

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



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**Save The Date!**  
**Building Brighter Futures Conference**  
**Saturday, March 9th**

# 18th Annual Early Childhood

Unlinking Your Thinking  
Behavior vs. Need

.5 CEU's

Door Prizes!

Make & Take!



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.



## Upcoming Events

A poster for Kidsville Club Days 2024. At the top, it says "NEW BERN PARKS AND RECREATION". Below that is a photo of children playing in a park. The title "KIDSVILLE CLUB DAYS 2024" is in large green letters. Below the title, it says "Club days: 8am-5pm". Then, it says "Parents are you unsure what to do with your kids during upcoming Teacher Workdays? Well, Kidsville Club Days is for you! Kids in grades K-8th get ready for a day of bonding, making memories, and enjoying a wide range of fun-filled activities." Below this, there are two price points: "\$25 City Residents" and "\$35 Non-Residents". The location is "West New Bern Recreation Center 1225 Pinetree Drive". There are two dates: "Friday, March 8th" and "Monday, April 29th", each with a green checkmark. At the bottom, it says "Register online at our Parks & Recreation page at NewBernNC.gov" and "For more information contact Shelley Collins at 252-639-2912".

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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 [here](#)

First date is Friday, March 8th!

A poster for a Job Fair & Resource Event. It features several photos of people at a job fair. The title "JOB FAIR & RESOURCE EVENT" is in large blue letters. Below it, it says "JOIN US MARCH 27, 2024 10AM - 3PM". The location is "RIVERFRONT CONVENTION CENTER OF CRAVEN COUNTY 203 SOUTH FRONT STREET, NEW BERN". There are two time slots: "10am-11am" and "11am | Open to the Public". It says "Open to High Schools Students, Active Duty Military, Veterans & Military Spouses". At the bottom, it says "For more information, contact Reeshema Walker, NCWorks Craven Manager at (252) 514-4828 or email: reeshema.walker@commerce.nc.gov". There are logos for "CRAVEN 100 ALLIANCE" and "NC works".

CravenWorks OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESS

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**CRAVEN 100 ALLIANCE** **FREE EVENT** **NC works**

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- 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

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## 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



Young children are working hard to build their self-regulation skills, and while they are resilient, they need a lot of love to be able to sort through the hardships they experience. Participants will learn strategies to provide loving care that boosts children's social and emotional development. Together, participants will ultimately answer the question: "How can we love them through it?"

### Session Topics/Learning Objectives

All sessions will meet once a month via Zoom.

- An Overview of Trauma & Trauma-Responsive Care
- Supporting Babies and Toddlers on their Path to Resilience
- Trauma-Responsive Care Strategies & Practices
- Partnering with Families to Build their Resilience
- Caring for the Caregiver
- Leading the Way to Trauma-Responsive Care

- Free!
- 15 DCDEE credit hours
- All virtual - access to a computer or tablet required

### SPACE IS LIMITED.

[Click here](#) for more information on how to join our next cohort!  
The deadline for applications is March 21, 2024.

For assistance, contact Heather Noe at [heathern@childcareservices.org](mailto:heathern@childcareservices.org).



## 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](mailto:heathern@childcareservices.org)

## School Age Specialist – Tammy Cullom

### Springtime is Family Learning Time



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.

# Training Information Craven Smart Start



To register for a training, please email registration form to [venus@cravensmartstart.onmicrosoft.com](mailto: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**

# Child Care Resource & Referral

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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.