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



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<u>Save The Date!</u> <u>Building Brighter Futures Conference</u> <u>Saturday, March 9th</u>

18th Annual Early Childhood

5 CEU'S

Unlinking Your Thinking Behavior vs. Need

Door Prizes

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Breakout Sessions!

Building Brighter Futures Conference



Hosted by:

Craven Smart Start

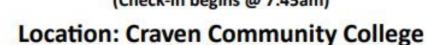


Child Care Resource & Referral

Date: Saturday, March 9, 2024

Time: 8:30am - 4:30pm

(Check-in begins @ 7:45am)



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 firstill.

Tanya is a native of North Carolina and currently resides in Fuguay Varina among her family, friends, and kinl It's Sweet Tea, pleasel 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

SUN FACTO

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.

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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.

Upcoming Events



Kids in grades K - 8th are invited to spend their teacher work days with us for a full day of fun, games, and exploration! Each day is packed with exciting activities designed to create lasting memories!

Register online by visiting the Parks and Recreation page <u>here</u>

First date is Friday, March 8th!



Job Fair & Resource Event

Date: March 27th, 2024

Time: 10AM-3PM

 Where: Riverfront Convention Center, 203 South Front St. New Bern

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





St. Patrick's Day Activities

What you need:

- Paint
- paper (different colors)
- Paper plates

Craven Smart Start Office Updates

- We now have a mini library outside our office! Feel free to take a book. but we encourage you to give a book every time you take one.
 - We still have diapers available





for Craven County families! We

currently have sizes 1, 2 & 3

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

Birth-to-Three Specialist - Demeka Bryant





Training- Love Them Through It: Understanding Trauma in Young Children

- Free training
- 15 DCDEE credit hours
- Virtual
- All Sessions will meet once a month via Zoom
- Space is limited. Click here to register.
- For help/questions with please contact Heather Noe at heathern@childcareservices.org

School Age Specialist - Tammy Cullom







Spring is finally here with budding flowers and trees. Many people begin to think about planting flowers or vegetables in the warmer weather. Make this an activity for the whole family.

When you go shopping for starter plants or seed packets, tell your child to select one to plant and take care of for the rest of the season. By allowing your child to select the one to nurture, there will be a greater sense of responsibility. When you plant, check the progress of, water and weed around your plant, tell your child to watch you so the same actions will be repeated by your child. Make sure you take time to recognize your child's efforts in caring for the chosen plant. Taking care of plants that produce flowers or vegetables is a great learning lesson about science, nature and the meaning of responsibility. Enjoy this springtime project and watch your child enjoy the results of nurturing a living plant.

<u>Training Information Craven Smart Start</u>



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, March 4th, 2024

6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Face to Face

*Building Brighter Futures Conference

Presenter: Various Presenters Saturday, March 9th, 2024

7:45 AM-4:30 PM

Face to Face

Craven Community College

*Partnering with Families to Address Challenging Behaviors: We are all in this together!

Presenter: Sonia Sumner Thursday, March 14th, 2024

6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Virtual

*Building Incredible Relationships

Presenter: Tammy Cullom Monday, March 18th, 2024

6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Face to Face

*Prevention Strategies

Presenter: Brandi Parnell Thursday, March 21th, 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

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.