

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

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Upcoming Events

In-person registration for the NC Pre-Kindergarten Program for the 2024-2025 school year will take place on Friday, May 3rd at the New Bern Mall from 3 pm 6:00 pm. To be eligible for NC Pre-K, the child must be 4 years of age by August 31, 2024. Parents who apply need to provide a certified birth certificate and proof of family income, which may be two consecutive months of income or an income tax return for the last year. Parents may also register online. To register online, click [here](#). For questions, call 252-244-3225.



Pre-Kindergarten
**2024-2025
REGISTRATION**
Friday, May 3rd New Bern Mall

→ 3:00-6:00 PM

AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN WHO TURN 4 YEARS OLD BY AUG 31, 2024

252-244-3225  www.cravenk12.org



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.

 <p>ELEMENTAL APPROXIMATELY 7:50 PM FRIDAY- APR 19</p>	 <p>ALADDIN APPROXIMATELY 7:25 PM FRIDAY- SEP 13</p>	 <p>GOOSEBUMPS 2: Haunted Halloween APPROXIMATELY 6:25 PM SATURDAY-OCT 26</p>	 <p>THE SANTA CLAUSE APPROXIMATELY 5:00 PM FRIDAY - DEC 13</p>
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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

LICC Group Information

Our Local Interagency Coordinating Council

Have you heard of the Local Interagency Coordinating Council, (LICC)? It is a community-based advisory group for the implementation of a birth-to-five interagency system of early intervention services for children with disabilities & their families. LICC's provide opportunities for service providers to be involved in child find & public awareness, community needs assessment, etc. It is recommended that a LICC be organized for each county. Since the pandemic ended, the Craven LICC meetings have been coordinated by Pinkie Moore, Craven Smart Start's Community Outreach Coordinator. Each month a guest speaker is invited to present information about their resource that serves young children and families.

Currently, the Craven LICC has 15 community organizations that participate on a monthly basis. In 2023, the group collaborated with New Bern Parks and Recreation to host a Touch-a-Truck event at the West New Bern Rec Center & 160 families attended.

Article done by Pinkie Moore. For more information, you can contact her at 252-672-5921.

MEMBERS OF OUR LICC SEEN BELOW:
THEY FOCUS ON ISSUES RELATED TO
YOUNG CHILDREN AND TO CHILD FIND.



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

Birth-to-Three Specialist - Demeka Bryant



Information from the B3 Quality Initiative Newsletter

Tip for Quality

Language is very important for children of all ages but sometimes we have trouble knowing how to communicate with infants and toddlers. Especially when most of their communication is nonverbal. Remember to respond to coos, shrieks, and babbles. You can do this by making eye contact and repeating the sounds. You can also use “self-talk” and “parallel talk”. You can do this by making eye contact and repeating the sounds that children make. You can also use “self-talk” to describe what you are doing, seeing, hearing or feeling, and “parallel talk” to describe what the child is doing, seeing or feeling. This will enrich their language and development.

Monitoring and Screening

As early care and learning teachers, you have the ability to notice the difference between typical and atypical development within the children in your classroom. Typical development is when "there are certain behavioral expectations and developmental milestones that children should master within certain age ranges." When children are not meeting appropriate milestones for their age, this could be considered a "red flag." When "red flags" are identified, the need for additional screening may be necessary. This process is called developmental monitoring. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides free tools such as the CDC's Developmental Milestones to help you monitor development. The skills identified on each milestone checklist will help you notice typical development and potential "red flags."

Family Engagement

Teaching and helping your child/children understand their emotions and the emotions of others is an essential step in their social and emotional development. Children and adults share emotions and express the same feelings; the big difference is that, as adults, we are better equipped to understand and manage them. Whether good or bad, our experiences and what we have been taught about self-soothing and regulation when expressing our big feelings, show up in how we react to others. Children are born already equipped with feelings, emotions, reactions, and behaviors. Our job as parents and caregivers is to help them understand how to move through social-emotional regulation as gracefully and effectively as possible. Through our empathetic and compassionate care, we can help children form healthy self-regulation and caring behaviors for others.

Training Information Craven Smart Start



To register for a training, please email registration form to erin@cravensmartstart.org 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 May

*Fire Safety

Presenter: Jeff Connor
Tuesday, May 7th, 2024
6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Face to Face

New Bern Fire Dept. Training Facility 333 Glenburnie Dr. New Bern

*Deep Breathing: A Connection to Calm

Presenter: Sonia Sumner
Thursday, May 9th, 2024
6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Virtual

*Preventing Challenging Behaviors: An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!

Presenter: Brandi Parnell
Monday, May 27th, 2024
6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Face to Face

*IT'S SIDS

Presenter: Demeka Bryant
Monday, May 13th, 2024
6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Face to Face

*A Tisket, A Tasket, Fill Your Literacy Basket

Presenter: Amanda Morris
Thursday, May 16th, 2024
9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Face to Face

*Emergency Preparedness and Response

Presenter: Angela Pate
Saturday, May 18th, 2024
6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Face to Face

*ECERS-R

Presenter: Tammy Cullom
Tuesday, May 21st, 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.