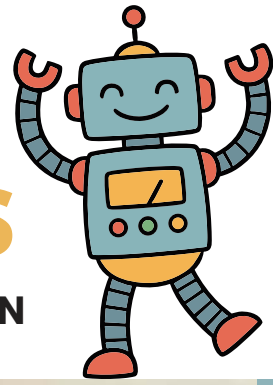




JUNE 2026

HCPC CONNECTIONS

HARNETT COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN



HELLO FRIENDS!



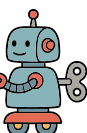
Beep boop... June fun is loading!

Welcome to the June edition of HCPC Connections, where we're *powering up* for a month full of connection, play, and family time. Our programs are *fully charged* and ready to *roll*, with something for every little learner (and their grown-ups too)!

Join us for our Ready to Grow Playgroups, where curious minds can explore, create, and connect through hands-on fun. Caregivers can *plug into* support and conversation at our Circle of Parents groups in Lillington and Erwin, because no one should parent on a *low battery*! Looking to move and groove? Our Zumbini sessions will have you and your little one dancing like *well-oiled machines*! Keep an eye out for our Grow on the Go Playmobile as it travels throughout the community, bringing play, learning, and smiles straight to you.

This month, we're also sending a special *system* shoutout to all the dads, granddads, stepdads, uncles, and fatherly figures who help keep families *running smoothly* each and every day. Whether you're fixing problems, sharing laughs, reading bedtime stories, lending a helping hand, or simply showing up with love and support, your impact helps young children grow stronger, kinder, and more confident every day. Thank you for being such important parts of children's support systems and for helping families stay connected, cared for, and *fully powered*.

So *gear up*, *log in*, and join us, because when families connect, amazing things *compute*!



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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LOCATIONS

Angier Public Library:
28 N. Raleigh St. Angier

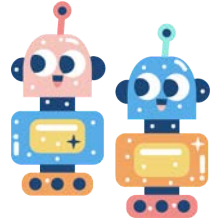
Erwin RTG Groups:
110 West F Street, Erwin

Coats Public Library:
29 E. Main St. Coats

Harnett County Public Library:
455 McKinney Parkway, Lillington

Anderson Creek County Park:
1491 Nursery Rd, Lillington

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



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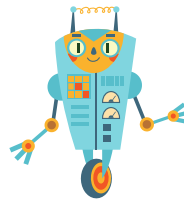
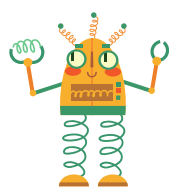
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Whitney Heath, Family Support Specialist

Melanie Jacobson, Early Childhood Program Specialist



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Lena West, NC Pre-K Program Support Specialist

Katie Willoughby, Family Support Specialist



JUNE

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

SUN. MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SAT.

	<p>1</p> <p>9am - 10:30am: RTG (Lillington)</p> <p>10am - 11:30am: RTG (Erwin)</p> <p>11am - 12:30pm: RTG (Lillington)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30am - 11am: COP (Lillington)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30am - 11am: COP (Erwin)</p> <p>10am - 11:30am: RTG (Lillington)</p> <p>10am - 11:30am: GOTG (Angier Public Library)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30am - 11am: COP (Lillington)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9am - 10:30am: Open Play (Lillington)</p> <p>11am - 1pm: GOTG (Anderson Creek County Park)</p> <p>11am - 12:30pm: Open Play (Lillington)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30am - HCPC @ Harnett County Public Library Summer Reading Kickoff</p>
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14	<p>15</p> <p>9am - 10:30am: RTG (Lillington)</p> <p>10am - 11:30am: RTG with Zumbini (Erwin) </p> <p>11am - 12:30pm: RTG (Lillington)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30am - 11am: COP (Lillington)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30am - 11am: COP (Erwin)</p> <p>10am - 11:30am: RTG (Lillington)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>NO GROUPS</p>	<p>19</p> <p>NO GROUPS</p>	<p>20</p>
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28	<p>29</p> <p>NO GROUPS</p>	<p>30</p> <p>NO GROUPS</p>				



KID SPOTLIGHT:

TYSON, 3 YRS OLD

What is your favorite part of Ready to Grow Playgroups?

“Playing with the toys.”

If you had a robot, what would its name be?

“Pizza.”

If you and a robot became best friends, what would you do together?

“We would robot dance!”

What adventures would you and your robot go on together?

“We would go to the library!”



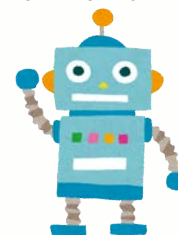
ENJOY JUNE WITH FUN & PURPOSE:

NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH

National Safety Month gives us an opportunity to make a difference in our homes and community by reinforcing the importance of safety. Identifying risks around the home and in our community protects everyone. Whether we increase first aid and emergency awareness through drills or provide water safety tips for summer recreation, we're taking steps to provide a safer neighborhood!

Get involved!

- Report repairs you see in your town or neighborhood as they are needed.
- Hold drills at home to help children know what to do in the event of a fire, tornado, or medical event.
- Participate in community emergency preparedness events.
- Put together a first aid kit.
- Take a CPR class.



FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE MONTH

Add color to your meals during National Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Month in June. As peak season for many early garden crops find their way into markets, it's an excellent time to take advantage of these freshly picked fruits and vegetables! From berries to tomatoes, leafy greens, and avocados, each provides added fiber and vital nutrients.



Yum!



Healthy Mixed Berry Sorbet

Ingredients:

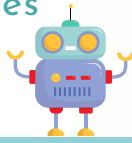
- 2 1/2 cups mixed frozen berries
- 2 tsps fresh squeezed lemon juice
- 1-2 Tbsps raw honey, or pure maple syrup
- 2-3 Tbsps warm water, only if needed

Directions:

- Place all of your ingredients, except for the warm water, into a high speed blender or food processor.
- Process by pulsing until smooth and creamy, stopping to scrape the sides several times, and adding just a touch of warm water if needed.
- Transfer the sorbet mixture to a freezer-safe container, cover and freeze for at least 2-3 hours before serving.
- Serve and enjoy!



Circle of Parents
Círculo de Padres



GROW ON THE GO

PLAY, LEARN, AND GROW TOGETHER

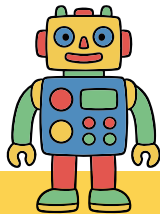
Parenting is joyful, but can also present difficulties and challenges.

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
170 PINE STATE ST. LILLINGTON

WEDNESDAYS
9:30AM - 11AM
494 ANTIOCH CHURCH RD. DUNN



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 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!

JUNE SCHEDULE:

- **June 3rd / 10am - 11:30am**
@ Angier Public Library
- **June 5th / 11am - 1pm**
@ Anderson Creek County Park
- **June 9th / 10am - 11:30am**
@ Harnett County Public Library
- **June 23rd / 10am - 11:30am**
@ Coats Public Library





READY TO GROW

GRUPO DE JUEGOS LISTO PARA CRECER

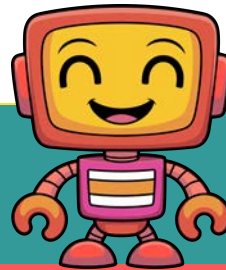
Ready to Grow Playgroup facilitates developmentally appropriate playgroups for children and caregivers who reside in Harnett County. Eligible children must be between the ages of birth through 5 years old. Playgroup facilitators use Kaleidoscope Play & Learn Curriculum to provide hands on activities 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.

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

Erwin Grupo: Todos los lunes a las 10am - 11:30am



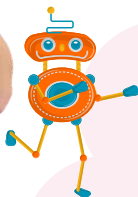
Lillington Playgroup: Mondays @ 9am - 10:30am OR 11am - 12:30pm; Wednesdays @ 10am - 11:30am

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

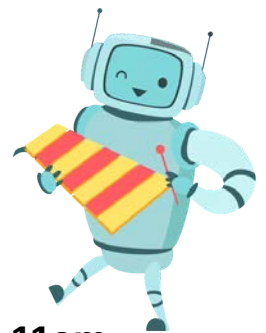


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Registration
NOT Required!



- **June 12th @ 9am & 11am**
@ 170 Pine State St, Lillington
- **June 15th @ 10am**
@ 494 Antioch Church Rd, Dunn

GRUPO DE JUEGOS LISTO PARA CRECER

TEMA DEL MES:

Jugar con amigos



LOS CUIDADORES APRENDERÁN:

- Cómo ayudar a su hijo a aprender a compartir, turnarse y ayudar a los demás
- Cómo ayudar a su hijo a jugar cooperativamente con otros
- Cómo ayudar a su hijo a aprender a consolar a los demás

MENSAJES CLAVE:



1. Tenemos que ser pacientes con los niños mientras aprenden a llevarse bien con los demás. ¡Aprender a compartir es un trabajo duro! Los niños necesitan que les mostremos cómo entrar en una situación de juego, pedir turnos con un juguete y ayudar a los demás.
2. Enseñar a los niños pequeños empatía y cómo consolar a otros es importante para su desarrollo social. Los niños necesitan aprender a reconocer sus propias emociones y reconocer los sentimientos de los demás que los rodean.

LIBROS RECOMENDADOS:



- I Can Share: A Lift the Flap Book by Karen Katz
- Glad Monster, Sad Monster by Ed Emberley
- The Way I Feel by Janan Cain

READY TO GROW PLAYGROUP

THEME OF THE MONTH:

Playing with Friends



CAREGIVERS WILL LEARN:

- How to help their child learn to share, take turns, and help others
- How to help their child play cooperatively with others
- How to help their child learn to comfort others

KEY MESSAGES:

1. We have to be patient with children as they learn to get along with others. Learning to share is hard work! Children need us to model how to enter a play situation, ask for turns with a toy, and give help to others.
2. Teaching young children empathy and how to comfort others is important to their social development. Children need to learn to recognize their own emotions, and to recognize the feelings of others around them.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS:



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A LOOK BACK AT SWEET MOMENTS WITH DADS, GRANDFATHERS, AND CAREGIVERS

