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



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CCR&R Director Updates- Bonnie Gould



It gives me great pleasure to introduce our new CCR&R Administrative Assistant Erin Scarborough!

She will be your new contact for the Craven Smart Start Lending Library! Help me welcome Erin to our Craven Smart Start Family!



Hi, my name is Erin Scarborough. I was born and raised in New Bern, NC. I recently got married on September 16th, 2023. I graduated from Craven Community College in 2022 with a degree in cosmetology. After working as a hairstylist for a few years, primarily with children, I realized my true passion lies in working in the childcare industry. Therefore, I plan to pursue my social work degree starting later this year.



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



Story Walk Park Display Schedule 2024

Begin	End	Title	Location
Saturday, January 13, 2024	Friday, March 15, 2024	Giraffes Can't Dance	Martin Marietta
		Rainbow Fish	Creekside
Saturday, March 16, 2024	Friday, May 10, 2024	This Farm is a Family	Martin Marietta
		Grumpy Monkey	Creekside
Saturday, May 11, 2024	Friday, July 19, 2024	Walter the Farting Dog	Martin Marietta
		Delicious Hullabaloo/Pachanga Deliciosa	Creekside
Saturday, July 20, 2024	Friday, September 13, 2024	Rainbow Fish	Martin Marietta
		Giraffes Can't Dance	Creekside
Saturday, September 14, 2024	Friday, November 15, 2024	Big Pumpkin	Martin Marietta
		The True Story of the Three Little Pigs	Creekside
Saturday, November 16, 2024	Friday, January 10, 2025	Bear Stays up for Christmas	Martin Marietta
		Walter the Farting Dog	Creekside
Saturday, January 11, 2025	Friday, March 14, 2025	Grumpy Monkey	Martin Marietta
		This Farm is a Family	Creekside

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



The Birth-to-Three Quality Initiative and DCDEE are offering a **New Infant Toddler Teacher Orientation (NITTO)!**

Understand your value as a birth-to-three teacher and ways to care for yourself while caring for our youngest.

- Free online format, with 14 credit hours upon completion
- Comprehensive training completed in 7 weeks
- Practical knowledge that you can apply in a birth-to-three classroom

What are birth-to-three teachers and administrators saying about NITTO?

- “I thought [NITTO] was a great training and very informative. It really helped me as a new teacher, and helped reduce a lot of my anxiety.”
- “I learned different strategies to help take care of myself so that I can be the best for the children and I also learned strategies to make sure that the infants have high quality learning experiences.”
- “NITTO is a good training for beginning teachers...it has so much good information...to help a young teacher.”



Course content includes:

- NC Early Care & Learning
- Brain Development
- Routine Care
- Classroom Environment
- Behavior Guidance

Each section contains fun videos, activities, and resources for you to share!

For further assistance, contact itorientation@childcareservices.org.

Find the course at dcdee.moodle.nc.gov. You will need to have an NCID to access the Moodle site.



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 Training in January

*Emergency Preparedness Response

Presenter: Kelly
 Thursday, January 4, 2024
 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Face to Face

*Behavioral Intervention Strategies

Presenter: Brandi
 Thursday, January 11, 2024
 6:30—8:30 pm

Face to Face

*It's SIDS

Presenter: Demeka
 Monday, January 15, 2024
 6:30—8:30 pm

Face to Face

*Toxic Stress

Presenter: Sonia
 Thursday, January 18, 2024
 6:30—8:30 pm

Virtual

*Playground Safety

Presenter: Angela
 Saturday, January 20, 2024
 8:30 am—12:30 pm

Face to Face

*ECER-R

Presenter: Tammy
 Tuesday, January 30, 2024
 6:30—8:30 pm

Face to Face

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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.