you have a carbon monoxide alarm on every level of your home, especially near sleeping areas, and keep them at least 15 feet away from fuel-burning appliances.
- You won't know that you have a carbon monoxide leak without a working alarm. So test alarms regularly and replace them every five to seven years depending on the manufacturer's label.
- For the best protection, have carbon monoxide alarms that are interconnected throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Carbon monoxide alarms are not substitutes for smoke alarms, and vice versa. Combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are available.



### Understand How Carbon Monoxide Can Be Harmful

- Don't use a grill, generator or camping stove inside your home, garage or near a window.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Don't leave a car, SUV or motorcycle engine running inside a garage, even if the doors are open.
- Never use your oven or stovetop to heat your home.
- On the outside of your home, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of snow and other debris.
- Carbon monoxide can accumulate in or around your motorboat, so install an alarm on your boat.



*Carbon monoxide (CO) is a gas that you cannot see, taste or smell. Each year, 184 children in the United States die due to carbon monoxide poisoning and more than 20,000 children visit the emergency room.*

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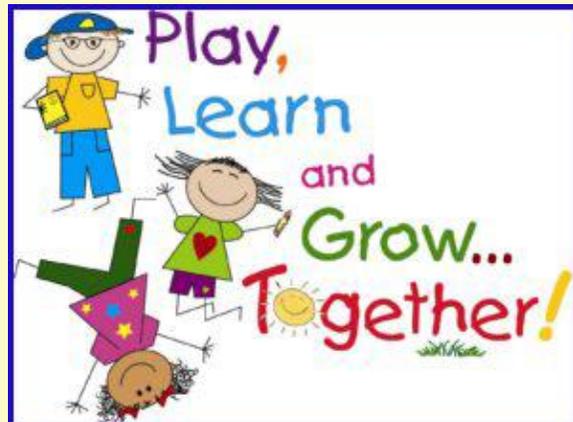
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## Bet You don't know EVERYTHING the Partnership does for the children of Wayne County...

Visit [www.pfcw.org](http://www.pfcw.org) and review all of our wonderful programs. **We think you'll be surprised!**



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