



PARTNERSHIP POST

Safe Kids Harnett County Urges Everyone to Help Protect Children from Heatstroke

Safe Kids Harnett County reminds caregivers to never leave children alone in cars, and if you see a child alone in a car, call 911.

Heatstroke, also known as hyperthermia, is the leading cause of non-crash, vehicle-related deaths for children. It occurs when the body isn't able to cool itself quickly enough and the body temperature rises to dangerous levels. Young children are particularly at risk as their bodies heat up three to five times faster than an adult's. Since 1998, more than 660 children across the United States have died from heatstroke when unattended in a vehicle.

A car can heat up 19 degrees in 10 minutes. And cracking a window doesn't help. Heatstroke can happen anytime, anywhere. That's why Safe Kids is asking everyone to help protect kids from this very preventable tragedy by never leaving your child alone in a car, not even for a minute.

Together, we can cut down the number of deaths and near misses by remembering to **ACT**.

- A:** Avoid heatstroke-related injury and death by never leaving your child alone in a car, not even for a minute. And make sure to keep your car locked when you're not in it so kids don't get in on their own.
- C:** Create reminders by putting something in the back of your car next to your child such as a briefcase, a purse or a cell phone that is needed at your final destination. This is especially important if you're not following your normal routine.
- T:** Take action. If you see a child alone in a car, call 911. Emergency personnel want you to call. They are trained to respond to these situations. One call could save a life.



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Water Safety



Drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury-related death for children ages 1-19. On average, about a 1,000 children die each year due to unintentional drowning and more than 5,000 are seen in emergency rooms for injuries from near-drowning incidents.

A drowning child cannot cry or shout for help so simply being near your child doesn't always help. Whether it's a trip to the beach or a dip in the community or backyard pool, you can ensure that swimming is as safe as it is fun by following a few basic safety tips starting with keeping your eyes on your kids at all times.

Studies show that although 90 percent of parents say they supervise their children while swimming, many acknowledge that they engage in other distracting activities at the same time like talking, eating, reading or taking care of another child. Even a near-drowning incident can have lifelong consequences. Kids who survive a near-drowning incident may have brain damage, and after four to six minutes under water the damage is usually irreversible.


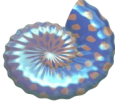





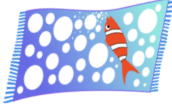






Safe Kids Harnett County recommends the following 5 tips to keep kids safe in and around water:

- Give kids your undivided attention.** Actively supervise children in and around water, without distraction.
- Use the Water Watcher strategy.** When there are several adults present and children are swimming, use the [Water Watcher card](#) strategy, which designates an adult as the Water Watcher for a certain amount of time (such as 15-minute periods) to prevent lapses in supervision and give parents a chance to read, make phone calls or take a bathroom break.
- Teach kids not to swim alone.** Whether you're swimming in a backyard pool or in a lake, teach children to swim with an adult. Older, more experienced swimmers should still swim with a partner every time. From the first time your kids swim, teach children to never go near or in water without an adult present.
- Learn CPR.** We know you have a million things to do, but learning CPR should be on the top of the list. It will give you tremendous peace of mind – and the more peace of mind you have as a parent, the better.
- Be extra careful around pool drains.** Educate your children about the dangers of drain entanglement and entrapment and teach them to never play or swim near drains or suction outlets. Kids who survive a

Beach Scavenger Hunt

How many items can you find at the beach?

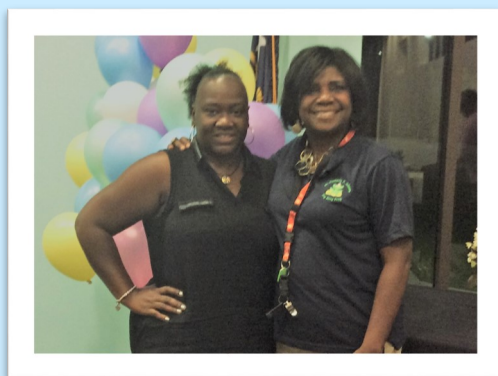
			
			
			

National Provider Appreciation Day Celebration!

Harnett County Partnership for Children hosted a celebration dinner on Friday, May 22 to honor National Provider Appreciation Day. During the celebration, participants were provided with a training from children's author and speaker Dr. Kimberly Johnson. Dr. Johnson presented a motivational and inspirational training around the theme CELEBRATE. 125 child care professionals which included 28 child care facilities, from across Harnett County, were present for the celebration! All participants had a chance to win door prizes donated by Kaplan Early Learning and Discount School Supply.

Thank you for letting us celebrate your work and dedication on behalf of the children of Harnett county!

For more information on Dr. Johnson, please visit her website: www.simplycreativeworks.com/



Sabrina White and Dr. Kimberly Johnson

Can You Build A Brain? We Can!!

The Brain Architecture Game is a fun, exciting and fantastic way to learn about the brain. Brain Science is important in the early childhood field. Knowing the science behind what we do with children, is an important part of our own professional development. Understanding how teachers play a role in growing strong and healthy brains in young children, will enhance the care we provide. Amy Rackley and Melanie Jacobson, from HCPC's STEP Program, led the training for directors of child care facilities in Harnett County.

Here is a list of attendees:

Anna Beasley— Busy Bee Learning Centers

Jeanine Page— Dream Big Christian Academy

Barbara Schneider— Building Blocks

Torri Graham— Loving Arms

Valean McLean— Lil'busy Bodies

Yvonne Linn— "That Moms Club"

Jennifer Taylor— Busy Bee Learning Center

Heather Butler— Dream Big Christian



NC Health Officials Encourage Everyone to “Fight the Bite”

In 2016, more than 800 cases of tick-borne diseases and more than 160 cases of local and travel-associated mosquito-borne diseases were reported in North Carolina. Ticks and mosquitos are common for North Carolina, but they carry various bacteria and viruses. These bacteria and viruses can cause serious infections. The best precautions to avoid bites are to use repellents and avoid wooded, grassy and brushy area.

Tick bites can cause Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Lyme Disease and Ehrlichiosis, which is a bacterial illness that can cause fever, headache and flu-like symptoms. In 2016, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever account for more than half of tick-borne diseases. Most diagnosis are reported from June to September.

Tips to reduce tick bites:

- Avoid wooded, grassy and brushy areas
- Use tick repellent that contain DEET

Tips to reduce mosquito bites:

- Use mosquito repellent containing DEET
- Install/repair screens on windows and doors
- Empty standing water from buckets, flowerpots, pool covers, and pet water bowls at least once a week.



Story Time is back!
toddler time
Every Wednesday and Thursday @ 10am
For kids 18 months- 2yrs

Pre-School
Every Wednesday and Thursday @11am
For kids ages 3-5

A colorful illustration of a group of diverse children of various ethnicities and ages, smiling and looking towards the viewer.

HCPC Wants to Introduce You to Shubert!

Shubert is a lightning bug who learns social skills through life experiences. The Shubert series, written by Dr. Becky Bailey, is a learning tool for both adults and children. Shubert teaches calm down strategies, relationship building skills, and focusing on positive and praise behaviors as well as many other techniques. Once a week Shubert can visit your classroom for a story and activity to help promote social skills! Contact Amy Rackley at 910-893-2344 or amy.rackley@harnettsmartstart.org for more information or to schedule a visit from Shubert.





Calling All Super Friends.....

Come to the library dressed in your favorite Super Hero shirt or just come and be Super!!!



Harnett County Library (Lillington)- June 2nd @ 10:00

Boone Trail Library- June 8th @ 10:30

Angier Library- June 9th @ 10:30

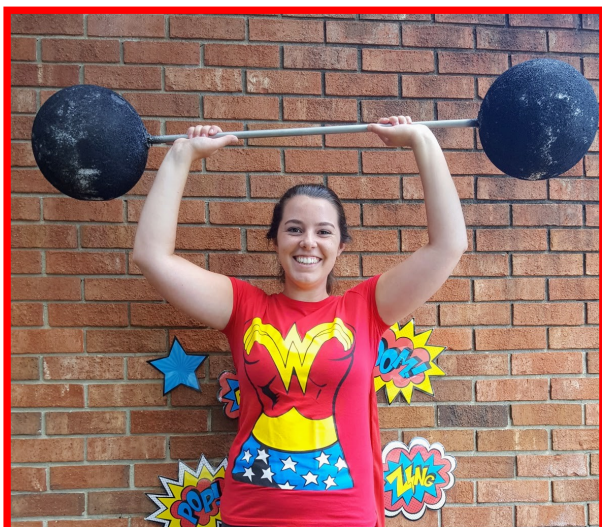
Anderson Creek Park- June 15th @ 9:30

Dunn Library- June 16th @ 10:00

Erwin Library- June 23rd @ 11:00



Meet Ms. Jessica Our Super Volunteer



I was born and raised in Dunn, and grew up with a passion for giving back to the surrounding community. After graduating from the University of North Carolina Wilmington and moving back to the area, I began volunteering with Ms. Dollie in the Healthy Habits for Harnett program. Volunteering was a fun, effective way to help impact the future of our community by promoting healthy lifestyles to children throughout the county. It was always so rewarding to see them get excited about exercise and healthy living. As I begin my first year of medical school at Campbell University Jerry M. Wallace School of Osteopathic Medicine this fall, I have no doubt that my experiences volunteering with the Harnett County Partnership for Children will have a positive impact on my future. I can't thank them enough for welcoming me into their wonderful organization this past year!

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...Keeping with the steady rhythm of early childhood education in Harnett County

To learn about upcoming trainings and events related to early childhood education.

Visit www.harnettsmartstart.org to sign up.

The Partnership Post

A quarterly newsletter will be available electronically on the HCPC website. Call (910) 893-2344 to request a hard copy in the mail.

Get Involved!

- ⇒ Make a tax deductible contribution
- ⇒ Serve as a board member
- ⇒ Request a Presentation about HCPC, Smart Start, or the First 2,000 Days

To learn more about getting involved, please contact us at (910) 893-2344 or visit www.harnettsmartstart.org.

Thank you for your support!

2016-2017 HCPC Programs

Child Care Subsidy

Through Child Care Subsidies, qualifying families can ensure their children are safe and well-cared for while at work. For more information, contact the Department of Social Services (910) 893-7500.

NC Pre-K



NC Pre-K is a pre-kindergarten program for at-risk four year olds designed to help prepare children for kindergarten through a curriculum-based, classroom style learning environment. The goal of NC Pre-K is to reach at-risk children and give them a chance to grow socially and educationally before entering kindergarten.

For more information, contact HCPC (910) 893-2344.

Parent Education Child Care

Parent Education Child Care is offered to parents who attend Central Carolina Community College to help pay for child care. For more information, contact Keisha Petty (919) 718-7276.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library is a unique early year's book gifting program that mails a brand new, age-appropriate book to enrolled children every month from birth until five years of age, creating a home library of up to 60 books and instilling a love of books and reading from an early age.

Support for Inclusion

The Support for Inclusion Activity will provide consultation, training, and resources to child care providers and families with children zero through five who may have developmental, behavioral, or social and emotional challenges in the classroom. The inclusion specialist will utilize the Social and Emotional Foundations for Learning (CSEFEL) Pyramid Model.

Please contact Inclusion Specialist [Amy Rackley](#) at 910-893-2344 for additional information.

WAGES

This program provides educational-based salary supplements to qualifying teachers, directors, and family child care providers.

Contact Allison Miller (919) 967-3272.

STEP Program

Through the STEP program, Early Childhood Program Specialists work one-on-one with child care centers and homes to increase star-rated license.

Support– *Leadership support and 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*

For more information, contact Lynda Turlington (910) 893-2344.

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