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



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CCR&R Director Updates- Bonnie Gould



Retirement Celebration!

It is with sadness and great joy that we announce that Venus Miller, our Program Assistant has Retired!

Venus has held the title of Program Assistant with Craven Smart Start for 7 years providing excellent service to our providers, community partners and families in Craven County!

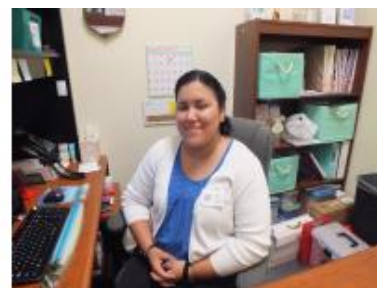
We wish Venus love, happiness and joy as she begins this new chapter in her life!

Venus Miller will always be a part of our Craven Smart Start Family, and she will be missed!

Congratulations VENUS!!

**Blessings Always,
Bonnie Gould
CCR&R Director**

From the Desk of the
Parent/Provider Specialist
Bianca Salinas



Please join and support us from
7:30am-10:30am
Saturday, December 9th, 2023
To register, please visit our website at cravensmartstart.org and click on the **HOLIDAY HUSTLE** Tab.

TOYS FOR TOTS

Please stop by from
December 1st - 15th
and drop off new toys for children
ages 0-8 years old at

Craven

Smart Start
Each Child. Our Community.

We look forward to seeing you!!



2023
City of New Bern
**CHRISTMAS
PARADE**

Saturday, December 2, 2023
10:00AM
Downtown New Bern
Parade Route: George St - Broad St - Craven St

Registration is required to participate.
For more information visit
NewBernNC.gov/ChristmasParade
or call 252-639-2920



\$7 / Adults
\$5/ Children 12 & Under

**PANCAKES
-for-
PIE**

Saturday, December 2, 2023
7:00 am - 10:00 am
Morgan's Tavern & Grill

Learn more at CravenPartners.com

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 December

*Children & Youth Who Challenge Us

Presenter: Tammy

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

6:30pm-8:30pm

Face to Face

*Partner with Parents

Presenter: Brandi

Thursday, December 7, 2023

6:30pm-8:30pm

Face to Face

*It's SIDS

Presenter: Demeka

Monday, December 11, 2023

6:30pm-8:30pm

Face to Face

*Preventing Power Struggles

Presenter: Sonia & Brandi

Thursday, December 14, 2023

6:30pm-8:30pm

Virtual

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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.