

# Child Care Resource and Referral Recap For 2009

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## A Congratulations and High Five for Providers Who Raised Their Stars

Let put our hands together for the following Centers  
and Home Providers. These centers and home  
Providers were able to increase their star ratings !

### 2 Star

- Alice's Tender Care
- Bright Morning Star
- Ms. B's Home Daycare
- Room to Grow
- Wonderland Family Child Care

### 3 Star

- Charles Taylor child Development Center
- Cynsational Kids
- Excel
- Faith & Hope Day Care
- For the Love of Children

### 4 Star

- Bright Morning Star
- Dawn's Home Day Care
- Duffyfield Child Development Center
- Kiddie Kollege
- Ms. Kaye's Family Child Care
- Ms. Sophia's Home Child Care

### 5 Star

- All God's Children







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## North Carolina Early Educators Certificate

An estimated 47,000 of us work with children, assist teachers, teach adult learners, direct programs, monitor funding, provide professional development and technical assistance, provide consultation, direct state programs, work in after-school programs, regulate child care facilities and more.

The Division of Child Development is now funding a new opportunity to expand the Early Educator Certification (EEC) system and provide FREE certification to 9,000 additional applicants!

The states current total is 7,267  
Craven County holds **102** Early Childhood Teachers who have received certifications.

Please visit [www.nceec.org](http://www.nceec.org) for more information

## Breakfast With Santa



The 2nd annual Breakfast with Santa was held on December 5, 2009 at Garber Methodist. Craven Smart Start and Child Care Resource and Referral Staff helped wrap the gifts that would be given out by Santa and also were there to help serve food. The event was held for families and children with special needs. Participants were able to enjoy fruit, donuts, biscuits and juice. While they waited for Santa to arrive!



## Parade of Preschoolers

On October 30, 2009 the streets of downtown New Bern were flooded with Princesses, Fairies, Native American Indians, Super Heroes, Lions, Kitty Cats, and Bumble Bees, as the parade of preschoolers marched sidewalks. The parade started at the corner of Middle and Broad. The participants walked down the Middle Street store fronts getting treats from the stores as they passed making their way to Union Point Park, where local community programs supplied games, candy and activities. The children were able to pin the nose on the Hilda the witch, get a free DNA and ID package and meet with Sparky the fire dog.



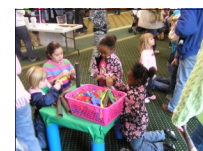
No government can love a child, and no policy can substitute for a family's care. But at the same time, government can either support or undermine families as they cope with moral, social and economic stresses of caring for children.

Hillary Rodham Clinton -

## Child Care Resource and Referral and Smart Start participated in New Bern's First Night

To help bring in the New Year and celebrate New Bern's 300th year! The staff at Child Care Resource & Referral and Craven Smart Start participated in the celebration of New Bern's First Night and 300 years. We set up our activities based on a birthday theme; There were activities for the children to make different party favors.

The children created their own bear mask with Birthday hats, filled empty water bottles with colored beans to make a shaker, and glued streamers and stickers onto paper towel rolls to make streamers.



### Building Brighter Futures Conference

Child Care Resource and Referral has been busy this past year. Starting with our Building Brighter Futures Conference, The conference was held on March 14, 2009 at Craven Community College. The conference was open to parents, providers, staff and the community at large. Participants enjoyed a full day of training, 21 different trainings were provided. The conference also included two keynote speakers, Dr. Allen Mallory spoke in comedic manner on serious topics in early childhood education, while Denise Ryan ended the conference with her highly motivating speech to re-energize people professionally and personally.



**“Never reach out your hand unless you're willing to extend an arm.”**

#### Health and Development Screenings Fair

Craven County parents of children birth to five years of age who have questions or concerns about their child’s development were invited to **Health and Development Screenings Fair** on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Craven Smart Start, located at 1917 Trent Boulevard in New Bern. Vision, hearing, speech and developmental screenings were provided by Virginia Buchanan, a licensed speech therapist, and staff from the Children’s Developmental Services Agency, the Craven County Health Department and the Parents as Teachers Program. Screenings were provided on a first come, first serve basis at no cost to families.

Michael Wilson let the doctors check his eyes



Letha Working her Magic

#### Clothing Swap Helps Parents in the Community and The Stork’s Nest

During 2009 Child Care Resource and Referral hosted two clothing swaps! The swaps were set-up for parents to bring in clothing their children could no longer wear, In turn they got to pick out items that children could wear. Through this clothing swap we were able to help 30 families with clothing for their children.

Unclaimed infant clothing and other infant items were donated to Stork’s Nest. The Stork’s Nest is an educational based program to help improve the overall health and well-being of babies being born through out Craven, Jones, and Pamlico County. The Stork’s Nest offers the opportunity to earn needed baby items as a result of prenatal and parenting education. Any expectant mother whose income meets the guidelines can receive the services of the program.

**Please look for in our Parent/Provider Newsletter for additional Clothing Swaps in 2010!**



## Pictures of Trainings and Conference



Winner of the 2009 Grand Door Prize at Building Brighter Futures Conference.



Having fun in the Trainings



Ms. Norah Showing off her dance moves with Rachel Ward in "Activities for Schoolage"



Playground Safety With Letha Ricks



Participants in the Building Brighter Future Conference



Christen and Deana Enjoying First Night with their decorative glasses!

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## Where Else You Have Met The Smart Start Staff

- More at Four registration
  - National Night Out
    - Ready, Set, Go!
  - BSH Lunch and Learn
    - Monthly Trainings

## Things We're Working On For 2010

- Purse Sale at Bridal Expo—  
Saturday January 30, 2010  
10am-4pm
- Reading Fun Day at the Mall—  
Saturday, February 6, 2009  
10am-2 pm
  - Clothing Swap
  - Ready, Set, Go
  - Monthly Trainings

# Thanks!

Our first Mega Purse Sale was a resounding success.

*Our thanks go to:*

- the gracious donors of the purses and totes,
- the supportive staff at the Sun Journal and Craven Smart Start,
  - the helpful community volunteers,
- the generous firm of McKim & Creed, P.A. for storage and working space, and
- all the charitable shoppers who made purchases.

This collaborative project resulted in \$6,850 to support local literacy efforts. With continued support, we look forward to making this fundraiser an annual event. Save the Date: 10/16/10



*People whose hearts know the lovely art of kind deeds cheerfully done with warmth and grace make the world a place that's nicer for everyone.*



Pat Purnell

The Executive Director of Craven Smart Start & Director of Child Care Resource and Referral! Only See Great Things For 2010!!!!



Pat Morrow