

Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) Parent/Provider Newsletter



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CCR&R Director Updates- Bonnie Gould



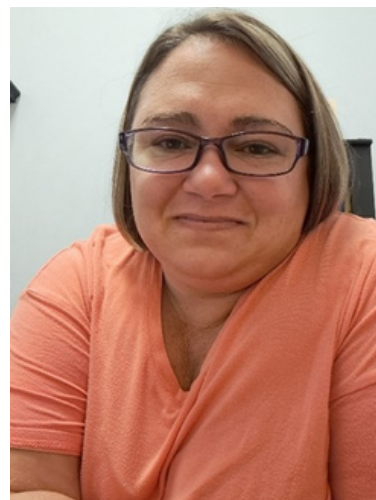
CCR&R would like to welcome Amanda Morris and Angela Pate to our Craven Smart Start Family!

Amanda Morris is our new Quality Enhancement / PD Specialist, and Angela Pate is our new Regional Family Child Care Specialist!

Help us welcome them to our Region!

Bonnie Gould
CCR&R Director

My name is Amanda “Mandy” Morris. I have a BS in Early Childhood Education, and over 20 years’ experience in educational environments ranging from young toddlers to school-aged children. I look forward to bringing my skills and lessons learned to better serve the children and teachers in Craven County. I have three wonderful children and enjoy spending time with them at various sporting events. I love to hunt, fish, and anything else that involves being outside. I am excited about my position here and look forward to a successful career with Craven Smart Start.



Hello! My name is Angela Pate, and I am thrilled to be serving the Family Child Care Providers of Region 2!

I earned my Bachelor’s Degree in Early Childhood Education from the University of Mount Olive, and have worked in the early education field for over 15 years. I’m currently enrolled in the University of North Carolina Wilmington Early Childhood Education Master’s Program, and am thoroughly enjoying increasing my knowledge and skills to do the best I can to serve our amazing early educators. Prior to working with the Family Child Care Project, I have served in teaching and administration positions in a licensed facility, as well as, a early education programs specialist and NC School Age Initiative Consultant providing technical assistance and professional development to early educators throughout Eastern North Carolina.

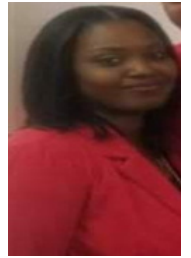


My husband and I have seven children and 10 grandchildren and spend our non-working hours caring for and having fun with them. One of our favorite activities to do as a family is camping, and we always find a way to camp near the water whenever possible.

My heart’s passion is mentoring Early Educators, and I am ecstatic to work alongside and support you all in improving the quality of care and experience for the children and families you serve.

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

Birth to Three Specialist- Demeka Bryant



This training is for administrators. Applications are open until October 13th.

Leading the Way is a professional learning community for center-based administrators with less than 6 years of experience



A Professional Learning Community



Join a statewide professional learning community designed specifically for recently hired, center-based early childhood administrators.

Through professional development and peer to peer coaching, each administrator will develop the essential skills and awareness needed to become a valued leader in the field of early care and education.

Schedule

All sessions will meet 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- Orientation: October 26
- From the Inside Out: November 2 & 16; December 14
- Leadership in Action: January 11 & 25; February 8
- A Great Place to Work: February 22; March 7 & 21
- Mapping Your Journey: April 4

Leading the Way participants:

- Have a minimum of an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education
- Have **no more than five years** of experience as an administrator
- Agree to attend all sessions
- Receive 27 DCDEE-approved credit hours
- Gain access to a distinct community of EC professionals

SPACE IS LIMITED.

If interested, download more information [here](#).
To apply, [click here](#).

Deadline for Application Submission: October 13, 2023

Cohort Orientation: October 26, 2023

Contact B3QI@childcareservices.org for additional information.



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

School Age Specialist– Tammy Cullom



Fun Fall Family Activities

School has been underway for several weeks, so take time to reward your child's hard work with fun family fall activities. There are several fall festivals held during the fall so select one and make it a family day. Here are other ideas for your family to enjoy this fall season.

- Take a family fall walk and observe the changes of the season.
- Enjoy a safe bonfire on a cool evening or use the microwave to make smores with a variety yummy treats.
- Pick a variety of fall leaves to compare colors and textures. Have your child sort the leaves by size, shape or color and use crayons to make leaf rubbings for fall decorations.
- Dunk apples on a stick into melted caramel then sprinkle nuts, sprinkles or crushed candy bar pieces.
- Purchase pumpkins and have a carving contest. Ask neighbors to judge the most creative design. Remember to save the seeds and roast them for a yummy snack your family can try.
- Make yard work a learning activity. While raking and bagging leaves, discuss the size of the piles, why leaves change colors and why some trees lose their leaves and some do not. There are many websites designed to help children understand what happens to leaves in the fall. Here is one resource— <https://youtu.be/HVkgbaMvMIg>.

Fall brings definite changes to our environment. Take time to enjoy this season and help your child learn why seasons change.



Training Information Craven Smart Start



To register for a training, please email registration form to 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.

Face to Face & Online Zoom Trainings in October

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

Presenter: Demeka Bryant
Monday, October 16th, 2023
6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Face to Face

*Developmentally Appropriate Practices: But, I'm Supposed to Act This Way!

Presenter: Brandi Parnell
Thursday, October 19th, 2023
6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Face to Face

*Improving Quality w/ ECERS-R

Presenter: Tammy Cullom
Monday, October 23rd, 2023
6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Face to Face

*Toxic Stress & Its Impact on Children

Presenter: Sonia Sumner & Brandi Parnell
Thursday, October 26th, 2023
6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Virtual

Local Events

- **National Night Out - Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023**

- Walter B. Jones Park, Havelock
- 4 PM - 7 PM
- <https://havelocknc.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=124>
- Craven Smart Start will have a table! Please stop by and visit us!



- **Halloween Preschool Parade - Friday, October 27th, 2023**

- Union Point Park, New Bern
- Parade Starts at 9:30 AM
- <https://visitnewbern.com/event/halloween-preschool-parade-2/preschool-parade-2023-jpeg/>



- **Sensory Friendly Truck or Treat - Thursday, October 26th, 2023**

- With Carolina Therapy Connection
- 609 McCarthy Blvd, New Bern
- 6 PM - 7 PM



- **Trunk or Treat - Friday October 27th, 2023**

- Havelock Parks & Recreation Center, Havelock
- 5 PM - 7 PM
- <https://havelocknc.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=131>



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Child Care Resource and Referral is here for you. FREE referrals to fit your child care needs with a licensed, regulated, or legally exempt childcare program.

Looking for:

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