



PARTNERSHIP POST

Black TIE & BLUE JEANS

On March 31st, 2017, the Harnett County Partnership for Children hosted it's premiere fundraising event. It was greatly successful in raising additional funding to expand the services of the organization. A special thanks to all who attended, contributed and sponsored the event.

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May is 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 near-drowning may have brain damage, and after four to six minutes under water the damage is usually irreversible.

Don't Miss the Bus!

Kindergarten Registration

Will your child be 5 years old on or before August 31, 2017? If so, be sure to register them for Kindergarten.

Here is a list of documents that you will need to bring to registrations:

Immunization Records
Proof of Residency
Certified Birth Certificate

Please contact Harnett County Schools : 910-893-8151



Week of the Young Child-April 24th-28th, 2017

The Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association, with nearly 80,000 members and a network of over 300 local, state, and regional affiliates.



The 2017 Week of the Young Child is April 24-28. HCPC will be hosting a variety of events during this week. To learn more about how you can become involved during Week of the Young Child in Harnett County, contact HCPC Outreach Coordinator, Blair Cox at (910) 893-2344. Child care directors can visit www.naeyc.org/woyc for suggested activities and resources related to Week of the Young Child.



NC Pre-K Applications Now Available

NC Pre-K is designed to provide high-quality educational experiences to enhance school readiness for eligible at-risk four-year-olds. Applications for the 2017-18 school year are now available. Applications must be submitted to HCPC for approval and eligibility determination.

Age Requirements:

Children must be four years old on or before August 31st in the year served. Children who are eligible for kindergarten are not eligible for NC Pre-K.

Documentation:

- Birth Certificate
- Proof of Regular Gross Income
- Proof of Residence
- Update Vaccination Records
- Kindergarten Health Assessment Report
- Proof of Active Military Status (military only)

The NC Pre-K Program is not a first come, first serve program; placement is based on priority. Priority is based on a family's income and size.



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. This month and throughout the year, Harnett County Partnership for Children encourages all individuals and organizations to play a role in making our community a better place for children and families. By ensuring that parents have the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to care for their children, we can help promote children's social and emotional well-being and prevent child maltreatment within families and communities. Research shows that when parents possess six protective factors, the risk for neglect and abuse diminish and optimal outcomes for children, youth, and families are promoted.

The six protective factors are:

- Nurturing and attachment
- Knowledge of parenting and of child and youth development
- Parental resilience
- Social connections
- Concrete supports for parents
- Social and emotional developmental well-being

April is a time to celebrate the important role that communities play in protecting children. Everyone's participation is critical. Focusing on ways to build and promote the protective factors, in every interaction with children and families, is the best thing our community can do to prevent child maltreatment and promote optimal child development.

Why Pinwheels for Prevention®?

In 2008, Prevent Child Abuse America introduced the pinwheel as the new national symbol for child abuse prevention through Pinwheels for Prevention®. What our research showed, and what our experiences since then have borne out, is that people respond to the pinwheel. By its very nature, the pinwheel connotes whimsy and childlike notions. In essence, it has come to serve as the physical embodiment, or reminder, of the great childhoods we want for all children.



Easy Jell-O Popsicles

Ingredients

- 1 (3oz) package Jell-O
- 1 packet of Kool-Aid
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 cup boiling water
- 2 cup cold water

Instructions

- In a pitcher, combine the Jell-O, Kool-Aid, sugar, and boiling water. Stir until dissolved.
- Mix in the cold water and pour into your molds. Freeze for 4-6 hours or until solid.



Celebrating the Week of the Young Child

Thursday, April 27

5:00pm-7:30pm

Angier Depot

57 E. Depot St.

**Touch A
Truck!**

**FREE
Food
and
Drinks!**

Glow in the dark Yoga Party!
with
Ms. Dollie and DJ Cam
Ages: 3-5 years old
Two yoga sessions
Limited space!
Contact Dollie Adcock to register
910-893-2344
Wear White or Neon Colors



**Come out and register
your children, ages birth
through 5 years of age
to receive books for
FREE!!**

**Sweet Frog
Frozen Yogurt**



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Home Safety

Motor Vehicle Safety



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Partnership Pulse



...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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*...improving the quality of life
for young children and
families in Harnett County*

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