

# Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) Parent/Provider Newsletter **-June 2022-**

Child Care Resource & Referral



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# From the Desk of the Parent/Provider Specialist Bianca Salinas



## Showing our Child Care Providers We Appreciate Them!

Our Craven Smart Start staff had the privilege to go out and deliver goody bags to our child care providers for Provider Appreciation Day, which was on Friday, May 6th. Child care providers play an important role in our children's development, and we know all the hard work they put in every day.

We want you, our child care providers, to know that you are appreciated EVERY DAY!

Please see the next page for some of the pictures of our providers and us delivering their provider appreciation bags.



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## Father's Day is Sunday, June 19th

Father's Day is right around the corner, so to make sure Dad feels loved and appreciated, make your dad or another father figure in your life a cute craft that he will surely cherish! Below are three ideas for a craft activity that you can do with your child(ren).

Tie for Dad



Thumbprint Craft



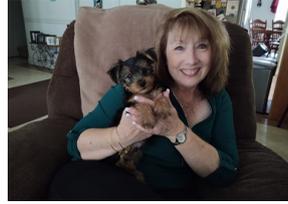
Father's Day Card



# Some of Our Providers Receiving Their Appreciation Bags



# CCR&R Director Updates- Bonnie Gould



Dr. Terri Colón, Lead Instructor for Early Childhood Education Programs, is Retiring!



After 32 years as an educator, Dr. Terri Colón is retiring. Dr. Colón was the early childhood education instructor for the past 12 years at Craven Community College. Prior to coming to Craven, she was a classroom instructor for 20 years. Her plans are to spend more time with the people she loves. Dr. Terri Colón will surely be missed! We wish her all the happiness that she can find in this new chapter of her life!

Always,  
Bonnie Gould  
CCR&R Director  
bonnie@cravensmartstart.org



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## Craven Smart Start UPDATED Training Policy

The demographic survey, pre-survey, and possible pre-assessment (depending on the training) must be completed BEFORE the evening of the training. If your demographic survey and pre-work is not submitted, you will not be allowed to attend the evening of the training. Participants will be given 48 hours upon completion of the training to submit the post assessment and evaluation documents to the trainer. Without this requirement being met, certificates of completion may not be given.

New Addition to the Training Policy:

**\*As of July 1, 2022, if a participant does not submit their paperwork on time according to our Craven Smart Start Training Policy, there will be a \$5.00 charge to receive your certificate.**

Please read through the training policy carefully. Should you have any questions, participants may contact the CCR&R Director through email at [bonnie@cravensmartstart.org](mailto:bonnie@cravensmartstart.org) .

# TA Quick Quality Tips From Craven Smart Start/CCR&R Staff

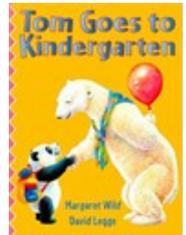
## **Program Assistant- Venus Miller**



### Books in Our Library for June

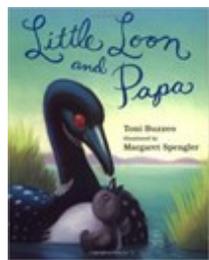
#### Tom Goes to Kindergarten

When Tom arrives for his first day of kindergarten, he realizes that he doesn't want his parents to leave, so Dad, Mom, and Baby stay with him, and they have a rollicking good time, but when they want to come back, Tom's teacher tells them kindergarten is only for children!



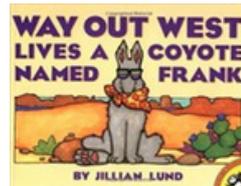
#### Little Loon and Papa

It's time for diving lessons, but Little Loon is so scared. When Papa shows him how to tuck in his feathers and dip down into the water, Little Loon rushes away without trying. But then GRUFFLE, SNUFFLE, GROWL, and Other things become even more startling when Papa's not close by. And as Little Loon hears the reassuring call of his father, he's finally ready to take his first dive.



#### Way Out West Lives A Coyote Named Frank

Frank's the coolest coyote around. Whether he's hanging out with his friends, chasing rabbits, mixing it up with a Gila monster, or pondering the setting sun, coyote Frank is one smooth character. So grab your shades because you're in for a bright and colorful cruise through the desert with Frank!



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## **Quality Enhancement Specialist/Professional Development Coordinator - Kelly Shaw**



### Fun in the Sun, Safely!

As the weather warms up and we spend more time in the sun, it is important to remember to keep safe in the sun! Sun safety is vital, even in a childcare facility.



Some common tips include:

- Preventing a sunburn
- Wear a hat
- Protect your eyes
- Stay Cool
- Find Shade
- Drink plenty of water

Remember to have the required medication forms if you are going to put sunscreen on the children. It can be beneficial to play outside before the hottest part of the day. The weather watch chart is available on the Division of Child Development website. This chart can help indicate when it is too hot to play outside for long periods of time.

So now that you have tips to keep it safe, it's time to go outside and enjoy the beautiful weather.

# TA Quick Quality Tips From Craven Smart Start/CCR&R Staff



**Healthy Social Behavior Specialist– Dr. J. Joshua Byrd, Ph. D.**

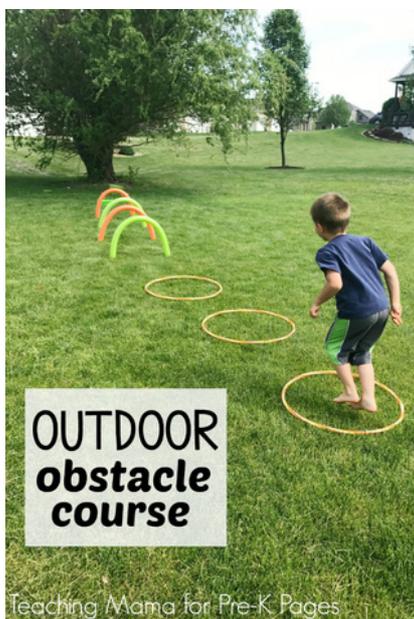
## The Social & Emotional Outdoor Classroom

Outside time is a time when the children are free to explore but it can also be a time for them to practice social emotional skills. Being in the open space and not having to worry so much about the noise level is a great time for children to practice strategies like taking turns, solving problems, expressing feelings and learning how to make friends.

Here are some ideas for extending the learning outdoors:

- Creating an obstacle course is a great way to teach children to wait and take turns. Not only is it a great way to see their gross motor skills, but it also helps with problem-solving.
- Create a relay game. It can be as simple as rolling or kicking a ball to one friend. This can teach together.
- Remember the old school games like “Red Light, Green Light”, “Simon Says” and “Mother May I”. These games help teach listening skills and waiting before acting. These types of games are perfect in teaching self-regulation skills.
- Have the children build a fort with big blocks or cardboard boxes. This will help them practice taking turns, sharing, cooperation, friendship skills, and increase their attention span.

This article came from the May 2022 OH Behave! Newsletter from HSB Specialists. To read the rest of the newsletter or to look at previous ones, please visit: [Tuckers NC Nest - LiveBinders Shelf](#)



# Training Information Craven Smart Start



To register for a training, please email registration form to [venus@cravensmartstart.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:venus@cravensmartstart.onmicrosoft.com) and more information will be sent regarding the online training. All trainings listed below are \$8.00 for lending library members and \$10 for non-members unless otherwise stated.

## **Online Zoom Training's in June**

### \*Building Relationships with Children and Youth that Challenge Us

Presenter: Tammy Cullom

Monday, June 6th, 2022

6:30 PM-8:30 PM

### \*It's SIDS: Infant/Toddler Safe Sleep and SIDS Reduction in Child Care

Presenter: Kelly Shaw

Thursday, June 9th, 2022

6:30 PM-8:30 PM

### \*Toxic Stress

Presenter: Sonia Sumner

Thursday, June 16th, 2022

6:30 PM-8:30 PM

### \*Playground Safety

Presenter: Kelly Shaw

Tuesday, June 21st, 2022

6:00 PM- 9:00 PM

### \*More Than Just Routine: Turn Everyday Infant Toddler Moments into Extraordinary

Presenter: Courtney Cartwright

Monday, June 27th, 2022

6:30 PM-8:30 PM

# Upcoming Events

## Four Square

- Come on out and enjoy a fun-filled time of Four Square
- Tuesday and Thursdays, 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM
- Free to the public
- Ages 5-12
- At Jasper G. Hayes Omega Center



## NC Pre-Kindergarten Registration - Havelock

- Tuesday, June 14th, 2022
- At Graham A. Barden Elementary School, 9 AM - 11 AM
- This is not a first-come, first-serve event, and children do not need to be present. Please bring your child's birth certificate and proof of family income for this event.
- Please visit <https://www.cravenk12.org/Page/1479> for more information.



## Summer Movies in the Park - Havelock

- Havelock City Park
- Movie begins at dusk
- Thursday, June 23 : Trolls: World Tour (PG)
- For more information, please visit <https://visitnewbern.com/event/havelock-summer-movies-in-the-park/>



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**Looking for:**

- \*Full-Time/Part-Time Care**
- \*Before/After School Care**
- \*Part-Time Preschool**
- \*Weekend Care**
- \*Drop-In Care**
- \*Hourly Care**



## **CCR&R Mission Statement**

To enhance the quality and quantity of child care services in Craven County by providing a wide range of information, referrals, advocacy and training services to families, providers, and the community in general.