



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

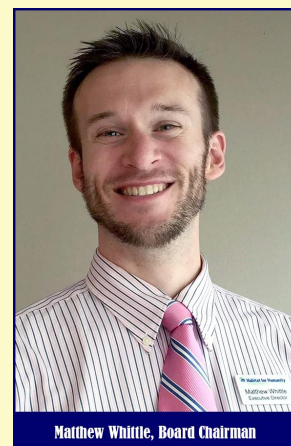
### Who We Are...

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.

### A Word From Our New Chairman

Hi. As the new chairman of the Board of Directors for the Partnership for Children of Wayne County, I wanted to introduce myself. I have lived and worked here for the last 13 years with my wife and two sons, ages 10 and 5. Both of my boys grew up in day cares and pre-schools in Wayne County and now attend - or are preparing to attend - public school, so we understand the importance of early childhood education and the challenges of parenthood. That's why I was honored when I was asked to chair the Board this year as we headed into a new era.

As you know, the Partnership celebrated its 20th anniversary in November and then almost immediately said goodbye to former Executive Director Charlie Ivey; and just recently, former Board Chairman Joe Setzer.



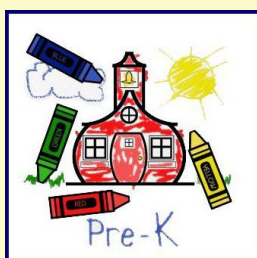
But... new Executive Director, Valerie Wallace, myself and the rest of the Board are excited about what's coming next. Already our state partners recognize the Wayne County Partnership as one of the top agencies in the state, and we plan to continue to provide great services to children, parents and child care facilities throughout Wayne County.

However, we don't want to become stagnant. We know there are needs in our community and we want to find new ways to help meet those needs. We want to find new ways to reach out to families. To do that this year, we are focusing on two things. One, we are preparing to begin work on a new strategic plan that will drive our work for the next three years. In this process we hope to identify what's working well, what needs improvement and what new programs may work here in Wayne County. We also hope to be part of other community/coalition efforts to help strengthen families and address issues of poverty relating to families and children.

In order to do that, though, we need your help. Many people still do not know what the Partnership does. Help us by spreading the word and sharing your experiences. Then consider volunteering your time or giving a donation this year.

I look forward to working with you. If you ever would like to talk about the Partnership and early childhood education, feel free to reach out to me at my day job at Habitat for Humanity of Goldsboro-Wayne at [mwhittle@habitatgoldsboro.org](mailto:mwhittle@habitatgoldsboro.org).

### NC Pre-K



The NC Pre-Kindergarten Program is a high-quality early childhood program that prepares eligible children for success. Wayne County currently has 32 NC Pre-K classrooms in private child care facilities, public schools, and head start programs. All programs use the Creative Curriculum and plan for play-based learning experiences with activities targeted to meet each child's needs. Children must be four years old by August 31st of the current year and be identified as at risk for poor school outcomes. Risk factors include low household income, limited English proficiency, identified disability, chronic health condition and/or developmental or educational need. Children of active duty military families are also eligible.

Wayne County is still taking applications for the 2019-2020 school year. To apply, please visit <https://pfcw.org/for-parents/nc-pre-k-for-parents/> or visit our office at 800 N. William Street, Goldsboro, NC 27530. We will need income information for parent(s) of the child living in the home as well as the child's birth certificate in order to process the application. Additional documentation requested will include: physical and shot record, and documentation of health concern and/or educational/developmental need. Please call our office with any specific questions you may have at 919-735-3371 ext. 245.

## Dolly Parton Imagination Library

Have YOU heard about the Dolly Parton Imagination Library? Any child in Wayne County aged birth to 5 years old is eligible to receive a monthly book FREE of charge and delivered directly to your child by mail. Registering is simple... you may sign your child up by visiting us at <https://pfcw.org/dolly-partons-imagination-library>.

Registration slips can also be found at the Partnership for Children of Wayne County office on William Street. Please call Sharon at 919-735-3371 x221 for further information.



## Think Babies



Brains are built, not born. During the first years of life, babies' experiences are built into their bodies - shaping brain development and building the foundation for all future learning, behavior and health. When we support our babies and toddlers in having the opportunity to fulfill their potential, we create the best outcomes in health, education and economic well-being for everyone in North Carolina.

**Think Babies NC**, funded by the **Pritzker Children's Initiative** and **Zero To Three**, aims to improve outcomes for North Carolina's babies and toddlers and their families. Research demonstrates that when policies and programs ensure healthy beginnings at birth, support families, and make high-quality child care and learning environments more accessible and affordable, young children benefit.

When we support them in their earliest years, we prepare our babies to grow, learn and succeed - and our communities, workforce and economy become stronger and more productive.

The Partnership will be holding a community forum, October 2nd from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at Wayne Community College to explore and discuss what is happening in Wayne County regarding infants and toddlers. We would like to encourage community folks to be a part of the discussion. (Stay tuned for more information regarding this initiative).



Does your child exhibit **CHALLENGING BEHAVIORS**? Incredible Years is a **FREE** positive parenting program dedicated to supporting and strengthening families and preparing them to handle misbehaviors and learn preventive approaches.

The next **FREE** classes will be starting on August 19th for Spanish group and August 20th for English group. Class meets once a week for 15 weeks from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm. This class is for parents, grandparents,



Did you know that there have already been 21 pediatric vehicular heatstroke deaths during 2019? A car can heat up 19 degrees in just 10 minutes! To reduce the number of deaths from heatstroke, remember to **ACT!**

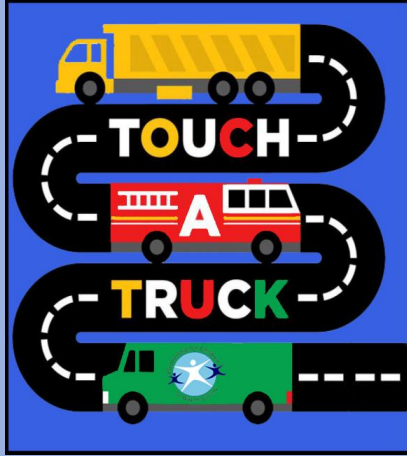
**A**void heatstroke related injury and death by never leaving a child alone in a car, not even for a minute. And make sure to keep your car locked when you are not inside so kids don't get in on their own.

**C**reate reminders. Keep a stuffed animal or other memento in your child's car seat when it's empty and move it to the front seat as a visual reminder when your child is in the back seat. Or... place and secure your phone, briefcase or purse in the backseat

caregivers of children who are ages 3 to 5 years old. To sign up for the class call the Partnership for Children at (919) 735-3371 (ext. 222 or 237 for English and ext. 223 or 238 for Spanish).

when traveling with your child.

**T**ake action. If you see a child alone in a car, call 911. Emergency personnel want you to call. They are trained to respond to these situations.



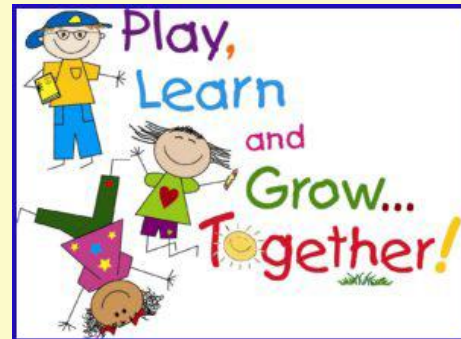
## The Partnership's 3rd Annual Touch-a-Truck is coming!

**Saturday, August 24, 2019**  
**9:00 am to 2:00 pm**  
**Wayne County Fairgrounds**

Come where its OK to look.... and **Touch!**  
Tickets are \$5 at the gate. (children aged 2 years and under are admitted **FREE** of charge).  
9:00 am to 11:00 am is Quiet Time for children with sensory sensitivities... after that, it's horns, whistles and bells from our 80 vehicles. Come Play With Us!

## Do You Know EVERYTHING the Partnership does for the children of Wayne County?

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



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