

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



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Save The Date! Reading Fun Day, Saturday February 3rd

We hope to see you Saturday, February 3rd, at St. Paul Family Life Center for Reading Fun Day!

Children, who participate in five or more literacy activities, can receive a free book, while supplies last. Fourteen area schools will host literacy stations throughout the Family Life Center for children from kindergarten to fifth grade. For toddlers and preschoolers, Craven Smart Start will host a literacy station with activities provided by Craven Community College early education students and Dr. Sandra Potter, a Rootle Ambassador for UNC-Public Television, will read to children in English and Spanish.



For more information contact
Kellie Bamford (252-444-5106)

Save The Date!

Building Brighter Futures Conference

Saturday, March 9th

Building Brighter Futures Conference

Our conference will be held at Craven Community College, Saturday March 9, 2024. Sign up today to take advantage of our early bird special rate!! Our Keynote is Tanya Dennis! You wont want to miss this exciting event!
-Bonnie Gould, CCR&R Director

18th Annual Early Childhood

Unlinking Your Thinking
Behavior vs. Need

.5 CEU's

Make & Take!



Door Prizes!

Breakout Sessions!

Building Brighter Futures Conference



Hosted by:

Craven Smart Start



Child Care Resource & Referral

Date: Saturday, March 9, 2024

Time: 8:30am - 4:30pm

(Check-in begins @ 7:45am)

Location: Craven Community College

Keynote Session:

**Tanya Dennis, M.Ed., Early Childhood Education Specialist
Planner and Consultant**



Tanya is committed to serving young children, their families, and early educators. She believes her "true grit" direct approach to play, learning and living invites a multitude of adventures, experiences, relationships and developing approaches to early education.

Tanya has over 36 years of Early Education and Care experiences. Her formal education is woven in the strength of the NC community college and university systems. She has worked for noted programs such as Head Start, Smart Start partnerships, NC Public Schools, UNC-Frank Porter Graham and our North Carolina Community College. But her heart is always found in a classroom or playground nearby. She believes you should play hard, play fair and dessert should always come first!!!

Tanya is a native of North Carolina and currently resides in Fuquay Varina among her family, friends, and kin! It's Sweet Tea, please! Flip-Flop nation, Christmas 365 as well as Car-tune Karaoke for her!!!

EDUCATION

UNC-Charlotte Infant and Toddler Mental Health
UNC-Chapel Hill, Masters in Education- Disabilities and Diversity
UNC-Greensboro B.S. Degree in Early Education
Wake Technical Community College, AAS Degree Early Childhood Education

FUN FACTS

Kissed a snake because her kids dared her!!!
Had a "illegal, undocumented Hamster name Tico "as a class pet!
Did a "project study" on Michael Jackson and created a dance studio with the kids!
Held a shoe rally on the NC Legislators doorway! Over 5000 infant booties to school age shoes.
Known for pop up ECE trainings and conferences on trains, cruise ship etc.

Early Bird Special

By 5pm 2/24/24
\$20.00

2/27/24 - 3/8/24
\$30.00

For more information
call (252) 672-5921.

CCR&R Director Updates- Bonnie Gould



Craven Smart Start's "Give A Book – Take A Book" Free Literacy Library!

Reading teaches children empathy, giving them a window into the perspectives and feelings of others.

- Through literacy, children learn communication skills and build emotional and social resilience.
- Literacy development begins early in life.
- Literacy is the foundation for reading, writing, communicating and socializing

It is our hope that our "Give A Book – Take A Book" will help extend literacy in the homes of children in our community!

Blessings,
Bonnie Gould
CCR&R Director
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We Still Have Diapers!



Craven Smart Start's

"From the Bottom Up"

Diaper Distribution



- We still have diapers in stock! We have sizes 1, 2, & 3.
- If you are in need of the sizes that we have in stock, we ask that you please call and make an appointment. 252-672-5921

From the Desk of the Parent/Provider Specialist Bianca Salinas

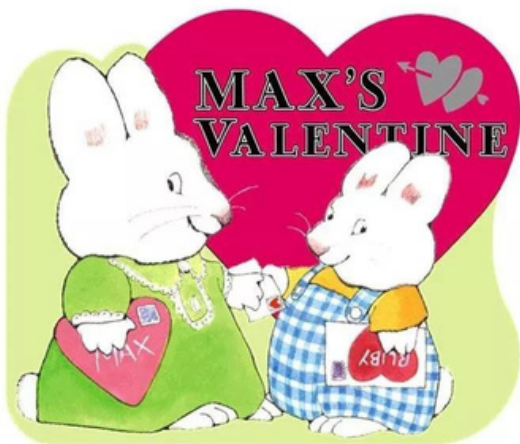


Valentine's Day Activity- Pom Pom Painting

What you need:

- Pom poms
- clothespin
- Paint
- Heart shape cutout or printable

<https://www.tipsfromatypicalmomblog.com/2015/02/valentine-pom-pom-painting-preschoolers.html>




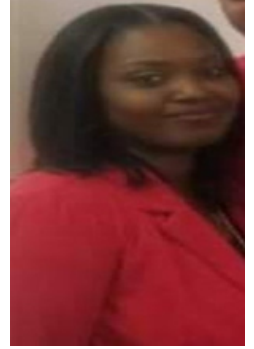
Valentine's Day Book- Max's Valentine

About this book: When Ruby uses all the candy to make her Valentine cards, Grandma makes sure Max gets a very special treat.

We have this book in our Lending Library, feel free to stop by and check it out or read it together with your little one in our play area!

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

Birth-to-Three Specialist - Demeka Bryant




is excited to announce our new online, on-demand course:

Unpacking ITERS-R: An Overview of the Infant Toddler Environment Rating Scale - Revised Edition

Learn tips & tricks to improve the quality of your classroom & boost your overall ITERS-R score

- Online, self-paced learning
- 2 credit hours
- Registration cost: \$20



Questions? Email us at B3QI@childcareservices.org.

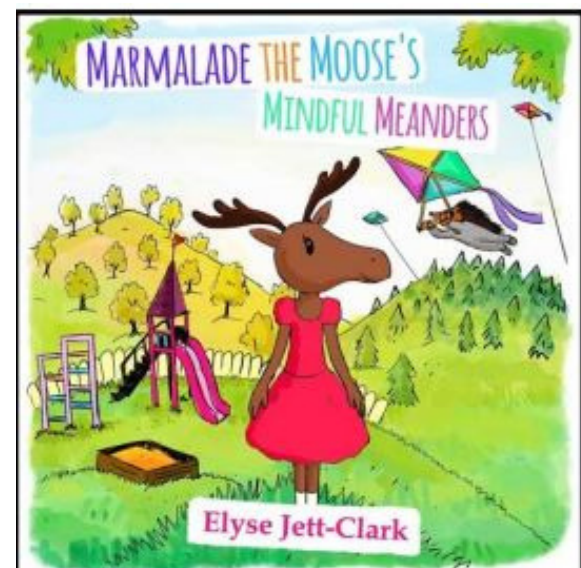
Healthy Social Behavior Specialists- Sonia Sumner & Brandi Parnell



Social/Emotional Book Nook

If you want to explore more about mindfulness, happiness, and gratitude with the children in your life, consider adding this book to your classroom reading corner!

Suitable and adaptable for all ages (0-10 years), Marmalade the Moose loves to live in the moment and look for all the wonderful things happening all around her. Whether it is a farm, hiking with friends, or visiting a beach, Marmalade makes every adventure fun, exciting, and a learning experience! Join her through the vibrant pages of this book!



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 February

*It's SIDS

Presenter: Demeka Bryant
Monday, February 5th, 2024
6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Face to Face

*Fire Safety

Presenter: Jeff Connor
Tuesday, February 6th, 2024
6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Face to Face

**New Bern Fire Department Training Facility/
333 Glenburnie Dr. New Bern, NC 28560**

*How to Make Good Play Great

Presenter: Amanda Morris
Tuesday, February 6th, 2024
6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Face to Face

*Developmentally Appropriate Practices

Presenter: Brandi Parnell
Thursday, February 8th, 2024
6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Face to Face

*Ins and Outs of Good Circle Times

Presenter: Debbie Cashwell
Tuesday, February 13th, 2024
6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Face to Face

*Grief & Loss

Presenter: Sonia Sumner
Thursday, February 15th, 2024
6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Virtual

*Thinking Constructively with Loose Parts

Presenter: Tammy Cullom
Tuesday, February 20th, 2024
6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Face to Face

*Making Music Marvelous

Presenter: Bonnie Gould
Thursday, February 22nd, 2024
6:30 PM-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.