



AUGUST 2025

# HCPC CONNECTIONS

HARNETT COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN



## WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE, FRIENDS!

Swing into a new month with HCPC Connections! August is here, and we're going wild with a *roaring* new schedule full of fun, learning, and connection for your little *explorers*. Whether you're *monkeying around* at Ready to Grow Playgroups, finding your *parenting pride* with Circle of Parents, or *shaking your tail feathers* at Zumbini, there's something for every member of your *troop*.

This month, we'll be hosting a HCPC Summer Camp Day on August 13th, which will include camp-themed activities, a cozy movie, and a tasty snack - offered at two different time slots to fit your family's needs. It's going to be *in-tents*!

And guess what? Zumbini with Ms. Katie is back! You can catch this high-energy music and movement session on August 22nd during Open Play Friday, and again on August 25th with our Erwin Playgroup.

We've also updated our program times to better match your family's rhythm, so be sure to check out the new schedule and plan for some *paws-itively* great moments.

Let's make this August *un-fur-gettable* together—there's no better time to go on a *wild adventure* with HCPC!



## 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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## EVENT LOCATIONS:

### Cameron RTG Group:

107 Carletta Cagle Dr, Cameron

### Community Day:

455 McKinney Parkway, Lillington

### Dunn Shrine Center:

211 N Clinton Ave, Dunn

### Erwin COP & RTG Groups:

494 Antioch Church Rd, Dunn

### Erwin Splashpad:

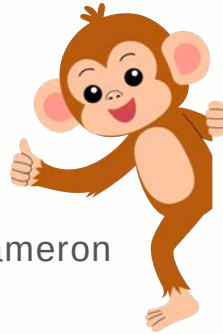
810 S. 16th Street, Erwin, NC

### Jernigan's:

1801 W Cumberland St, Dunn

### Lillington COP & RTG Groups:

170 Pine State St, Lillington



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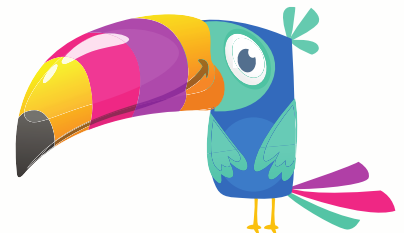
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- Cameron Ready to Grow Playgroup (RTG)
- Circle of Parents (COP)
- Erwin Ready to Grow Playgroup (RTG)
- Grow on the Go Playmobile (GOTG)
- Lillington Ready to Grow Playgroup (RTG)
- Open Play
- Zumbini

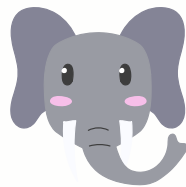
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## KIDDO SPOTLIGHT: SEBASTIAN, 2.5 YRS OLD



**What is your favorite thing about playgroups?**

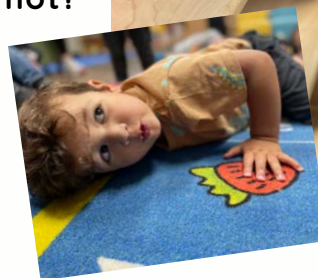
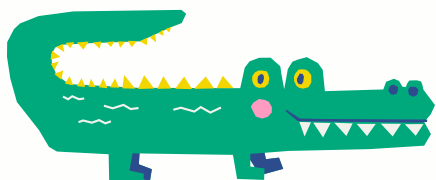
“To play with los niños and Danny Go.”

**If you could be a jungle animal, what would you be?**

“An elephant so that I can stomp and use my trumpet - Pawaaaaahhhh!”

**Would you like to live in a jungle? Why or why not?**

“Yes, so that I can be with the animals.”

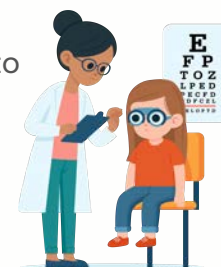


## AUGUST IS CHILDREN'S EYE HEALTH & SAFETY MONTH:



Children's Eye Health and Safety Month is a timely reminder to prepare our children for the classroom and athletics. Good vision and eye protection go a long way to success in school. Not only that but protecting those blue, brown, green and hazel eyes on and off the court should be a priority, too.

During Children's eye health and safety month, parents be sure to schedule a routine eye exam. Have them fitted with the correct prescription lenses and depending on their required needs.



## AUGUST IS FAMILY FUN MONTH!

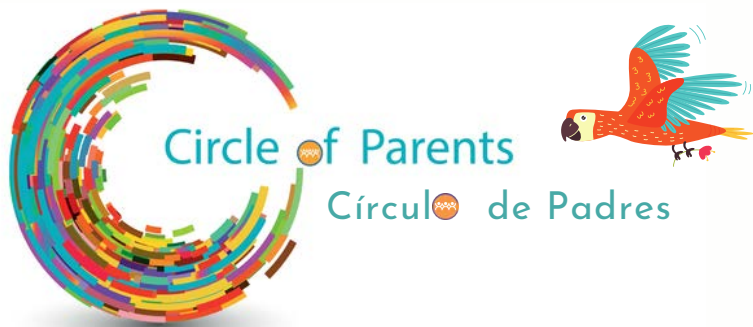
Studies show that healthy family relationships encourage security and love. Spending time with family offers the benefits of forming unbreakable bonds. As a family, we learn to offer support and encourage other family members to excel.

### 5 Important Reasons to Make Family Time

1. Builds confidence.
2. Creates a strong emotional bond.
3. Improves communication between family members.
4. Builds lasting memories.
5. Promotes better behavior for kids.







Circle of Parents  
Círculo de Padres

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.



**circle of parents®**  
Sharing Ideas. Sharing Support.

- TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS @ 9:30AM - 11AM  
LOCATION: 170 PINE STATE ST, LILLINGTON
- WEDNESDAYS @ 9:30AM - 11AM  
LOCATION: 494 ANTIOCH CHURCH RD, ERWIN



To register, email [familysupport@harnettsmartstart.org](mailto:familysupport@harnettsmartstart.org) or call 910-893-2344.

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# GROW ON THE GO

PLAY, LEARN, AND GROW TOGETHER



Grow on the Go is a mobile play unit offering play and learn opportunities for Harnett County families with children between the ages of birth to five years old.

Registration is not required - simply find us at our designated location for Pop Up & Play fun!

## AUGUST SCHEDULE:

**August 7th & 14th / 1:30pm - 3pm:**

Jernigan's Nursery

**August 21<sup>st</sup> / 1:30pm - 3pm:**

Dunn Shrine Center

**August 28<sup>th</sup> / 4pm - 7pm:**

Harnett County Community Day





# 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.

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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.

Cameron Playgroup: August 19th and 26th @ 1:30pm - 3pm

Cameron Grupo: 19 y 26 de agosto de 1:30pm - 3pm

Erwin Playgroup: Mondays @ 10am - 11:30am

Erwin Grupo: Lunes a las 10am - 11:30am

Lillington Playgroup: Mondays @ 9am - 10:30am OR 11am - 12:30pm; Wednesdays @ 10am - 11:30am

Lillington Grupo: Lunes de 9am a 10:30 o de 11am a 12:30pm; miércoles de 10am a 11:30pm



CHECK THE HCPC  
MONTHLY  
CALENDAR - MUSIC  
NOTES INDICATE  
EVENTS THAT  
INCLUDE ZUMBINI!

# zumbini®

with Ms. Katie!

August 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 10am / 170 Pine State St, Lillington  
August 25<sup>th</sup> @ 10am / 494 Antioch Church Rd, Dunn

Registration  
NOT Required!



# GRUPO DE JUEGOS LISTO PARA CRECER

## TEMA DEL MES:

1, 2, 3: Aprendiendo Números

## LOS CUIDADORES APRENDERÁN:

- Cómo ayudar a su hijo a contar del 1 al 20
- Cómo ayudar a su hijo a contar de 10 a 20 objetos (señalando cada uno)
- Cómo ayudar a su hijo a identificar los números que corresponden al 1-10

## MENSAJES CLAVE:



1. Aprender a contar, reconocer números, entender la cantidad y cómo ordenar elementos son habilidades matemáticas fundamentales vitales. Para aprender conceptos matemáticos más complejos, los niños deben primero comprender estos conceptos numéricos básicos.
2. Podemos ayudar a los niños a aprender a reconocer los números escritos señalándolos durante el día (por ejemplo, "La etiqueta de tu camisa dice: 'Tamaño 4'. Mira, eso es '4'.

## LIBROS RECOMENDADOS:



- Chicka Chicka, 1,2,3 by Bill Martin Jr., Michael Sampson, Lois Ehlert
- Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed by Eileen Christelow
- Let's Go Visiting by Sue William

# READY TO GROW PLAYGROUP

## THEME OF THE MONTH:

1, 2, 3: Learning Numbers



## CAREGIVERS WILL LEARN:

- How to help their child count from 1-20
- How to help their child count 10-20 objects (pointing to each one)
- How to help their child identify the numbers 1-10

## KEY MESSAGES:

1. Learning to count, recognize numbers, understand quantity, and how to order items are vital foundational math skills. To learn more complex math concepts, children must first grasp these basic number concepts.
2. We can help children learn to recognize written numbers by pointing out written numbers to them throughout the day (e.g., "The tag on your shirt says, "Size 4." See, that's "4."



## BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS:

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# CAMP HCPC

SUMMER CAMP THEMED ACTIVITIES AND SNACK

*Bringing the summer camp fun to the kids!*



AUGUST 13TH / 9:30AM - 10:30 OR 11AM - 12PM

@ 170 PINE STATE ST, LILLINGTON

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED:**

<https://tinyurl.com/yeyve6zr>

