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Parent Newsletter

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Continuing to Keep Children Healthy During COVID 19

For the latest updates on COVID-19 please visit the link below.

[Coronavirus Information for Child Care \(ncdhhs.gov\)](https://www.ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus)

How Child Care Programs Can Help Get Child Care Staff Vaccinated

On February 10, 2021, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) announced plans for how the state will move to Group 3 for COVID-19 vaccines. Because supply is still very limited and the population of frontline essential workers is so large, NC will begin with anyone working in child care or in PreK - 12 schools starting on February 24, 2021.

DHHS drafted [How Child Care Programs Can Help Get Child Care Staff Vaccinated](#), which contains detailed information about how DHHS is working with its partners on supporting child care and school staff in accessing vaccines. One of those partners, the local child care resource & referral agencies (CCR&R), will work with child care programs and staff to make sure information about vaccination events and appointment blocks is available to child care program staff. Someone from the local CCR&R will contact you to begin collecting staff contact information and link you to local vaccination events. Smart Start is also working with local vaccine providers to help make sure they are ready to give shots to child care staff.

SCHOLARSHIP PRO-

GRAM: Helps parents with the cost of child-care. Parents must be working more than 20 hours a week or going to school FT. Call 910-592-9399

PARENTS AS TEACH-

ERS: Targets children pre-natal to 5 yrs. old. Call Raquel Cervantes for more information 910-592-9399

NCPREK: A free pre-school program that targets children who turn 4 on or before August 31 of the school year. Call for an application appointment 910-592-9399

HANDPRINT FLOWER CRAFT FOR PRESCHOOLERS

You'll need the following:

Washable kid friendly paint
5x7 white heavy card stock (we used index cards)
Crayons or markers
Color coordinating construction paper
Scissors

Paint child's hand with washable paint

Have child press painted hand on card stock paper

Allow to dry

Cut out hand print flower

Glue flower onto construction paper

Draw flower stem and leaf

Draw grass or other desired decorations around flower



Celery Stamped Owl Craft for Kids



Materials Needed:

- Brown paint
- Celery
- Paper
- Sharpie
- Glue/Scissors



Squishy Sensory Bags

Materials Needed:

- Bottle of gel (hair gel or [aloe gel](#) works great)
- Resealable sandwich bags



As we are all readjusting to COVID-19. Technical Assistance is now different.

Here are some ways we can work with you. WebEx Meeting, Facetime, phone call, or email. Please feel free to contact us. We support team work and we can still be a team even though we are apart.

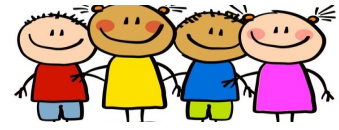
Please feel free to contact us.

(910) 592-9399





Ready for School, Ready for Life!



Do you have a child who will be 4 YEARS OLD on or before August 31, 2021? If so, you may qualify at no cost to you for the NC Pre-Kindergarten Program, which is designed to prepare children for success in school.

www.scpfc.org

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Dolly Parton's Imagination Library



<https://scpfc.org/programs/dolly-parton-imagination-library/>

Learning at Home Resources—Please check these out!!!

<https://scpfc.org/learning-at-home/>



How Do Masks Help?

COVID-19 can spread when people breathe, talk, cough, or sneeze. Wearing a mask keeps the virus from reaching others. It can also stop the virus from reaching you. If everyone wears a mask when they are out in public, fewer people will get sick.

