



APRIL 2023

HCPC CONNECTIONS

HARNETT COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN



HELLO, FRIENDS!

It's April and HCPC definitely has a *spring in its step*! April is an *egg-stra* special month for us, as we celebrate Week of the Young Child (WOYC) and Easter! We are very *egg-cited* to once again hold our annual Children's Art *Eggs-hibit*, The Great Diaper Drive, and fundraiser at The Scoop at Willow Oak Farms - lots to keep us *hopping*!

Now that we've nearly *eggs-hausted* all of our Easter puns, you'll have no *eggs-cuse* to *hop* on over for an *eggs-cellent* time with your HCPC peeps! *Eggs-pect* a great time of learning, playing, and *connegg-ting* for your baby *chicks*!



SPECIAL DATES

- **April 2nd:** HCPC Fundraiser at The Scoop at Willow Oak Farm
- **April 3rd:** WOYC Music Monday - RTG Children's Music Parade; 2023-2024 NC Pre-K application available
- **April 4th:** WOYC Tasty Tuesday
- **April 5th:** WOYC Work Together Wednesday
- **April 6th:** WOYC Artsy Thursday; 3rd Annual Children's Art Exhibit
- **April 7th:** HCPC closed in observance of the Good Friday holiday.
- **April 9th:** Easter
- **April 29th:** HCPC at YMCA's Healthy Kids Day

HCPC MISSION:

Our mission is to improve the quality of life for young children and families in Harnett County, through community based programs focusing on health, education, and family support.

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FY 2022-2023 HCPC MEETING SCHEDULE

HCPC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

All regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings occur on the premises of 107 Front Street, Lillington, NC on the following dates at noon.

2023

February 15
April 19
June 21

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

All regularly scheduled Executive Committee meetings occur on the premises of 107 Front Street, Lillington, NC on the following dates at 11:00 a.m.

2023

April 17
June 19

PLANNING, PROGRAM AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

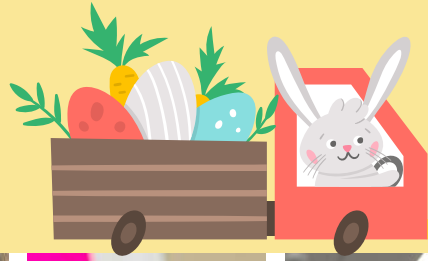
All regularly scheduled PPF Committee meeting occurs on the premises of 107 Front Street on the following dates at 11:00 a.m.

2023

February 15
April 19
June 21









*Dates are subject to change and additional called meetings may be added to the schedule. Those dates will be advertised via website and office posting a minimum of 7 days prior to the meeting.





A LOOK BACK AT MARCH:



-  - Lillington Ready to Grow Playgroup (RTG)
-  - YMCA Ready to Grow Playgroup (RTG)
-  - Circle of Parents (COP)
-  - Zumbini
-  - Erwin Ready to Grow Playgroup (RTG)
-  - Spanish Speaking Groups (RTG)
-  - Open Play
-  - Magical Yoga

SUN. MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SAT.

<div>April</div>							<div>1</div> <div>APRIL FOOLS DAY</div>
<div>2</div> <div>3pm- HCPC Ice Cream Fundraiser (The Scoop)</div> <div>Autism Awareness Day</div>	<div>3</div> <div>WOYC MUSIC MONDAY</div> <div>8:30am- 2023-2024 NC Pre-K Application Available</div> <div>10am- Zumbini (EPL)</div> <div>10:30am- RTG (Lillington)</div> <div>1:00pm- RTG (YMCA)</div> <div>2:30pm- RTG (Lillington)</div>	<div>4</div> <div>WOYC TASTY TUESDAY</div> <div>10am- Zumbini (HCPL)</div> <div>10:30am- RTG (Lillington)</div> <div>11am- Zumbini (HCPL)</div> <div>4:30pm- COP (Lillington)</div>	<div>5</div> <div>WOYC Work Together Wednesday</div> <div>10am- Zumbini (YMCA)</div> <div>10:30am- RTG (Erwin)</div> <div>10:30am- RTG (Lillington)</div> <div>11am- Zumbini (YMCA)</div> <div>2:30pm- Spanish Speaking RTG (Lillington)</div>	<div>6</div> <div>WOYC ARTSY THURSDAY</div> <div>10am- Zumbini (APL)</div> <div>11am- Zumbini (APL)</div> <div>3pm -6:30pm- Children's Art Exhibit (Lillington)</div>	<div>7</div> <div>WOYC FAMILY FRIDAY</div> <div>Good Friday - HCPC Closed</div>	<div>8</div> <div></div>	
<div>9</div> <div>HAPPY EASTER!</div> <div>Easter</div>	<div>10</div> <div>10:30am- RTG Pinwheel Garden (Lillington)</div> <div>1:00pm- RTG (YMCA)</div> <div>2:30pm- RTG (Lillington)</div>	<div>11</div> <div>10:30am- RTG Pinwheel Garden (Jack Marley)</div> <div>2:30pm- Spanish Speaking COP (Lillington)</div>	<div>12</div> <div>10:30am- RTG Pinwheel Garden (Erwin)</div> <div>10:30am- RTG (Lillington)</div>	<div>13</div> <div>9:30am- COP (Lillington)</div> <div>1pm - RTG (YMCA)</div> <div>4:30pm- COP (Lillington)</div>	<div>14</div> <div>10:30am- Open Play (Lillington)</div>	<div>15</div> <div></div>	
<div>16</div>	<div>17</div> <div>10am- Magical Yoga (APL)</div> <div>10:30am- RTG (Lillington)</div> <div>1:00pm- RTG (YMCA)</div> <div>2:30pm- RTG (Lillington)</div>	<div>18</div> <div>10am- Magical Yoga (HCPL)</div> <div>10:30am- RTG (Lillington)</div> <div>2:30pm- Spanish Speaking COP (Lillington)</div>	<div>19</div> <div>10:30am- RTG (Erwin)</div> <div>10:30am- RTG (Lillington)</div> <div>2:30pm- Spanish Speaking RTG (Lillington)</div>	<div>20</div> <div>9:30am- COP (Lillington)</div> <div>10am- Zumbini (APL)</div> <div>11am- Zumbini (APL)</div> <div>1pm - RTG (YMCA)</div> <div>4:30pm- COP (Lillington)</div>	<div>21</div> <div>10am- Magical Yoga (DPL)</div> <div>10:30am- Open Play (Lillington)</div>	<div>22</div> <div>Earth Day</div>	

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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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LOCATIONS:

APL - Angier Public Library
CPL - Coats Public Library
DPL - Dunn Public Library
EPL - Erwin Public Library
HCPL - Harnett County Public Library

Erwin Groups: 494 Antioch Church Rd, Dunn
Jack Marley Park - 249 East Williams Street, Angier
Lillington Groups: 170 Pine State St., Lillington
The Scoop at Willow Oak Farm - 1530 Lafayette Rd, Fuquay-Varina
YMCA - 107 Carletta Cage Dr, Cameron

APRIL IS ALSO:

Month of the Military Child

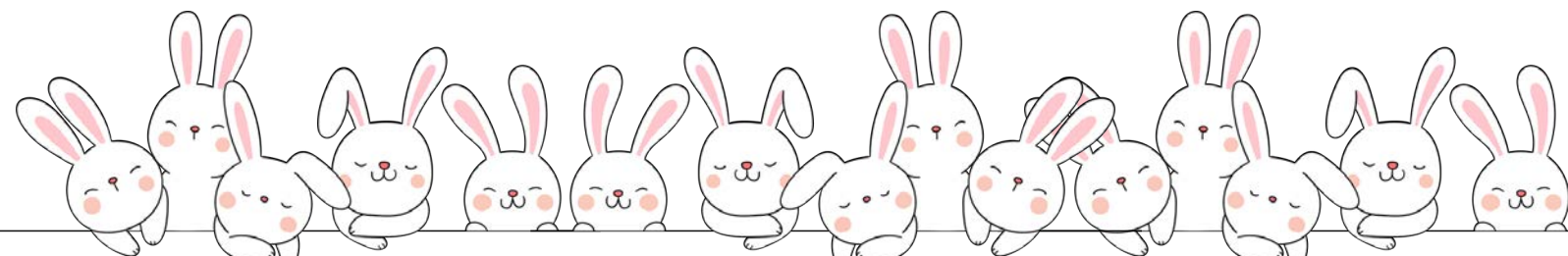
While military members serve around the world, we often forget the challenges faced by their children. There are more than 1.6 million military children who face many challenges and unique experiences as a result of their parents' service. Celebrate military children and the sacrifices they make.

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

National Child Abuse Prevention Month recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect. Prevention services and supports developed by collaboration can help to protect children and strengthen families.

National Autism Awareness Month

Help in fostering worldwide support for autism, sharing stories and connecting to create a more inclusive world. Stand together to make a world of difference where all people with autism can reach their full potential.





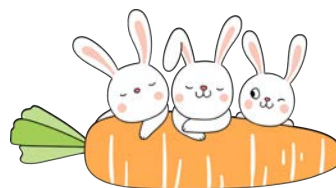
CHILD CARE SUPPORT



CHILD CARE SUBSIDY



Through Child Care Subsidies, families can ensure their children are safe and well-cared for in licensed child care facilities while parents are away at work. For more information, contact the Harnett County Department of Social Services at **(910) 893-7500**.



FINDING CHILD CARE



Need help finding child care? Child Care Search covers Chatham, Harnett, Johnston, Lee, and Wayne Counties. They can be reached at **1-855-231-8717**.





Harnett County Partnership for Children Presents

CHILDREN'S ART EXHIBIT



Thursday, April 6th / 3pm - 6:30pm
170 Pine State St, Lillington

All Harnett County children, ages birth - 5 years old, are welcome to participate in the 2023 Children's Art Exhibit. We invite children to draw, paint, color, sculpt, or build whatever their creativity dreams up for their work of art!

All entries will be displayed at the Children's Art Exhibit on Thursday, April 6th and available for public viewing from 3pm - 6:30pm. Invite family, friends, and neighbors to see your little one's masterpiece!

**Art
Submission
Deadline:**

April 3rd by 4pm

**EACH PARTICIPANT
WILL BE ENTERED
INTO A DRAWING
FOR A CHILDREN'S
ART SUPPLY GIFT
BASKET!**

**TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE
DRAWING:**

**Child must be a Harnett County
resident and between the ages
of birth - 5 years old.**



Circle of Parents

Círculo de Padres

CIRCLE of PARENTS®
Sharing Ideas. Sharing Support.



**Parenting is joyful, but can also present difficulties and challenges.
Es una dicha ser padres, pero también presenta dificultades y desafíos.**

Feel empowered, supported, and strengthened as you attend weekly Circle of Parents' meetings. Join other Harnett County parents/caregivers at our Circle of Parents' group.

Siéntase empoderado, apoyado y fortalecido mientras asiste a las reuniones semanales del Círculo de Padres. Únase a otros padres/proveedor de cuidados del Condado de Harnett en nuestro grupo de Círculo de Padres.



- SPANISH-SPEAKING CIRCLE OF PARENTS
TUESDAYS @ 2:30PM / 170 PINE STATE ST. LILLINGTON
- CÍRCULO DE PADRES DE HABLA HISPANA
MARTES @ 2:30PM / 170 PINE STATE ST. LILLINGTON
- LILLINGTON MORNING CIRCLE OF PARENTS
THURSDAYS @ 9:30AM / 170 PINE STATE ST. LILLINGTON
- LILLINGTON EVENING CIRCLE OF PARENTS
THURSDAYS @ 4:30PM / 170 PINE STATE ST. LILLINGTON

To register, email familysupport@harnettsmartstart.org or call 910-893-2344.
Para registrarse, envíe un correo electrónico a familysupport@harnettsmartstart.org o llame al 910-893-2344.

DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY



FREE BOOKS
FOR CHILDREN, UNDER 5 YRS OLD



More Info and Registration at
www.harnettsmartstart.org



SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR
CELL PHONE CAMERA TO REGISTER
YOUR CHILD FOR FREE BOOKS!

PREFER TO MAIL IN YOUR REGISTRATION FORM?

Drop off or mail your completed form to:

Harnett County Partnership for Children, Attn: DPIL, 170 Pine State St, Lillington, NC 27546



Dolly Parton's IMAGINATION LIBRARY Official Registration Form (one per child required)

Privacy Statement: This information will not be used for any purpose other than the Imagination Library.

PLEASE PRINT

Child's FULL Name: _____

Child's Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____ Sex: M F Phone: _____
MONTH DAY YEAR

Parent/Guardians Name: _____

Child's Home Address: _____
ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

Mailing Address: _____
(If Different) ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

Email Address: _____

"This child is a resident of YOUR TOWN, USA" _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

**Sign up your
child today!**

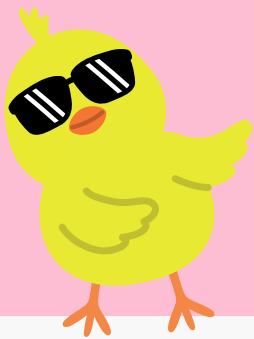
Simply fill out the form and mail to:

Harnett County Partnership for Children
Attn: DPIL
170 Pine State St
Lillington, NC 27546



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public nonprofit organization.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Received: _____ Group Code: _____



HEALTHY HABITS FOR HARNETT

APRIL CLASSES



Join Ms. Dollie for a magical yoga adventure



Children ages 3-5



- Monday, April 17th @ 10:00— Angier Public Library
- Tuesday, April 18th @ 10:00— Harnett County Public Library-Lillington
- Friday, April 21st @ 10:00— Dunn Public Library
- Wednesday, April 26th @ 10:00— Coats Public Library
- Friday, April 28th @ 10:00— Erwin Public Library



happy APRIL

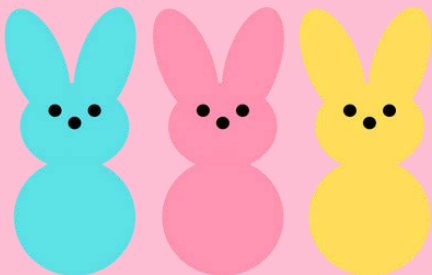
Scan code for dates & times

zūmbini. with Ms. Dollie

~Harnett County Public Library (Lillington)
~Angier Public Library
~Erwin Public Library
~Saleeby YMCA

~Registration Required ~Space is Limited

MS. DOLLIE LOVES HANGING WITH HER LITTLE PEEPS!



HEALTHY HABITS FOR HARNETT MAY CLASSES

ARE YOU READY TO ROCK ???

Join Ms. Dollie for a
Rock-N- Roll Yoga Class!



I ♥
ROCK
N ROLL



Scan QR Code to register

Tuesday, May 2nd @ 10:00- Harnett County Public Library-Lillington

Friday, May 12th @ 10:00- Angier Public Library

Thursday, May 18th @ 10:00- Erwin Public Library

Friday, May 19th @ 10:00- DunnPublic Library

Wednesday, May 31st @ 10:00- Coats Public Library



CHILDREN AGES 3-5

Harnett County Public Library (Lillington)

Angier Public Library

Erwin Public Library

Saleeby YMCA

MAY
zümbini®
with Ms. Dollie



Registration Required

Space is Limited



CARROT SMOOTHIE FOR KIDS

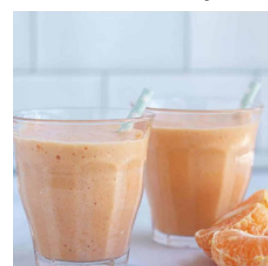
- 1 cup milk (nondairy milk preferred)
- 1 cup frozen mango cubes
- 1 small clementine (peeled)
- 1 cup peeled and grated* carrots
- Optional: 1 tablespoon almond butter rolled oats, and/or hemp seeds
- Optional: ¼ cup plain or vanilla Greek yogurt

*Use grated carrots since they are easier to blend very smooth. You can use chopped carrots, but let the blender run until smooth to avoid choking hazards for young children.



INSTRUCTIONS

- Add the milk, mango, clementine, and carrots to a blender. Add any optional ingredients.
- Place the top on the blender. Starting on low and working up to high, blend until very smooth or for 30-60 seconds.
- Serve cold.





ICE CREAM

Fundraiser

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Come out & support
Harnett Co Partnership
for Children

**20% of your ice cream
purchase goes directly back to
support the children!**

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Saturday, April 1st
3:00pm - 5:00pm
The Scoop! @ Willow Oak Farms

1530 Lafayette Road, Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526

Present 20% coupon at time of purchase

MOTHEREAD

Motheread assists families enrolled in ESL classes through Central Carolina Community College in teaching the importance of early literacy and positive parenting. A weekly series of Motheread is offered to Harnett County residents with children, ages birth to five years old. For additional information, please contact Dr. Nutan Varma at 910-814-8819.

LEARN ENGLISH FREE!



LOCATION:

Angier Baptist Church
155 S. Hickory Street
Angier, NC 27501

Class Starts: September 6, 2022

Class Schedule:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and
Thursdays, 9:00 am - 1:30 pm

For more information, please
call at 910-814-8975.



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MOTHEREAD PROGRAM

A family literacy program for parents/caregivers of 0-5 years old (Pre-K) children. Bring your children to class with you!

Learn English speaking, reading, and writing skills

Learn basic computer skills

Childcare teachers for nursery and preschool age children

FREE snacks for you and your children

FREE children books to take home

Opportunity to read books in English to your children at home

¡Aprende inglés gratis!



Ubicación de la clase:

Angier Baptist Church
155 S. Hickory Street
Angier, NC 27501

Horario de clase:

Primera clase: September 6, 2022
martes, miércoles y jueves
9:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

Para más información, llame al
910-814-8975.



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PROGRAMA MOTHEREAD

Un programa de alfabetización familiar para padres / cuidadores de niños de 0 a 5 años (Pre-K). ¡Traiga a sus niños a la clase con usted!

Aprende inglés, lectura y escritura

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Oportunidad de leer libros en inglés a sus niños en casa



NC PRE-K



2023-2024 NC PRE-K
APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE
APRIL 3RD



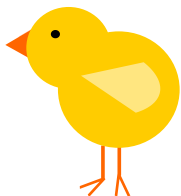
NC PRE-K APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

We are getting excited about the upcoming school year! NC Pre-K Applications for the 2023-2024 school year are available starting April 3rd!!! Families can pick up a hard copy of the application and submit it in person at at 107 W. Front St Lillington, NC or 170 Pine State St in Lillington. They can also access and submit the application through our online portal by visiting www.harnettsmartstart.org. Check out our video to meet the NC Pre-K staff and get detailed information about applications.

When submitting the application please remember to attach all supporting documents. The application cannot be processed until we have the completed application, the child’s birth certificate, proof of residence, and income verification (1 month of paystubs or tax document). Be sure to initial each item on page 4!

A FEW THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT NC PRE-K

- Your child must be 4 by August 31st.
- Lowest income applicants will be placed first. NC Pre-K is not first come first serve basis.
- The first round of placements will be made in July via mail. Applications submitted by June will be included in this round of placements.
- Families must provide transportation to and from this program.
- Visit our website and check out the FAQ page for more information.





NC PRE-K



DATES TO REMEMBER FOR CURRENT NC PRE-K FAMILIES

- April 7th – Holiday
- April 10th-14th – Spring Break
- May 29th – Holiday
- June 9th – Last Day of School

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION FOR GRADUATING NC PRE-K FAMILIES

Current NC Pre-K families are now eligible to register their children for kindergarten! Harnett County's kindergarten registration link opened on January 19th. Children must be 5 years old on or before August 31, 2023. You will need your child's birth certificate, proof of address, and immunization record at registration. Please visit the online link to register: <https://harnettnc.scriborder.com>



The Harnett County NC Pre-K office
has moved to downtown Lillington at:
107 W Front Street, Lillington, NC.



Join us for

OPEN PLAY FRIDAYS

10:30am - 12:30pm

Family Connections @ 170 Pine State St, Lillington





PLAY IS FUN. PLAY IS LEARNING.





READY TO GROW



Ready to Grow Playgroup facilitates developmentally appropriate playgroups for children and caregivers who reside in Harnett County. Eligible children must be between the ages of birth through 5 years old. Playgroup facilitators use Kaleidoscope Play & Learn Curriculum to provide hands on activities that focus on early literacy and social emotional competency. Caregivers learn about the purpose of play and will connect with other parents during group time. Children and caregivers will participate in coordinated group activities to prepare the children for success in school.

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Erwin Playgroup meets on Wednesdays from 10:30am - 12pm @ 494 Antioch Church Rd, Dunn, NC 28334

Lillington Playgroup meets on Mondays at 10:30am-12pm and 2:30pm-4:pm & on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:30am-12pm @ 170 Pine State St, Lillington.

Lillington Spanish-Speaking Playgroup meets Wednesdays from 2:30pm-4pm at 170 Pine State St, Lillington. All are welcome!

YMCA Playgroup meets on Mondays and Thursdays from 1pm-2:30pm at 107 Carletta Cage Dr, Cameron.

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HAVE FUN



READY TO GROW PLAYGROUP



THEME OF THE MONTH:

Sort It Out

KEY MESSAGE

1. Identifying attributes and sorting objects based on similar attributes are important skills that will help children enter preschool or kindergarten prepared. • Attribute: What something looks like • Sort: To group based on being similar or alike in some way (color, shape, size, texture, etc.)

2. Learning about sorting can easily be worked into everyday activities. We sort all the time in our daily lives- sorting laundry, sorting dishes, etc. Learning to identify sorting in the environment is an important math connection skill.

3. We can help children learn how to sort based on different attributes by talking with them about what different attributes we see. We may talk about the color, shape, size, or texture of objects to help children identify different attributes.

KEY MESSAGE CONTINUED

4. Children are naturally curious, so we can help guide that curiosity by providing tools and the language to match it. Self-talk and parallel talk can be used to encourage children to understand sorting.

- Self-Talk: Putting words to our thinking process and modeling how we understand sorting. For example, when sorting laundry we can say, “I am going to put all the black clothes in a pile. This shirt is black, so it goes in the black pile.”
- Parallel-Talk: Putting words to the child’s actions. For example, as a child lines up toy cars by color we can say, “I notice that you are lining up your cars by color. You put all the green cars together, and all the red cars together, and all the blue cars together- you sorted your cars by color!”



BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MONTH:

- A Pair of Socks by Stuart J. Murphy
- Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina
- Sort it Out! by Barbara Mariconda





GRUPO DE JUEGOS LISTO PARA CRECER

El Grupo de Juegos Listo para Crecer tendrán sus reuniones en persona en Lillington. Las familias del condado de Harnett, que tengan niños recién nacidos hasta 5 años de edad, son bienvenidos a participar. Las familias tendrán la oportunidad de aprender y jugar con otras familias en persona.



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Erwin Playgroup - Miércoles de 10:30 de la mañana a 12 de la tarde
@ 494 Antioch Church Rd, Dunn, NC 28334

Lillington Playgroup - Lunes de 10:30am - 12pm y 2:30pm-4pm, Martes y Miércoles de 10:30am -12pm @ 170 Pine State St, Lillington, NC 27546

Lillington Habla-Hispana Playgroup - Miércoles de 2:30 de la tarde a 4:00
@ 170 Pine State St, Lillington. Todos son bienvenidos!

YMCA Playgroup - Lunes y Jueves de 1pm - 2:30pm
@ at 107 Carletta Cage Dr, Cameron.



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GRUPO DE JUEGOS LISTO PARA CRECER

TEMA DEL MES:

Clasificar

MENSAJES CLAVE:



1. La identificación de atributos y la clasificación de objetos en función de atributos similares son habilidades importantes que ayudarán a los niños a ingresar preparados al preescolar o al jardín de infantes.

- Atributo: cómo se ve algo
- Ordenar: agrupar en función de ser similar o similar de alguna manera (color, forma, tamaño, textura, etc.)

2. El aprendizaje de la clasificación puede integrarse fácilmente en las actividades cotidianas. Clasificamos todo el tiempo en nuestra vida diaria: clasificar la ropa, clasificar los platos, etc. Aprender a identificar la clasificación en el entorno es una habilidad de conexión matemática importante.

3. Podemos ayudar a los niños a aprender a clasificar según diferentes atributos hablando con ellos sobre los diferentes atributos que vemos. Podemos hablar sobre el color, la forma, el tamaño o la textura de los objetos para ayudar a los niños a identificar diferentes atributos.

MENSAJE CLAVE CONTINUACIÓN:

4. Los niños son curiosos por naturaleza, por lo que podemos ayudarlos a guiar esa curiosidad brindándoles herramientas y el lenguaje que la iguale. El diálogo interno y el diálogo paralelo se pueden usar para alentar a los niños a comprender la clasificación.

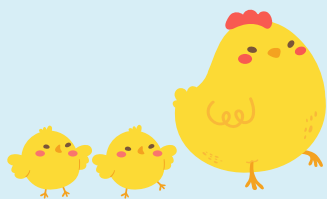
- Interno: poner palabras a nuestro proceso de pensamiento y modelar cómo entendemos la clasificación. Por ejemplo, al clasificar la ropa podemos decir: “Voy a poner toda la ropa negra en una pila. Esta camisa es negra, así que va en la pila negra”.
- Paralelo: Poner palabras a las acciones del niño. Por ejemplo, cuando un niño alinea los autos de juguete por color, podemos decir: “Me doy cuenta de que está alineando sus autos por color. Juntas todos los autos verdes, y todos los autos rojos y todos los autos azules, ¡ordenaste tus autos por color!”



LIBROS RECOMENDADOS:



- A Pair of Socks by Stuart J. Murphy
- Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina
- Sort it Out! by Barbara Mariconda



STEP



WHAT IS THE HCPC STEP PROGRAM?

Through the STEP program, Early Childhood Program Specialists work one-on-one with **Child Care Centers and Child Care Homes** to increase their star-rated license through:

Support- Leadership support training

Technical Assistance- to increase or maintain Star Rated Licensure

Evaluation Tool- Action plans and grants for classroom improvement

Professional Development- Education plans and tuition reimbursement

PROFESSIONAL CONNECTIONS

BENEFITS OF PROFESSIONAL CONNECTIONS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Professional connections among early childhood education peers, community leaders, and community partners allow individuals to:

- Get fresh ideas and perspectives
- Develop a community of individuals aligned with a shared goal
- Advance careers
- Get career advice and support
- Attain or share job opportunity information

HOW DOES THE HARNETT COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN ENCOURAGE PROFESSIONAL CONNECTIONS AMONG EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONALS?

The development of professional networks not only greatly benefits early childhood teachers and directors, but also children, families, and the community as a whole.

- Professional training
- Annual Childcare Provider Appreciation Dinner
- Harnett County Early Child Care Professionals Facebook Group
- Directors' Leadership Meeting
- Special Events
- Facilitate Professional Learning Communities
- Collaboration Meetings with Community Organizations
- GroupMe for Harnett County Child Care Directors and Family Child Care Homes



STEP

UPCOMING STEP EVENTS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHERS & DIRECTORS:



We are hosting Make-It & Take-It activities on the last Tuesday of every month!
Our office hours will be from 9am - 7pm at 327 Pine State St, Lillington.

All projects will take approximately 30 minutes to complete.
Come as your schedule allows - there is no set time or need for an appointment.
Questions? Email lynda.turlington@harnettsmartstart.org or call 910-893-2344.

FEBRUARY 28TH

Paint rocks & make playdough.



MARCH 28TH

Sensory bottles! If you would like to make more than one, please bring your own bottles.



APRIL 25TH

Suncatchers for your classroom windows!



MAY 30TH

Everything Conscious Discipline - Social Stories, Greeting Aprons, I Love You Rituals.



JUNE 27TH

Spoons, cups, and faces - Homemade games for children.



Join us in learning about the challenging behaviors children experience and how the Pyramid Model can help you, help them. Presented by Ann Carter & Betsy Sanville, Region 13 Healthy Social Behavior Specialists, this training includes learning how to use the Pyramid Model Kit. This \$250 kit will be yours to use as you put the Pyramid Model to work in your classroom.

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HARNETT COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN PRESENTS

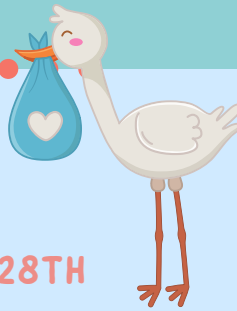
THE GREAT DIAPER DRIVE

GETTING LITTLE BEHINDS A LITTLE AHEAD

ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF WIPES & ALL INFANT AND CHILDREN DIAPER SIZES TO BENEFIT HARNETT COUNTY'S YOUNGEST RESIDENTS.

DID YOU KNOW?

- 1 in 3 mothers struggle to provide diapers sufficiently for their children, at times giving up basic necessities like food
- Diapers are not covered by government assistance programs.
- Lacking the proper number of diapers can lead to serious health problems for both babies and parents.



DROP OFF DATES: APRIL 3RD - 28TH
(MONDAYS - FRIDAYS)

DROP OFF TIMES: 8:30AM - 4PM

LOCATION: 170 PINE STATE ST, LILLINGTON



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naeyc® Week of the Young Child® April 1 - 7



Music Monday



When children sing, dance, and listen to music, they develop their language and early literacy skills while being active and encouraging movement. Make up and record your own unique version of a song or write your own, and share it on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram using the #WOYC23 hashtag.

Tasty Tuesday



This fun, food-themed day is about more than just cheese and crackers. Cooking together connects math with literacy skills, science, and more. With the rise in childhood obesity, you can encourage healthy nutrition and fitness habits at home and in the classroom. Create your own healthy snacks and share the recipes and photos of your creations on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram using the #WOYC23 hashtag.

Work Together Wednesday



When children build together they explore math and science concepts and develop their social and early literacy skills. Children can use any building material, from a fort of branches on the playground to a block city in the classroom, or a hideaway made from couch pillows at home. Build and share pictures of children's creations on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram using the #WOYC23 hashtag.

Artsy Thursday



Think, problem solve, create! Children develop creativity, social skills and fine motor skills with open-ended art projects where they can make choices, use their imaginations, and create with their hands. On Artsy Thursday celebrate the joy and learning children experience when engaged in creative art making. Use any materials—from crayons to paint, clay to crafts! Create and share photos of your children's creations on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram using the #WOYC23 hashtag.

Family Friday



Engaging and celebrating families is at the heart of supporting our youngest learners. NAEYC applauds family members' role as young children's first and most important teachers. Share pictures and stories about your family on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram using the #WOYC23 hashtag.



KIDS' CORNER

Circle all the small eggs.

Teaching the difference between big and small is generally the starting place for preschoolers when teaching them opposites and mathematical concepts. You can help your child learn quickly by incorporating fun ideas in teaching the difference between big and small.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Circle all the small Easter eggs.



YOLK OF THE MONTH:

Why did the Easter egg hide?



**Because it was a little chicken!*



FUN FACT OF THE MONTH:

DID YOU KNOW?



The average hen lays
300-325 eggs per year!

Decorate the Easter Egg:

