



## 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.

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### Some Thoughts from our Board Member, Donna Phillips

National Family Literacy Month takes place every November and celebrates the work that literacy programs do to empower families to achieve their dreams. Family literacy is best described as parents and children learning together. Learning is a life-long process that begins at birth and is driven by intellectual curiosity. Children flourish when parents provide them with emotional support and model a responsive, inquisitive attitude toward learning.

Instilling a love of reading in children is one of the very best ways parents can spark their children's growing imaginations, stimulate critical thinking and help them to develop empathy. This is important because the preparation and foundation for reading success is formed long before children enter kindergarten.

Reading is not only one of life's greatest joys, it also equips children with the skills they need to succeed at school, at work, and in life. Research has shown that children who read for pleasure are more likely to stick with. One of the easiest ways to help children discover a love of reading is to make reading a fun experience.

Tips to help your child learn about literacy one book at a time:

#### **Develop family reading routines**

Set aside a regular time each day to read aloud to your children, even if you only have a few minutes. This models that daily reading is an important part of each day. Don't forget to



let your child see you reading. Children who see adults enjoying reading are more likely to want to read themselves.

### Let your child select books to read

Allowing your child to help you select books to read will keep him interested and will show that you trust him to make good decisions.

### Read Aloud

When reading aloud, read with enthusiasm and expression. Talk about the words and pictures, and try to make connections between the story and your child's life.

### Reread your child's favorites

It is common for young children to request the same book again and again. Hearing a story repeatedly helps children become aware of the pattern and rhythm of the text. With each reading, your child will dive deeper in the story's meaning, preparing him for understanding more complex narratives later on.

### Print Conventions

Through early exposure to books, children begin to learn about the conventions of reading. Talk about the book's cover. Ask your child to guess what the book is about. *Who are the characters? What is the title? Who is the illustrator? Have you read other books by this author?*

### Surround your child with books

Make it a habit to visit your public library often. Visiting the library allows children the opportunity to browse and make choices from a large variety of books. Children who have their own library card develop ownership for their reading experiences and learn which books they enjoy through trial and error.

## 5 Rs of Early Education



### Reading

Reading together as a daily, fun, family activity. Reading aloud and with young children is both fun and rewarding.



### Rhyming

Rhyming, playing, talking, singing, and cuddling together often throughout the day.



### Routines

Building routines for meals, play, and sleep, which help children know what to expect and what is expected of them.



### Rewards

Giving rewards for everyday successes (especially for effort toward goals like helping).



### Relationships

Developing relationships that are nurturing, reciprocal, purposeful, and lasting.

Adapted from "Why It Is Never Too Early to Start Reading With Your Baby" by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

# PFCW Annual Meeting - November 21st

## Mark your Calendars!

The Partnership's Annual Breakfast Meeting is scheduled for November 21st, Lane Tree Convention Center starting at 8:00 am.

Come see what the Partnership has been up to over the past year.

Registration is free and open to all residents of Wayne County; however, you must call our office to sign up. Call (919) 735-3371 ext. 221 or email [spri@pfcw.org](mailto:spri@pfcw.org) and let Sharon know you're coming... We hope to see you there!

## Two Ways You Can Give To The Children of Wayne County...



Did you know that you can donate to the Wayne County Partnership for Children... **without spending an extra penny...** whenever you place an order on Amazon!

The Partnership is a participant in AmazonSmile. The website features all the **same products** and **same prices** as Amazon, is operated by Amazon, but gives the charitable organization of your choice 0.5% of your purchase price.

It's easy to do, just visit [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and search for, then select Wayne County Partnership for Children, Inc. as your organization of choice.

It's as simple as that. The AmazonSmile Foundation will automatically send your donation along to us!

Or...

When you visit...

### PetSmart

Make a donation of only \$5 at checkout and pick a stuffed animal. The adorable animal of your choice will then make its way to the Partnership and continue its journey on to a deserving Wayne County child in time for Christmas!



Toys and games are tons of fun for kids & adults. But here are a few things to think about to help kids stay safe when playing:

1. **Find the perfect toy for the right age.**  
Consider your child's age and development when buying a toy or game. Read instructions and warnings. Make sure there aren't any small parts or choking hazards
2. **Don't forget a helmet for riding toys.**  
Be sure to include a CPSC certified helmet when gifting a child with any riding equipment.



3. **Store toys away after play.**  
After playtime is over, use a bin or container to store toys for next time. Make sure there are no holes or hinges that could catch little fingers.
4. **Sign up to receive product recalls.**  
Go to [www.recalls.gov](http://www.recalls.gov) for information about product recalls related to kids.

Partnership for Children of Wayne County  
is joining the movement!

You Can too!



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On December 3, 2019, join the movement and give -  
whether it's some of your time, a donation, or just  
the power of your voice in your local community.

It's a simple idea. Whether you come together with  
your family, your community, your company or your  
organization, find a way to give back and then  
share your idea.

**Join the Movement!**

Go to:  
[www.givingtuesday.org](http://www.givingtuesday.org)

**And see...  
what it's all  
about!**

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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  
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