



NOVEMBER 2025

HCPC CONNECTIONS

HARNETT COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN



HAY FRIENDS!



As the pumpkins fade and the turkeys take center stage, we're *rounding up* a *barn-full* of fall fun at HCPC. This month, we're *cultivating* community, *sowing* smiles, and *gobbling up* gratitude through all our programs! Here's what's happening down on the "farm" this month:

- Ready to Grow Playgroups – Little *sprouts* are learning, laughing, and *growing faster than corn after a good rain!*
- Circle of Parents – Parents gather to share experiences, stories, and some "moo-ving" encouragement.
- Grow on the Go – We're rolling the *barnyard* fun right to your neck of the woods for Harnett County's 2025 Ag Day!
- Zumbini – Wiggle, giggle, and *shake those tail feathers* with music and movement for the whole family.

And don't miss our special Thanksgiving celebration...

- Turkeys & Tots – Join us for a "Turkey Trot" for your little ones, plus some tasty Thanksgiving-themed snacks that'll make everyone say, "*peas* and thank you!" It's sure to be a gobble-good time for all.

So pull on your coziest flannel, grab your little *pumpkins*, and come *harvest* some memories with us this November. After all, at HCPC, the best *crops* we grow are friendships!



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

Erwin COP & RTG Groups:

494 Antioch Church Rd, Dunn

Harnett County Ag Day:

455 McKinney Pkwy, Lillington

Jernigan's Open House:

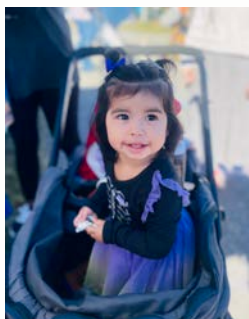
1801 West Cumberland St, Dunn

Lillington COP & RTG Groups:

170 Pine State St, Lillington

Lillington Riverfront Park

151 E Duncan St, Lillington



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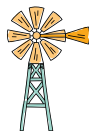
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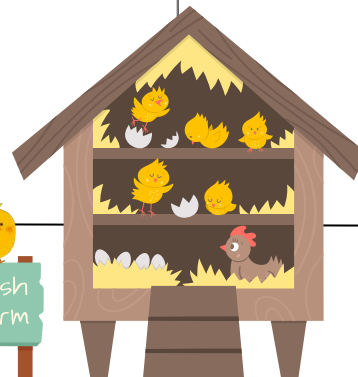
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- Cameron Ready to Grow Playgroup (RTG)
- Erwin Ready to Grow Playgroup (RTG)
- Lillington Ready to Grow Playgroup (RTG)
- Grow on the Go Playmobile (GOTG)

- REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- Open Play - Zumbini
- Circle of Parents (COP)
- Special Event

SUN. MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SAT.

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KIDDO SPOTLIGHT:

SAMANTHA, 4 YRS OLD

What is your favorite thing about playgroups?

"The toys (especially the farm toys) and snack."

Would you rather jump in a big pile of leaves or find your way through a corn maze?

"Find my way through the corn maze."

What are you most thankful for?

"I'm thankful for God, my family, animals, food, trees, leaves, my friends and houses."



NOVEMBER IS...

NATIONAL FAMILY LITERACY MONTH



This month, get the whole family snuggled up on the couch and open up a good book. Studies show that reading aloud with mom or dad is the most important activity when it comes to preparing children to read on their own.

Reading helps with vocabulary, writing skills, attention span, memory, and teaches us about other times and places. Even if your child is just a baby, you should still sit down and read with them. An infant can look at pictures and listen to your voice as you read stories to them... And believe it or not, studies show that this alone can have a profound effect on your child when it comes to learning later on in life!



FAMILY STORIES MONTH

Family Stories Month rolls around in November just in time for the holidays. When families gather it's an excellent time to share stories and learn about your family's history. Let Family History Month encourage you to record or listen to stories from relatives of all ages.

There are numerous anecdotes of adventure, travel, and romance in each family's past. Whether a humorous tale or an epic legend, record the information in a format that can be shared with future generations!

JOKE OF THE MONTH:

What do you call a bull that always falls asleep?

A bull-dozer!



FARM FUN FACT:



Chickens Can Remember Your Face!

Chickens can actually recognize and remember your face! They're pretty smart and can remember up to 100 different faces, including those of other chickens, people, and even pets.



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 or call 910-893-2344.

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

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!

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE:

November 13th / 10am - 3pm:
Harnett County Ag Day
455 McKinney Pkwy, Lillington





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.

Cameron Playgroup: Tuesdays @ 1:30pm - 3pm

Cameron Grupo: Todos los martes de 1:30pm - 3pm

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

Erwin Grupo: Todos los 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



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with Ms. Katie!

Registration
NOT Required!

- **November 12th / 10am - 10:30**
170 Pine State St, Lillington
- **November 24th / 10am - 10:30am**
494 Antioch Church Rd, Dunn



GRUPO DE JUEGOS LISTO PARA CRECER

TEMA DEL MES:

Visitas al Medico



LOS CUIDADORES APRENDERÁN:

- Sobre la importancia de las visitas de bienestar infantil
- Qué sucede en una visita de bienestar infantil



MENSAJES CLAVE:

Durante la visita de bienestar del niño:

- El médico realiza un examen físico exhaustivo del niño y hace preguntas al padre/cuidador sobre el desarrollo y los hábitos del niño para conocerlo mejor.
- El médico verifica si el niño está creciendo y desarrollándose como se espera.
- El cuidador/padre y el médico hablan sobre cualquier pregunta o preocupación que el cuidador tenga sobre el desarrollo y la salud del niño.
- El médico comparte información sobre nutrición, inmunizaciones, sueño y hitos del desarrollo.

LIBROS RECOMENDADOS:

- ABC Doctor, by Liz Murphy
- Going to the Doctor, by Anne Civardi
- Does a Hippo Say Ahhh? by Fred Ehrlich



READY TO GROW PLAYGROUP

THEME OF THE MONTH:

Well Child Visits



CAREGIVERS WILL LEARN:

- About the importance of well-child visits
- What happens at a well child visit

KEY MESSAGES:

During a well child's visit:

- The doctor does a thorough physical exam of the child and asks the parent/caregiver questions about the child's development and habits to get to know the child better.
- The doctor checks if the child is growing and developing as expected.
- The caregiver/parent and doctor talk about any questions or concerns the caregiver has about the child's development and health.
- The doctor shares information about nutrition, immunizations, sleep, and developmental milestones



BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS:

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TURKEYS & TOTS



»» November 20th ««



TURKEY TROT FOR TOTS AND FAMILY PICNIC!

11am - 1pm

Riverfront Park, 151 E Duncan St, Lillington, NC

RSVP: [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/YBDWU6JU](https://tinyurl.com/ybdwu6ju)

