

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

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Building Brighter Futures Conference THANK YOU!



Craven Smart Start's Building Brighter Futures Conference was a success! Tanya Dennis was our Keynote, and we had many wonderful presenters presenting on early childhood behaviors and how to work with children with special needs. Craven Smart Start would like to thank Craven Community College for partnering with us to host this special event! We extend our sincere thank you to all the providers that attended. We had 166 providers attend the conference this year! We would also like to thank all of our Craven Smart Start Staff, Maria Eid, Craven Community College student volunteers and the vendors who helped to make it a success! We look forward to our upcoming Building Brighter Futures in March 2025!

Have a wonderful Spring!

Bonnie Gould
CCR&R Director



Upcoming Events

NEW BERN PARKS AND RECREATION



KIDSVILLE CLUB DAYS 2024

Club days: 8am-5pm

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.

\$25 City Residents West New Bern Recreation Center \$35 Non- Residents
1225 Pinetree Drive

✓ Friday, March 8th ✓ Monday, April 29th

Register online at our Parks & Recreation page at NewBernNC.gov
For more information contact Shelley Collins at 252-639-2912

2024 MOVIES IN THE PARK

NEW BERN PARKS & RECREATION

Union Point Park
210 E. Front Street

You are invited to join us in the park for an outdoor cinema experience!

Bring a blanket or chair & watch a **FREE** movie in the fresh air.

 ELEMENTAL FRIDAY- APR 19 APPROXIMATELY 7:50 PM	 ALADDIN FRIDAY- SEP 13 APPROXIMATELY 7:25 PM	 GOOSEBUMPS 2: Haunted Halloween SATURDAY-OCT 26 APPROXIMATELY 6:25 PM	 THE SANTA CLAUSE FRIDAY - DEC 13 APPROXIMATELY 5:00 PM
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AQUAMAN & THE LOST KINGDOM
FRIDAY- MAY 10
APPROXIMATELY 8:10 PM

All movie begin at **DUSK**.
Various concessions available for purchase.

For additional information, visit our Parks and Recreation page at NewBernNC.gov or call 252.639.2901

NEW BERN PARKS & RECREATION

CAMP SPRING FLING

April 1-April 5
9am-5pm

Two Locations

West New Bern Recreation Center
1225 Pinetree Drive
and
Pleasant Hill Community Center
427 NC 55 Hwy West

Activities

- ✓ Kite Flying
- ✓ Cooking
- ✓ Arts and Crafts
- ✓ Field trips
- ✓ Movie day
- ✓ Fun at the Park

\$55.00 Residents \$65.00 Non-Residents

REGISTER AT WEST NEW BERN RECREATION CENTER OR ON THE PARKS AND RECREATION PAGE ONLINE AT NEWBERNNC.GOV
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT SHELLEY COLLINS AT 252-639-2912

NEW BERN PARKS AND RECREATION

Festival of Fun

Saturday, April 13, 2024
10AM-3PM

Union Point Park
New Bern, NC

NEW BERN PARKS & RECREATION

Enjoy Arts & Crafts, Fun Games, Great Food, Inflatables
Kid friendly vendors
and special entertainment!

For additional information, visit our Parks & Recreation page at www.NewBernNC.gov or call 252-639-2912

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Craven Smart Start Office Updates

Welcome Erin Scarborough, our new CCR&R Program Assistant!

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.

I also have a baby girl on the way, due August 25th, 2024.

Erin started working with us in November of 2023.



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

Healthy Social Behavior Specialists – Brandi Parnell & Sonia Sumner



In a world bursting with colors, love paints the most vibrant picture of all! *Families Are Made with Love* celebrates the kaleidoscope of families that fill our lives, proving that love comes in all shapes, sizes, and stories.

Join two-mom dance parties, cheer with booming laughter in Dad-built Lego castles, and snuggle by the fire with wisdom spun by grandparents' twinkling eyes. From single-parent superhero adventures to sibling constellations woven with traditions from afar, this delightful book embraces every family's unique melody. Acceptance blooms brightest under love's warm sun, reminding us that understanding weaves a tapestry of strength, and love's magic binds us closer than any difference.

For ages 3-10.



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 April

*It's SIDS

Presenter: Demeka Bryant

Monday, April 8th, 2024

6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Face to Face

*Thinking Constructively with Loose Parts

Presenter: Tammy Cullom

Tuesday, April 9th, 2024

6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Face to Face

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

Presenter: Sonia Sumner

Thursday, April 11th, 2024

6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Virtual

*Supervision: Following the 5 W's

Presenter: Amanda Morris & Debbie Cashwell

Monday, April 15th, 2024

6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Virtual

*Making Music Marvelous

Presenter: Bonnie Gould

Thursday, April 18th, 2024

6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Face to Face

*Causes of Misbehavior: Why do they act that way?

Presenter: Brandi Parnell

Thursday, April 25th, 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.