



OCTOBER 2023

# HCPC CONNECTIONS

HARNETT COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN



## HAY, FRIENDS!

Fall is in the air and we can't wait to spend it with your families! Along with *pumpkin spice* and everything nice, October will include some *unbe-leafable* fun events for all your little *pumpkins*! Make plans to join our Ready to Grow Playgroups for Fire Safety events, as well as their regularly scheduled groups and Ms. Dollie's Creepy Crawler preschool yoga and Halloweenie Glowbini. We'll also be *spicing things up* with the 2023 HCPC TRUCK-or-Treat Fall Festival, which will feature a touch-a-truck event paired with trick-or-treating for children between the ages of birth - 5 years old! Last, but not least, we'll be hosting our first ever Raise with Clays Fundraising event, as sponsors and team participants aim high to show their support for the children and families of Harnett County!



## SPECIAL UPCOMING DATES

- **October 20th:** Raise with Clays HCPC Fundraiser
- **October 26th:** HCPC TRUCK-or-Treat Fall Festival
- **November 10th:** HCPC Closed in observance of Veteran's Day
- **November 16th:** Circle of Parents Thanksgiving lunch
- **November 21st:** Circle of Parents Family Connections Christmas Tree Lighting
- **November 23rd & 24th:** HCPC Closed in observance of Thanksgiving
- **November 30th:** HCPC's Jingle Mingle Artisan & Craft Vendor Fair with Santa & Mrs. Claus

## 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.

## HCPC STAFF:

**Tara Fish**, Executive Director  
**Dollie Adcock**, Healthy Activities Specialist  
**Janine Bogwicz**, Community Outreach Coordinator  
**Jordan Ellis**, Family Support Specialist  
**Debbie Fann**, Fiscal Specialist  
**Ashleigh Goss**, Early Childhood Program Specialist  
**Whitney Heath**, Family Support Specialist  
**Melanie Jacobson**, Early Childhood Program Specialist  
**Carmen Martell**, Lead Family Support Specialist  
**Kim Polinski**, NC Pre-K Program Support Specialist  
**Amy Rackley**, NC Pre-K Program Support Specialist  
**Lynda Turlington**, Early Childhood Program Coordinator  
**Lena West**, NC Pre-K Program Support Specialist  
**Katie Willoughby**, Family Support Specialist



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## HCPC NEWS:

Executive Director, Tara Fish, on behalf of the Harnett County Partnership for Children (HCPC), accepted a grant check for \$3K from the Central Electric Member Care Trust. The grant funds are powered by voluntary donations from Central Electric members and will be used to the HCPC Baby Steps program.














A LOOK BACK AT SEPTEMBER:





 - Lillington Ready to Grow Playgroup (RTG) 
  - RTG Erwin 
  - Zumbini 
  - Circle of Parents (COP)

 - YMCA Ready to Grow Playgroup (RTG) 
  - Open Play 
  - Creepy Crawler Yoga



**SUN.**    **MONDAY**    **TUESDAY**    **WEDNESDAY**    **THURSDAY**    **FRIDAY**    **SAT.**

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## LOCATIONS:

**CCB:** Coats Community Building, 127 S McKinley St, Coats, NC 27521

**DPL:** Dunn Public Library, 110 E Divine St, Dunn, NC 28334

**EPL:** Erwin Public Library, 110 W F St, Erwin, NC 28339

**Erwin RTG Groups:** 494 Antioch Church Rd, Dunn, NC 28334

**HCPL:** Harnett County Public Library, 455 McKinney Pkwy, Lillington, NC 27546

**Lillington Ball Parks:** 405 S 1st St, Lillington, NC 27546

**Lillington RTG & COP Groups:** 170 Pine State St., Lillington

**YMCA:** 107 Carletta Cagle Dr, Cameron



## OCTOBER IS ALSO:

### NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

October is National Fire Prevention Month and that means it's time for us all to take the precautionary steps to prevent dangerous and life-threatening fires. There are steps we should take to prevent a fire:

- Install Smoke Alarms - Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas. Interconnect smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Test Smoke Alarms - Test smoke alarms at least once a month and replace batteries once a year or when the alarm "chirps" to tell you the battery is low. Replace any smoke alarm that is more than 10 years old.
- Have a Home Fire Escape Plan - Make a home fire escape plan and practice it at least twice a year.
- Keep Matches and Lighters Out of Reach - Keep matches and lighters up high, out of the reach of children, preferably in a cabinet with a child lock.
- Watch Your Cooking - Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you must leave, even for a short time, turn off the stove.
- Inspect Electrical Cords - Replace cords that are cracked, damaged, have broken plugs, or have loose connections.
- Be Careful When Using Candles - Keep candles at least one foot from anything that can burn. Blow out candles when you leave the room or go to sleep.

### SENSORY PROCESSING AWARENESS MONTH

During the month of October, Sensory Awareness Month takes place helping to increase identification of the symptoms of Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD), its diagnosis and treatment. During this time, parents, educators, therapists, and other caregivers come together to raise awareness of sensory processing, and how it affects not only children, but adults, every day.



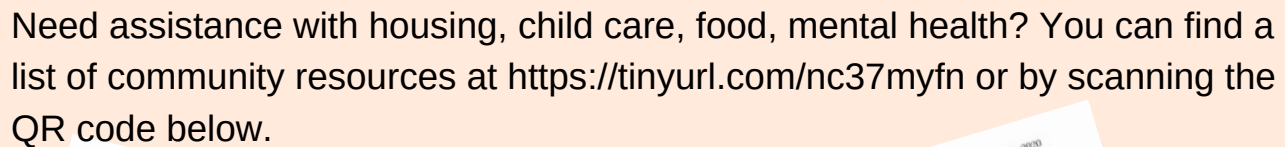


## A woman with dark hair, wearing a light-colored button-down shirt, is sitting on a colorful play mat with three children. The children are focused on building with large, colorful plastic blocks in shades of yellow, pink, purple, and blue. One child on the left is a girl with curly hair wearing a white shirt with colorful polka dots and denim overalls. Another child in the middle is a girl with dark hair wearing a pink patterned shirt. The child on the right is a boy with dark hair wearing a dark blue vest over a grey long-sleeved shirt. The woman is leaning forward, observing and possibly guiding the children's play. The background is a bright, out-of-focus indoor space with large windows.



## A hand is shown holding a small illustration of a family (a man, a woman, and a child) standing under a large umbrella. The background is a solid yellow color with several stylized white clouds at the top.

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES



QR code below.





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.

● TUESDAYS @ 9:30AM

● THURSDAYS @ 12:30PM

LOCATION: 170 PINE STATE ST. LILLINGTON

To register, email [familysupport@harnettmartstart.org](mailto:familysupport@harnettmartstart.org) or call 910-893-2344.  
Para registrarse, envíe un correo electrónico a [familysupport@harnettmartstart.org](mailto:familysupport@harnettmartstart.org)  
o llame al 910-893-2344.



# DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY



SCAN THE QR CODE TO  
REGISTER YOUR CHILD.



## 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



The Dollywood Foundation is a 501(c)(3)  
public nonprofit organization.

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:** Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Group Code: \_\_\_\_\_



# FUNDRAISER BENEFITING THE HARNETT COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN:



## Aim High for Children and Families

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023**

Shotgun Start at 9:15am

Drake Landing

3146 Chalybeate Springs Rd.

Fuquay Varina, NC



### OUR SHOT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

The Harnett County Partnership for Children is a 501-c3 non-profit that focuses on health, family support, and early education for children ages birth to five. Join us for a wonderful fundraising event to help support Harnett County children and families and the HCPC mission. Teams of 4 will rotate through 13 stations to shoot 50 clays per team member. Ear protection, guns, ammo, and cart are provided for each team. Mulligans will be sold to teams the day of the event. The course is challenging, fun, and sure to be a great time! Don't hesitate to aim high for Harnett County children and families.

\*Prizes will be awarded during a delicious catered lunch that will include steak, baked potato, salad bar, dessert, and drinks at Drake Landing.

\*Sponsors will enjoy additional fun in a Five Stand Course and complimentary mulligans!

### EVENT SCHEDULE

8:00am - Registration Opens

8:30am - Light Breakfast

9:00am - Mandatory Safety Meeting

9:15am - Shotgun Start / Course

11:15am - Sponsor Flurry / 5 Stand Course for Sponsors

Refreshments / Pre Awards

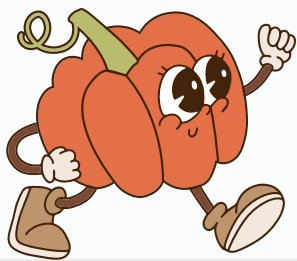
12:00pm - Awards Luncheon



**FOR SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AND TEAM REGISTRATIONS:**

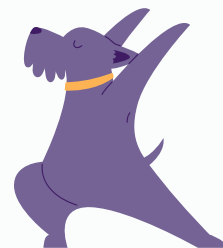
<https://harnettsmartstart.ejoinme.org/raisewithclaysregistration>  
or scan the QR code.





# HEALTHY HABITS FOR HARNETT

## OCTOBER & NOVEMBER YOGA CLASSES



Buzz 🕷️ Slither 🕷️ Hop 🕷️ Fly



It's Creepy Crawler  
Yoga Time!!



Ages 4 & 5

REGISTRATION



SCAN ME

October 3rd @ 10:00 ~ Harnett County  
Public Library (Lillington)

October 13th @ 10:00 ~ Dunn Public Library

October 16th @ 10:00 ~ Erwin Public Library



It will be crawling with good times!

Registration is required.....Space is limited



Like us on  
Facebook



This Pet Yoga Class is going  
to be

SO FETCH



Join Mrs. Dollie for a  
"doggone" good time!!

REGISTRATION



SCAN ME



Ages 4-5

Harnett County Public Library (Lillington)– Friday, November 3rd @ 10:00

Erwin Library– Monday, November 6th @ 10:00



Like us on  
Facebook



Instagram

## Sweet Potato JACK-O-LANTERNS



### INGREDIENTS

- 2 medium sweet potatoes
- Oil of choice (avocado oil is a good option)
- Sea salt

It's definitely possible to have a healthy Halloween with limited sugar. These sweet potato pumpkins are both festive and healthy and kids love them!

- Peel the sweet potatoes with a vegetable peeler.
- Slice the sweet potato into rounds. About 1/4 inch thick.
- Using a sharp paring knife, CAREFULLY cut out jack-o-lantern faces on each sweet potato round.
- Place them on a parchment lined baking sheet.
- Drizzle the sweet potatoes with oil then use your hands to make sure they're evenly coated.
- Add a sprinkle of salt and roast in the oven at 425 °F for 25-30 minutes.





# HEALTHY HABITS FOR HARNETT

## SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER ZUMBINI CLASSES



### OCTOBER ZUMBINI & HALLOWEENIE GLOWBINI



SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER

LILLINGTON-ERWIN-COATS-SALEEBY YMCA

### NOVEMBER ZÜMBINI



REGISTRATION  
REQUIRED

PLEASE REGISTER FOR ONLY ONE LOCATION

LILLINGTON ~ ERWIN ~ COATS ~ SALEEBY YMCA







# THE JINGLE MINGLE

## ARTISAN & CRAFT FAIR

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HARNETT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY



Join us for the 2023 HCPC Jingle Mingle  
Artisan & Craft fair, featuring local vendors and:



PHOTOS WITH SANTA & MRS. CLAUS (11am-2pm)

SPECIAL HOLIDAY CHARACTERS

EARLY CHILDHOOD ACTIVITIES

HOLIDAY CAROLERS

FOOD TRUCKS



NOVEMBER 30TH, 10AM - 2PM  
455 MCKINNEY PKWY, LILLINGTON, NC 27546

FREE ADMISSION  
FREE PHOTOS WITH SANTA & MRS. CLAUS



DIAPER DONATION DROP-OFF  
LOCATION FOR THE HCPC BABY  
STEPS PROGRAM.

\*ACCEPTING INFANT & TODDLER  
SIZE DIAPERS AND WIPES.\*



For more information, visit  
[www.harnettsmartstart.org](http://www.harnettsmartstart.org)  
or call 910-893-2344.





# THE JINGLE MINGLE

## ARTISAN & CRAFT FAIR

NOVEMBER 30, 2023 10AM -2PM  
(IN THE EVENT OF RAIN, EVENT WILL BE INDOORS.)



### VENDOR REGISTRATION



10ft x 10ft Outdoor Vendor Spaces  
Donation of 1 Box of Infant or Preschool Diapers Per Space

\*Space Is Limited. Register By 11/3/23\*

Email completed form to [info@harnettsmartstart.org](mailto:info@harnettsmartstart.org)  
or mail to 170 Pine State St, Lillington, NC 27526

BUSINESS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS WEBSITE: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF ITEMS THAT WILL BE SOLD AT BOOTH: \_\_\_\_\_

# OF VENDOR SPACES NEEDED: \_\_\_\_\_



170 Pine State Street, Lillington, NC 27501 / 910-893-2344 / [www.harnettsmartstart.org](http://www.harnettsmartstart.org)





# MOTHEREAD

## ¡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.



www.cccc.edu

¡GRATIS!

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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

Aprender conocimientos básicos de informática

Cuidado personal para bebés y preescolares

Bocadillos GRATIS para usted y sus niños

Libros GRATIS para niños para llevar a casa

Oportunidad de leer libros en inglés a sus niños en casa

## 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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FREE!

### 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





# NC PRE-K



## HARNETT COUNTY NC PRE-K NEWS

This year the Partnership has received about 550 NC Pre-K applications, and they are still coming in! We are excited about the community response to this program! This is a record year for applications in our county! Our 359 spots throughout the county are full! We will keep a waitlist and refill spots immediately as they become available.

### WELCOME!

We have several new teachers and teacher assistants this year! The Partnership would like to extend a warm welcome to our NC Pre-K newbies!

Kathryn Javen, Katherine Evans, and Ashley Elliot – Anderson Creek Primary

Ashley Higgins – Benhaven Elementary

Jessica Holder – Boone Trail Elementary

Kimberly Emmons – Children's Courtyard

Amy Price and Ashley Cummings – Lillington-Shawtown Elementary



### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

NC Pre-K Teachers had a professional development day on September 1st. Harnett County NC Pre-K teachers and teacher assistants joined the Partnership staff for a fun day of learning! We covered topics from DCDEE, ECERS-R, and many more to help our teachers get off to a great start!



NC Pre-K applications will be accepted throughout the school year for children who reside in Harnett County and who turned 4 years old by August 31, 2023.

**2023-2024 NC PRE-K**  
**APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT:**







# READY TO GROW

## GRUPO DE JUEGOS LISTO PARA CRECER

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.



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.

Lillington Playgroup meets on Mondays at 10:30am - 12pm and 2:30pm - 4pm, Tuesdays from 1:30pm - 3pm, and Wednesdays from 10:30am-12pm at 170 Pine State St, Lillington.

Lillington Grupo de Juegos Listo Para Crecer- Lunes de 10:30am - 12pm y 2:30pm - 4pm, Martes de 1:30pm - 3pm, y miércoles de 10:30am - 12pm @ 170 Pine State St, Lillington, NC 27546.

Erwin Playgroup meets on Wednesdays from 2:30pm - 4pm at 494 Antioch Church Rd, Dunn, NC.

Erwin Grupo de Juegos Listo Para Crecer- miércoles de 2:30pm - 4pm.

YMCA Playgroup meets on Tuesdays at 1:30pm - 3pm at 107 Carletta Cagle Dr, Cameron.

YMCA Playgroup - Martes de 1:30pm - 3pm @ at 107 Carletta Cage Dr, Cameron.





# READY TO GROW PLAYGROUP

## THEME OF THE MONTH:

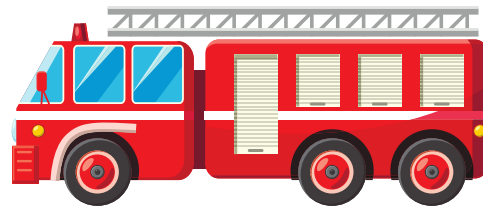
Fire Safety Month & Fire Evacuation

## CAREGIVERS WILL LEARN:

How to create a fire evacuation plan and know what to do if they hear a smoke detector go off. Caregivers will be provided with resources on how to stay safe against fire and how to prevent a fire.

## KEY MESSAGE:

1. It is important to create, share and practice our home evacuation plans with everyone that lives there.
2. The evacuation plan does not have to be complicated or fancy. The most important thing is that everyone in the home knows where the exits are.
3. When creating your evacuation plan, include:
  - 2 exit routes from each bedroom.



## KEY MESSAGE CONTINUED:

- A designated and agreed upon meeting spot a safe distance away from the building where family members can gather.
4. Practice the evacuation plan regularly with your family and other people that live in or spend a lot of time in your home.



## BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MONTH:

- *Fire Safety in Action*, by Mari C. Schuh
- *Stop, Drop and Roll*, by Margery Cuyler
- *Arthur's Fire Drill*, by Marc Tolon Brown







# GRUPO DE JUEGOS LISTO PARA CRECER

## TEMA DEL MES:

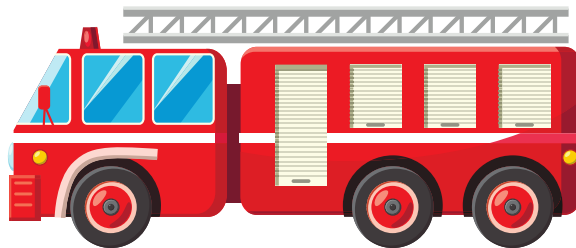
Mes de la seguridad contra incendios y evacuación de incendios

## LOS CUIDADORES APRENDERÁN:

Cómo crear un plan de evacuación de incendios y saber qué hacer si escuchan que se activa un detector de humo. Los cuidadores recibirán recursos sobre cómo mantenerse seguros contra incendios y cómo prevenir un incendio.

## MENSAJES CLAVE:

1. Es importante crear, compartir y practicar nuestros planes de evacuación del hogar con todos los que viven allí e incluso visitas.
2. El plan de evacuación no tiene que ser complicado o elegante. Lo más importante es que todos en el hogar sepan dónde están las salidas.
3. Al crear su plan de evacuación, incluya:
  - 2 rutas de salida desde cada habitación.
  - Un lugar de reunión designado y acordado a una distancia segura del edificio donde los miembros de la familia puedan reunirse.



## MENSAJES CLAVE:

4. Practique el plan de evacuación regularmente con su familia y otras personas que viven o pasan mucho tiempo en su hogar.



## LIBROS RECOMENDADOS:

- *Fire Safety in Action*, by Mari C. Schuh
- *Stop, Drop and Roll*, by Margery Cuyler
- *Arthur's Fire Drill*, by Marc Tolon Brown



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# 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:

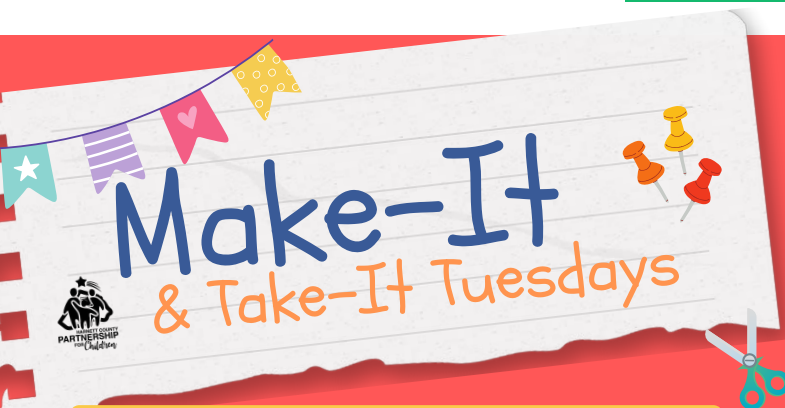
**Support-** Leadership support training

**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

## TRAINING EVENTS FOR CHILD CARE TEACHERS & DIRECTORS



9AM - 7PM / 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? Call 910-+843-2344.

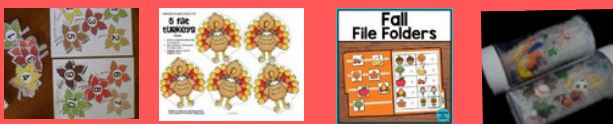
### TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH

File folder game - apples & pumpkins, story glove prop, and sorting game.



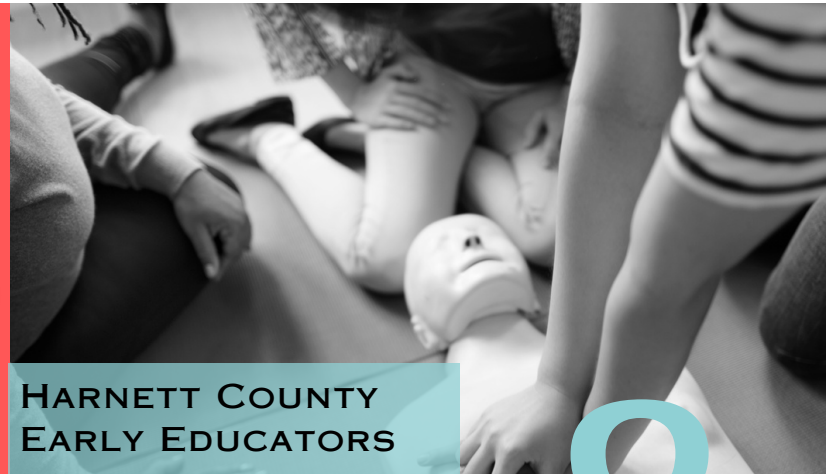
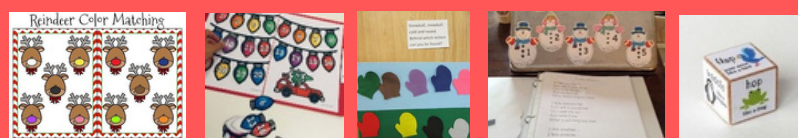
### TUESDAY OCTOBER 31ST

Fall file folder game, story prop, and I Spy bottles.



### TUESDAY NOVEMBER 28TH

Christmas file folder game, story prop, and movement cube.



HARNETT COUNTY  
EARLY EDUCATORS

## FIRST AID & CPR TRAINING

In order to participate in the First Aid/CPR class you must be a current employee of a Harnett County licensed childcare facility. After registering you will be requested to scan/email a current paystub to [lynda.turlington@harnett-smartstart.org](mailto:lynda.turlington@harnett-smartstart.org).

**Oct. 17th & Nov. 14th**  
12:30pm - 4:30pm  
at HCPC Training & TA Building  
327 Pine State Street  
Lillington, North Carolina 27546

**Cost of the Class: FREE**  
**Funding by HCPC**



**FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION EMAIL**  
**LYNDA.TURLINGTON@HARNETTSMARTSTART.ORG**

**OR CALL 910-893-2344.**

# TRUCK OR TREAT



## ● F A L L F E S T I V A L ●

Join us for a touch-a-truck event, that will also include trick-or-treating, crafts and activities for young children, storytime, dance zone, community resources and information!



**LILLINGTON BALL FIELDS**

**FREE ENTRY**

405 S 1ST ST,  
LILLINGTON, NC

10:30AM - 1:30PM

**OCT  
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# KIDS' CORNER



## The Feeling of Autumn

Autumn is here! Let's enjoy it as much as we can, by thinking about autumn things we can sense in autumn. Draw or write responses below.

I can hear



I can see



I can smell



I can taste



I can touch



# Creative Fun

Use crayons, paints, leaves from your yard, pine straw, or anything else you would like to decorate the squirrel below.



## JOKE OF THE MONTH:

How do you fix a broken pumpkin?



*\*With a Pumpkin Patch!*



## FUN FACT OF THE MONTH:

### DID YOU KNOW?

One of the reasons autumn leaves are different colors is because of **sugar**. Sugar from the tree gets trapped in leaves. More sugar means brighter red and purple colors.



