



## 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

#### Paul Rutter

In 2011, I attended a presentation on the importance to the economy of educating young children. Over the next year, I learned more from Dr. David Tayloe, Mr. Charles Ivey and others about the economic importance of early childhood educations and realized why it's good for me, as an educator of adults, to make education for our youngest children in my community a priority.

That same year, through Leadership Wayne, I attended a Partnership for Children meeting and learned the various available avenues to help parents and child center educators. I asked Mr. Ivey, then Executive Director of the Partnership, if an opportunity came up, could I help in some capacity... other than buying lobsters during their yearly Lobster & Shrimp Fest fundraiser. The term of finance chair of the Board of Directors was ending and, with my background in banking and a degree in finance and doctorate in education, I was asked to join the Board. It has been a great honor to work alongside the ECE professionals in Wayne County and fellow board members since 2013 to help promote education among our youngest people.



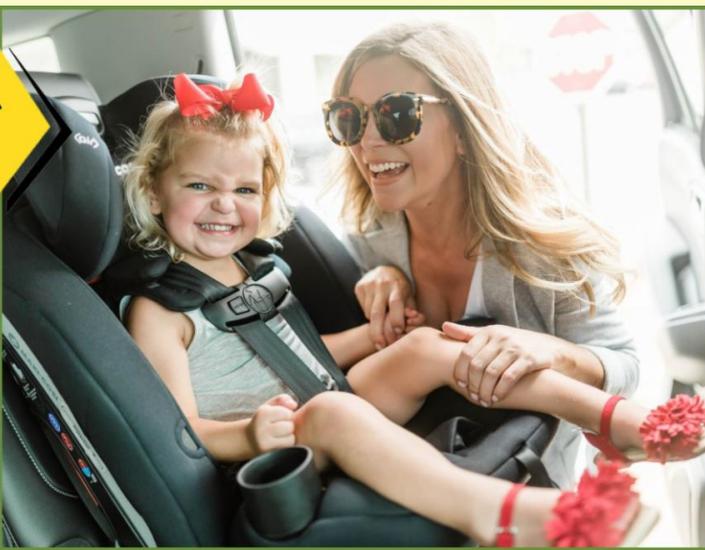
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## Child Passenger Safety



### Did You Know...?

- Road Injuries are the leading cause of unintentional deaths to children in the United States.
- When installed and used correctly, child safety seats decrease the risk of fatal injury by 71% among infants, 54% among toddlers and 45% among children ages 4-8.
- Children should ride in a vehicle back seat until they are 13 years old.



**FREE**

Saturday seat check in  
Rosewood on  
September 21st  
from 10:00 a.m.  
til 2:00 p.m.

Come have your car seat checked by a Child Passenger Safety Technician! Call us at (919) 735-3371 (ext. 227 or 245) for more information.



Brains are built, not born...

**Think Babies** is an initiative that seeks to build public awareness and policymaker support for what North



Dolly Parton Imagination Library

We are continuing to register children for the Dolly Parton Imagination

Carolina's youngest children and their families need to thrive.

A forum will be held on October 2nd in the auditorium at Wayne Community College. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. The forum will run through 11:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served and a tour of the Wayne Community College child care facility is included.

Please register by calling PFCW at (919) 735-3371 Ext. 227

Library. If your child is aged birth to 5 years old...

## Sign Them Up!

Your child will receive a FREE book in the mail every month until they reach the age of 5. Registration slips can be found at the Partnership for Children of Wayne County office on William Street... or you can register on line at [www.pfcw.org](http://www.pfcw.org). Please call Sharon at 919-735-3371 x 221 for further information.

## PFCW Annual Meeting

### 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. 227 and let Crystal know you're coming.



## Update...

Did you know the Partnership offers a lending library of toys, puzzles, puppets, books, games and costumes? We just added **TONS** of new items to the library - all available for check out with a \$15 annual membership fee. In addition to the great items listed, members have access to the following:

- a computer and new color printer - you can print for only \$.05 per page. (Please call prior to coming to ensure room and/or computer are not already in use).
- a new cricket machine (you must

bring your own vinyl and/or paper at this time.)

Please call 919-735-3371 (ext. 227) for more information.



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 these challenging behaviors and learn preventive approaches.

The next **FREE** classes will be begin in mid January. Class meets once a week for 15 weeks from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm. This class is for parents, grandparents, caregivers of children who are ages 3 to 5 years old. Slots are limited. 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).



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Visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and search for, then select Wayne County Partnership for Children, Inc. as your organization of choice.

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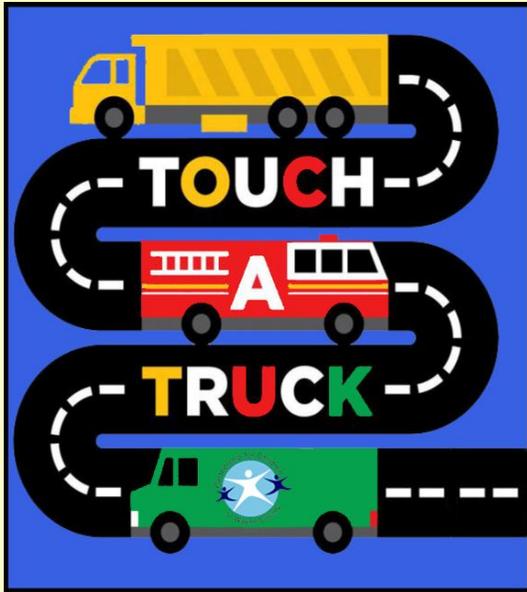
### 3rd Annual Touch-a-Truck

Despite the threatening outlook of rain, the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Partnership Touch a Truck was a **huge success.**

More than 1,000 children and caregivers entered the gates at the Wayne Regional Agricultural Fairgrounds Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Many exhibitors and vendors braved the weather and came out to support the Partnership's fundraiser.

Children and families were able to have quiet hours for the majority of the morning. After the time frame arranged, horns, lights and sirens were flashing and blaring to the smiling faces of hundreds of children. Unfortunately the rains came with an hour to go. Even though the event was shut down, the Partnership had the best year raising approx. \$15,000. Staff are already preparing for next year's event and has booked August 22 as the date for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Touch a Truck event.

We look forward to having an even bigger and better event. We have a few things in the works for next year. Stay tuned and mark your calendars for August 22, 2020!



**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 our programs. **We think you'll be surprised!**

