

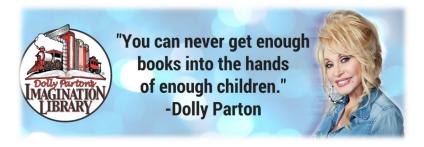


News for the Community, Families and Early Childhood Educators of Duplin County



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is now available in Duplin County. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a book gifting program that mails free, high-quality books to all children who enroll from birth until they are five. Through this program, age-appropriate books are mailed to registered children monthly. This activity promotes emergent literacy skills.

To sign up, contact Duplin County Partnership for Children at 910-296-2000 or sign up online at: www.smartstart.org/dolly-partons-imagination-library



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Duplin County Kindergarten and Pre-k Registration

March 27, 2020 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Applications for Pre-K will be accepted at all Pre-K sites. Applications for Kindergarten will be accepted at all Elementary Schools. Students who are currently enrolled will not attend school on Friday, March 27, 2020.







Tips for Reading to Infants and Toddlers

It's never too soon to start reading to your children! If your child learns early to associate reading with pleasure, she is more likely to enjoy reading on her own when she is older.

Try these successful reading tips for reading to infants and toddlers:

- Snuggle with your child with her favorite blanket or toys as you read.
- Read with expression using different voices for different characters.
- Emphasize rhythms and rhymes in stories. Give your toddler opportunities to repeat rhyming phrases.
- Use pictures to build vocabulary by varying objects and their colors.
- Use pictures to develop speaking vocabulary by talking about what is shown.
- Encourage your child to repeat what you say or comment on it. Encourage your child to ask questions. Provide models of interesting questions and examples of possible answers. "I wonder what is going to happen next? I think the rabbit will get lost because he is not paying attention to where he is going. What do you think?"
- Look for books that are about things that interest your toddler. For example, does your child like cars, insects, or animals?
- Make reading a habit for bedtime, after lunch, or after naptime.
- Give your child a chance to choose his own books. If your toddler chooses a
 book that is too long to hold his attention, read some and skip some,
 discussing the pictures and how they relate to the

Read stories again and again. Your toddler enjoys repetition and it helps him become familiar with the way stories are organized.

For more information, please visit www.nea.org.



When: March 21, 2020 Time: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Location: Pathway Church 275 NC-41, Beulaville, NC

During the FREE car seat check, new seats will be available to purchase at a reduced price, if eligibility requirements are met. There is no charge to check a seat you own.

Is your child in the right seat and is it installed correctly?

An estimated
4 out of 5
children who are placed in
child restraints and booster
seats are improperly
restrained. It is the
responsibility of everyone to
ensure the safety of the child.
Ask how YOU can make a
difference.





Special Guest: Buckle Up Bear

Buckle Up Kids



For more information, please call Karen Pacheco at 910-296-2000.



Cuando: 21 de Marzo, 2020 Hora: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Adonde: Pathway Church 275 NC-41, Beulaville, NC

Durante esta inspección gratis, Habrá asientos de venta a un precio reducido, si se cumplen los requisitos de elegibilidad. Habrá inspección gratis para aquellos que tengan un asiento.

> ¿Esta su hijo en el asiento correcto y si es el asiento instalado correctamente?



Pathwav Church

Se estima que 4 de cada 5

Niños que se encuentran en Sistema de retención infantil (Asientos de Seguridad)

elevados no están bien

restringidos. Es la

responsabilidad de todos ge

garantizar la seguridad del niño. Pregunte como USTED

puede hacer la diferencia.



Visita Especial: Buckle Up Bear



Para mas información, llama a Karen Pacheco at 910-296-2000.

Craft Night 2-11-20





FamilyFun













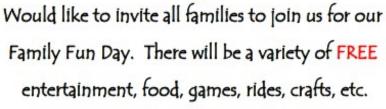


When: Saturday, April 25, 2020

Where: Rose Hill Town Square 510 East Main Street, Rose Hill NC 28458

Time: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm





Come out and enjoy these fun activities while learning more about Duplin County Smart Start.

















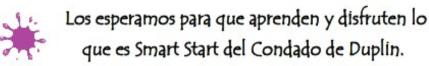
Cuando: Sabado, 25 de Abril, 2020

Adonde: Rose Hill Town Square 510 East Main Street, Rose Hill NC 28458

Hora: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm



Nosotros nos gustaria invitarle a toda las familias para reunirnos al "Dia Familiar Divertido". Habra diversion, comida, juegos y artes y mucho mas GRATIS.













Counting Young Children in the 2020 Census

Counting everyone once, only once, and in the right place

An estimated 5 percent of kids under the age of 5 weren't counted in the 2010 Census. That's about 1 million young children, the highest of any age group.

We need your help closing this gap in the 2020 Census. Here's what our research tells us about why young children are missed and what you can do to help make sure they are counted.



Common situations where young children aren't counted





The child splits time between two homes.

The child lives or stays with another family or with another relative such as a grandparent.

- Emphasize that the census counts everyone where they live and sleep most of the time, even if the living arrangement is temporary or the parents of the child do not live there.
- If the child truly spends equal amounts of time between two homes, count them where they stayed on Census Day, April 1. Coordinate with the other parent or caregiver, if possible, so the child is not counted at both homes.
- If it's not clear where the child lives or sleeps most of the time, count them where they stayed on Census Day, April 1.



The child lives in a lower Income household.

 Explain to service providers and families that responding to the census helps determine \$675 billion in local funding for programs such as food stamps (also called the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program or SNAP), the National School Lunch Program, and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). When children are missed in the census, these programs miss out on funding that is based on the number of children counted.



The child lives in a household with young parents or a young, single mom.

- Explain that filling out the census yourself, on your own schedule, is easier
 than having to respond when a census worker knocks on your door. Remind
 these households that the form should only take about 10 minutes to fill
 out and can be done online or over the phone, in addition to mailing it back.
- Encourage moms with young children to ask other household members to count them and their children on the form if others live in the household.



The child is a newborn.

- Emphasize that parents should Include bables on census forms, even if they
 are still in the hospital on April 1.
- Encourage facilities providing services to newborns to remind parents about the importance of counting their children on the census form.
- Highlight the fact that the census form only takes about 10 minutes to complete, and parents can fill it out online or over the phone in addition to paper at a time that works best for them.



U.S. Department of Commerce Economics and Statistics Administration U.S. CENSUS BUREAU CENSUS BUREAU Common situations where young children aren't counted



The child lives in a household that is large, multigenerational, or includes extended or multiple families

How you can help?

- Remind the person filling out the form to count all children, including nonrelatives and children with no other place to live, even if they are only living at the address temporarily on April 1.
- Spread the word that the census counts all people living or staying at an address, not just the person or family who owns or rents the property.





The child lives in a household that rents or recently moved.

- Encourage renters and recent movers to complete their census forms online or over the phone, right away. That way they don't need to worry about paper forms getting lost in the move.
- Focus efforts on multiunit buildings that are likely to have renters.



The child lives in a household where they're **not supposed to be**, for one reason or another.

- Please explain to those that have children living in places where they
 aren't allowed (for example, grandparents in a seniors-only residence that
 have a grandchild living with them, a family with more people, including
 children, than the lease allows) that they should include the children
 because the Census Bureau does not share Information so it can't be used
 against them.
- Emphasize the Census Bureau's legal commitment to keep census responses confidential.
- Explain that the Census Bureau will never share Information with immigration enforcement agencies like Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), law enforcement agencies like the police or Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), or allow this information to be used to determine eligibility for government benefits.





The child lives in a non-English or limited-English speaking household.

- Conduct outreach and create resources in non-English languages that highlight the importance of counting young children.
- Encourage non-English speakers to self-respond to the census and let them know that for the 2020 Census, the online form and telephone line will be available in 13 languages, including English. Language guides will be available in 59 languages other than English.



The child lives in a household of recent Immigrants or foreignborn adults.

- Work with community members to conduct outreach in neighborhoods with recent immigrants. Focus efforts on the community's gathering places like local grocery stores, places of worship, and small restaurants.
- Emphasize the Census Bureau's legal commitment to keep census responses confidential. Explain that the Census Bureau will never share information with immigration enforcement agencies like Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), law enforcement agencies like the police or Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), or allow this information to be used to determine eligibility for government benefits.

Framed Flower Décor

This gorgeous frame is made using pine cones! This is a beautiful and easy craft you can make for home décor, birthday or Mother's Day gift.

Materials Needed:

- All sized of pinecones
- Frame
- Hot glue gun
- Spray paint/paint
- Scissors/knife

Directions

- 1. Cut the pine cones in half (usually you can get two flowers per pinecone).
- 2. Spray paint or paint them individually.
- 3. Hot glue them randomly all over the frame.





Pulled from www.craftymorning.com



MARCH 2020 TRAININGS



The following is a list of training topics that the CCR&R staff of Duplin County Partnership for Children will be offering.

The trainings are as follows:

Training Topic: ITS SIDS

When: March 12, 2020 Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Where: DCPC

Cost: \$5.00

Training Topic: First Aid & CPR

When: March 17, 2020

Time: 6:00 pm Where: DCPC

Cost: \$40.00



Training Topic: Child Passenger Safety

When: March 31, 2020 Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Where: DCPC Cost: \$5.00





Director's Meeting



When: March 24, 2020

Where: Duplin County Partnership for Children Time: 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm (Centers) (2.0) in-service

training hours will be given.

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm (Homes) (1.5) in-service training

hours will be given.

Donor Levels: \$10-\$49 Friend \$50-\$99 **Patron** \$100-\$249 **Bronze** 250-\$499 Silver \$500-\$999 Gold **Platinum** Duplin County Partnership for Children is a 501(c) 3 private, nonprofit organization. Therefore, all donations are tax deductible. All contributions are appreciated. If you would like to make a contribution, make checks payable to the Duplin County Partnership for Children. Name Address Daytime phone (____) _____ Amount enclosed ____\$100 ____\$50 __\$25 __other Your donation will help ensure that young children in Duplin County are healthy, safe, and ready for school.

Contact Information

Telephone: 910-296-2000

Fax: 910-296-1497

www.dcpfc.org

Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Library Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm





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