

**MARCH  
2020**



Congratulations to Ashley Lester of Jonesville Head Start!

Ms. Lester is our 2019-2020 Parent of the Year.

Ashley is the Parent Committee Chairperson of her child's classroom.

Thank you Ashley for being an active parent!

### Program Mission

Educating children and empowering families.



## Head Start



### Pre-Kindergarten Registration

Do you or someone you know have a child that will be 3 or 4 years old on or before August 31, 2020?

If so, you can pre-register your child NOW for the 2020-21 school year.



#### SERVICES OFFERED

- Research Based Curriculum
- Qualified Nurturing Teachers
- Fun Educational Activities
- Family Services and goal setting
- Healthy meals and snacks
- Ensure delivery of Health and Dental Services

#### NEEDED FROM PARENTS

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Shot Record
- Proof of income for each parent/caregiver
- Insurance/Medicaid Card



#### Yadkin County

**Thursday, March 5, 2020 (8:00 AM-6:00 PM)**

YVEDDI District Office

533 N. Carolina Ave. Hwy. 601 N • Boonville, NC 27011

(336) 367-7175 (Boonville)

(336) 367-4993 ext. 239 (Yadkinville)

#### Stokes County

**Tuesday, March 10, 2020 (8:00 AM-4:30 PM)**

Walnut Cove Library

106 5th Street • Walnut Cove, NC 27052

(336) 871-5022 (Sandy Ridge)

(336) 985-2344 (King)

#### Davie County

**Wednesday, March 11, 2020 (8:00 AM-4:30 PM)**

Davie County Public Library

371 N Main Street • Mocksville, NC 27028

(336) 284-2374

#### Surry County

**Tuesday, March 17, 2020 (8:00 AM-4:30 PM)**

L. H. Jones Family Resource Center

215 Jones School Road • Mount Airy, NC 27030

(336) 786-6155 Ext. 506/507/508

**Ph: (336) 367-4993 x 246**

# Holiday Schedule

(Administrative Offices)

April 10  
Good Friday

May 25  
Memorial Day

## YVEDDI Head Start Administrative Office

116 Baptist Church Road  
Boonville, NC 27011

Ph. (336) 367-4993  
Fax (336) 367-4997



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Donna Rutledge, Communications  
Specialist

### Do you have a child with disabilities?



IDEA - the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (p. L. 102 -119) was passed by Congress and requires that all states and territories provide a public school education to children with disabilities from ages 3 to 21, no matter how severe their disabilities are.

This law promises to children with disabilities a "free appropriate public education" at public expense, that their educational placement is based on an evaluation of each child's own special needs and that an Individualized Education Program (IEP) is planned for your child and states the services they will receive.

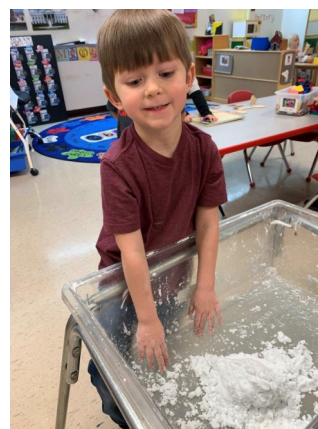
If you have a child with disabilities be sure they are receiving the special education they deserve. If you need further information, please call the Head Start Office at (336) 367-4993 and we will be glad to help.



Officer Daniel, of the Mt. Airy Police Department, visited Jones 3 to discuss the different parts of his uniform for their clothing study lesson.



Santa Clause is coming to...  
PAYNEtown!!!



Mount Olive played in the "snow"!



Jones1: All the buildings we can build!

## Be Active Kids – 5 Tips for Active Families

- 1) Make active play fun for the entire family!  
Allow children to help choose and plan how the family will be physically active. Be sure to focus more on fun, not on performance or competition.
- 2) Make moving a priority!  
Set aside time daily or throughout the week when the entire family can be physically active together. Try doing something before or after dinner or on weekends. Plan a weekly “Family Fun Night” that includes riding bikes, swimming, or dancing.
- 3) Get moving on a budget!  
Plan activities that require little or no equipment like walking, jumping rope, playing tag, or dancing. Learn and explore parks, hiking trails, biking trails, swimming pools, tennis courts, and community centers in your area that can provide low-cost opportunities to be physically active.
- 4) Be active inside and outside!  
Spend time outdoors and be prepared for all weather conditions. There are a lot of activities your family can enjoy in the rain, mud, and snow!
- 5) Get active with other families!  
Meet at playgrounds, the community pool or a local trail. Host active birthday parties to help friends enjoy and benefit from being active as well.

### How to Be a Healthy Family

- 1) Be active for at least 60 minutes every day.
- 2) Eat at least 5 fruits and vegetables every day.



Yadkinville Head Start has a new playground!

Dear Head Start Parents and Guardians,

We hope that you are having a wonderful and successful Head Start year so far. I get to visit your child's classroom on occasion and I see that they are happy, learning and thriving.

I wanted to take a moment to remind you that the Head Start classroom hours are 8:30am-2:30pm. We are funded for a 6.5 hour day—that means the children are IN CLASS for six and a half hours each day that Head Start is operating. We notice regularly that many children are picked up BEFORE 2:30pm in the afternoon. I would like to encourage you to wait until the 2:30pm release time before picking up your child.

We understand that some parents try to avoid a rush at the center and pick their child up early. We also are aware that sometimes parents have other children to pick up from another facility or school. We prefer that you wait until the 2:30pm release time if at all possible.

We appreciate each of you and are proud to be serving you and your child. We invite you to visit your child's classroom to volunteer when you are available, to attend your center Parent Meeting, and to become as involved as you can in your child's education.

Best Regards,  
Rhonda Wrenn  
Head Start Director



## FAMILY ENGAGEMENT AND SCHOOL READINESS

Research shows that when parents are doing well, their children are happier and more successful in school. To help families achieve success, we team each with a Family Advocate. Because each family has different strengths and needs, the support your advocate provides will vary to suit your needs. There are countless ways in which Family Advocates can be a resource.

Some of them include:

- Helping you understand and complete paperwork
- Connecting you to services and resources you need, such as food, housing, medical assistance or counseling services
- Providing information and support to help you meet your goals for education, job skills, housing, etc.

Your Family Advocate is working with you to complete a Family Partnership Agreement. This is a plan you develop together that describes the goals set for your child and family, as well as the steps to meet your goals.



**NCWorks Online** is a one-stop online resource for job seekers and employers in North Carolina. Job seekers can search for jobs, create resumes, and find education and training. Visit the website today [www.ncworks.gov](http://www.ncworks.gov) or stop by one of the office locations listed below.

<p>Surry County NCWorks Career Center 541 West Pine Street Suite 300 Mount Airy, NC 27030</p>	<p>Phone: (336) 786-4169 Email: <a href="mailto:ncworks.6200@nccommerce.com">ncworks.6200@nccommerce.com</a></p> <p>Days/Hours of operation: Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-5:00 PM</p>
<p>Yadkin County Workforce Center 1001 College Dr. Yadkinville, NC 27055</p>	<p>Phone: (336) 386-3580 Email: <a href="mailto:ncworks.9000@nccommerce.com">ncworks.9000@nccommerce.com</a></p> <p>Days/Hours of operation: Monday 8:30 AM-5:00 PM</p>
<p>Davie County Workforce Center 1205 South Salisbury Street Room #115 Mocksville, NC 27028</p>	<p>Phone: (336) 934-3286 Email: <a href="mailto:ncworks.5800@nccommerce.com">ncworks.5800@nccommerce.com</a></p> <p>Days/Hours of operation: Tuesday 8:00 AM-12:00 PM Thursday 8:00 AM-5:00 PM Friday 8:00 AM-5:00 PM</p>
<p>Forsyth County-NCWorks Career Center 2701 University Parkway Winston Salem, NC 27105</p>	<p>Phone: (336) 464-0520 Email: <a href="mailto:ncworks.9800@nccommerce.com">ncworks.9800@nccommerce.com</a></p> <p>Days/Hours of operation: Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-5:00 PM</p>



Jones 1: Can I take your order?



Jones 1: Welcome to our Village!



### Center Arrival Time

Head Start arrival time is from 8:00 AM – 8:30 A.M. and no child will be accepted after 8:30 A.M. for any reason other than a doctor's appointment.

Please bring a doctor's note to ensure proper documentation of absence. If after the doctor's appointment your child cannot arrive by 10:30, you will need to make other arrangements for the day.

If your child has an appointment, you will need to inform the teacher the day before or by 8:30 the morning of so that lunch can be ordered for your child.



**[www.NC211.org](http://www.NC211.org)**

Need Help, But Don't Know Where To Turn?  
**DIAL 2-1-1**

Free ▪ Confidential ▪ 24 Hours a Day ▪ Any Language

#### Your connection to:

- Basic Needs (food, clothing, shelter)
- Child Care Services
- Consumer Help
- Counseling
- Crisis Intervention
- Health Care
- Housing
- Senior Services
- Support Groups
- Volunteer Opportunities

**2020 Kindergarten Registration Days  
Stokes County**

Germanton Elementary	Tuesday, March 10, 2020	8:30-11:30AM	(336) 591-4021
King Elementary	Tuesday, March 24, 2020	3:00-6:00PM	(336) 983-5824
Lawsonville Elementary	Thursday, March 26, 2020	8:30-11:30AM	(336) 593-8284
London Elementary	Tuesday, March 24, 2020	8:30-11:30AM	(336) 591-7204
Mount Olive Elementary	Wednesday, March 11, 2020	8:30-11:30AM	(336) 591-7204
Nancy Reynolds Elementary	Thursday, March 19, 2020	8:30-11:30AM	(336) 351-2480
Pine Hall Elementary	Tuesday, March 17, 2020	8:30-11:30AM	(336) 427-3689
Pinnacle Elementary	Thursday, March 5, 2020	8:30-11:30AM	(336) 368-2990
Poplar Springs	Wednesday, March 4, 2020	8:30-11:30AM	(336) 985-0234
Sandy Ridge Elementary	Thursday, March 12, 2020	8:30-11:30AM	(336) 871-2400
Walnut Cove Elementary	Wednesday, March 18, 2020	8:30-11:30AM	(336) 591-4408

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Tharrington Elementary School	Thursday March 19,2020	3:30-6:30PM	(336) 789-9046
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**Davie County Schools**

Pinebrook	Tuesday March 24, 2020	6:00 PM	(336) 998-3868
Shady Grove	Tuesday March 24, 2020	6:00 PM	(336) 998-4719
Cornatzer	Tuesday March 24, 2020	6:00 PM	(336) 940-5097
Mocksville	Tuesday March 24, 2020	6:00 PM	(336) 751-2740
Cooleemee	Tuesday March 24, 2020	6:00 PM	(336) 284-6618
William R. Davie	Tuesday March 24, 2020	6:00 PM	(336) 492-5421

**Surry County Schools**

All Elementary Schools Beginners Day	Tuesday March 17, 2020	6:30 PM	336-386-8211
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**Yadkin County Schools**

Boonville Elementary	Thursday, March 26, 2020	6:00 PM	(336) 367-7021
Courtney Elementary	Thursday, April 2, 2020	5:30 PM	(336) 551-1120
East Bend Elementary	Tuesday, March 31, 2020	5:30 PM	(336) 699-3989
Fall Creek Elementary	Tuesday, March 24, 2020	6:00 PM	(336) 699-8257
Forbush Elementary	Monday, March 16, 2020	6:00 PM	(336) 699-2793
Jonesville Elementary	Monday, March 30, 2020	6:00 PM	(336) 835-3201
West Yadkin Elementary	Tuesday, March 31, 2020	5:00 PM or 6:15 PM (choose one time to attend)	(336) 551-1165
Yadkinville Elementary	Tuesday, March 17, 2020	3:30 PM or 6:00 PM (choose one time to attend)	(336) 679-8921

## YVEDDI Head Start Lockdown Procedures



A lockdown is implemented when a situation occurs that may be hazardous to health or is life threatening.

A lockdown is intended to limit access and hazards by controlling and managing staff and students in order to increase safety and reduce possible victimization. A lockdown may be called by school officials, law enforcement agencies, Head Start Administrative Staff, or other emergency responders. A lockdown may be called for a variety of reasons including: weapons, intruders, police activity in or around the school, contamination or hazardous materials, terrorist events, or even weather.

A lockdown means **no one** is allowed to enter the center and **no one** is allowed to exit the center. Children are not permitted to leave the school/classroom during a lockdown. Doors are locked and parents must follow the directions of school/Head Start personnel.

### A Lockdown Includes:

*Teacher/Center Director calls the Police immediately and provides as much information as possible*

*Fire evacuation alarms must not be sounded*

*All doors, windows, and classrooms will be locked*

*Blinds will be closed*

*No one will be permitted to enter or leave the building*

*Lockdown will continue until the school/HS classroom receives an "all clear" signal from emergency or administrative personnel*

*Students and teachers will remain in their classrooms*

*Parents will not be allowed to pick up children from school/HS classroom*

*Parents must not call the school/classroom as the phone must only be available to emergency personnel*

*Emergency Safety Evacuation routes are posted with two exit routes from every location in the building*

**Classrooms will post a sign with a picture of a lock to notify parents that a lockdown is in process.**

### Dealing with Difficult Behaviors?

#### Do:

- Decide ahead of time which behaviors are acceptable and which are not
- Define the rules, but allow some flexibility
- Manage aggression
- Create structure
- Break tasks into manageable pieces
- Simplify and organize your child's life
- Limit distractions

#### Don't:

- Don't sweat the small stuff
- Don't get overwhelmed and lash out
- Don't be negative
- Don't let your child or the behavior take control

*Courtesy of Choose Life Counseling Services*



### WEATHERIZATION

The Department of Environmental Quality has designated funds to assist low-income families and individuals to have adequate heat in their homes and to reduce their utility costs by means of weatherization. The Heating Appliance Repair/Replacement Program (HARRP) can repair or replace a heating system that is functioning below the manufacturer's standards. Weatherization includes installing insulation, sealing air leaks, and performing measures that will reduce energy usage. To meet the financial requirements for assistance, the gross household income for the last 12 months cannot exceed 200% of the Federal Poverty Index. To find out more information, call (336) 367-3535.



Cristina Alonzo, Family Advocate, has excellent resource information that she shares with her families

Children absolutely LOVE our book ministry program!



Maria Hernandez and Shirley Shaffner of Oak Grove Head Start have fun teaching about emotions!



An engaged father reading to his child at the Stokes County Workshop held at London Elementary



Thank you to "The Resource" for bringing information and goodies to our Parent Workshop!

Thank you to Goodwill for providing employment resources to our families!



Boonville Teacher, Belinda Stillwagon, is so creative with her displays!



Teachers Regina Dewitt and Amy Key gear up for the Yadkin County Parent Workshop.

# Perfect Attendance



## October 2019

### Boonville:

Kendra Alvarado  
Alayna Crouse  
Emily Hudson  
Serenity Hutchens  
Francisco Montellano  
Damien Montellano-Miller  
Ethan Puerto

### Danbury:

Mikah Collins  
Domanic Hawkins  
Skylar Martin  
Gavin Murray  
Julian Pacheco  
Sadie Sizemore

### JKI:

Andres Alvarado  
Caleb Frasier  
Kiiya Frasier  
Lydia Gonzalez  
Levi Heafner

### JK II:

Ivory Cousins  
Annalie Gonzalez  
Chancellor Little  
Kyle Rice

### Jones 1:

Ellis Taylor

### Jones 2:

Ian Gonon Cotoc  
Liliana Lawrence  
Jordyn Locke  
Zayden Sparks  
Jax Taylor

### Jones 3:

Lucian Lauchner-Reneau

### Jones 4:

Sean Bowman  
Trinity King  
Johnny Thomas

### Jones 5:

Lilly Duncan  
Skyler Harold

Ivan Martinez  
Arick Sawyers

### Jonesville:

Christian Lester  
Jordon Tolladay  
Kinsley Tolladay

### London:

Issac Brown  
Iyani Hackett  
Hunter Kiser  
Brayden Mitchell  
Princeton Scales  
Jazaria Youse

### Mocksville:

Ta'Marion Arnold  
Madilyn Brown  
Alana Jacobs  
Yazmin Rivers

### Mount Olive:

Christopher Callahan  
Isaiah Jarrell  
Jaxon Scales  
Tucker Sloan  
William Strickland

### Oak Grove:

Carmen Mendoza

### Paynetown:

Ethan Bradley  
Johnathon LaRue  
Sawyer LaRue  
Kaden Lawson

### Red Hill Creek:

Riley Elizalde  
Caine Pack  
Jaxon Pack  
Enrique Rodriguez  
Carlisanis Salvania  
Gracie Soaf  
Austyn Taylor  
Lily Wills

### Sandy Ridge:

Roman Alvarado  
Karli Knight  
Trenton Nelson

### Surry:

Emmanuel Ramirez

### Yadkinville I:

Karson Gonzalez  
Mia Jiminez  
Angel Reyes

### Yadkinville III:

Lilah Wagner

## November 2019

### Boonville:

Kendra Alvarado  
Emily Hudson  
Serenity Hutchens  
Francisco Montellano  
Damien Montellano-Miller

### Danbury:

Garrett Brown  
Brielle Fowler  
Kaytlynn Hayden  
Chester Jones  
Kyleigh King  
Skylar Martin  
Gavin Murray  
Julian Pacheco

### Jack Koontz I:

Andres Alvarado  
Jaden Beltran-Ramirez  
Emily Denton  
Caleb Frasier  
Kiiya Frasier  
Levi Heafner  
Levi Moore  
Mykhia Pruitt-Harris

### Jack Koontz II:

Jacob Beltran-Ramirez  
Kevin Castillo-Garcia  
Grayson Denton  
Tekheim Powell Jr.  
Parker Roberts

### Jones I:

Julio Bueno-Rivas  
Baylee Donathan  
Abigail Fisher  
Montserrat Rodriguez  
Ellie Taylor  
Alberto Vernon

### Jones II:

Manuel Hernandez  
Neiko Jones  
Jordyn Locke  
Aldo Martinez  
Ja'Siah Mitchell  
Asiel Mojica Rosado  
Zayden Sparks  
Jax Taylor

### Jones III:

Taylen Bentley  
Ryker Brown  
Wilbur Bryant  
William Bryant  
Timotheus Caudle

### Jones IV:

Jericha Marshall  
Ariana Martinez  
Jaxton O'Neill  
Johnny Thomas

### Jones V:

Elias King  
Jaxon Locke  
William Pike

### Jonesville:

Gabriel Anderson  
Thomas Taylor  
Jordon Tolladay

### London:

Issac Brown  
Ariana King  
Brayden Mitchell  
Anthony Redd-Warren





# Perfect Attendance



Mocksville:  
Nico Brogan  
Madilyn Brown  
Samuel Coody  
Ty'zir Mock  
Yazmin Rivers

Mount Olive:  
Caralee Ayers  
Christopher Callahan  
Brantley Cox  
James Hanson  
Jaxon Scales  
William Strickland

Oak Grove:  
Carmen Mendoza  
Vanessa Mikosh

Paynetown:  
Zoey Beall  
Ethan Bradley  
Kaden Lawson

Red Hill Creek:  
Kyng Conner  
Riley Elizalde  
Corbin Epperson  
Caine Pack  
Ariana Salvania  
Carlialis Salvania  
Lily Wills

Sandy Ridge:  
Trenton Nelson  
Surry:  
Alonna Cave  
Araxy Zendejas-Rayo

Yadkinville I:  
Cesar Alonzo-Camargo  
Brady Bledsoe  
Thomas Bost  
Mia Jimenez  
Angel Reyes

Yadkinville III:  
Cali Church  
Alexander Estrada  
Aleksandar Gonzalez  
Diego Gutierrez  
Rose Mayes  
Ada Moreno  
Lilah Wagner

## December 2019

Boonville:  
McKenzie Essick  
Emily Hudson  
Francisco Montellano

Danbury:  
Avree Fulp  
Kaytlynn hayden  
Chester Jones  
Skylar Martin  
Ezra Robertson

Jack Koontz I:  
Alani Allen  
Kiiya Frasier  
Mykhia Pruitt-Harris

Jack Koontz II:  
Kevin Castillo-Garcia  
Bianca Link

Jones I:  
Baylee Donathan  
Lexi Woods

Jones II:  
Amaya Moore  
Zayden Sparks  
Jax Taylor

Jones III:  
Connor Pike  
Paul Spencer  
Aubrey Thomas

Jones IV:  
Sean Bowman  
Ariana Martinez  
Johnny Thomas  
Amelia Washington

Jones V:  
Edward Gonzalez-  
Espinosa  
Skylar Harold  
William Pike

Jonesville:  
Gabriel Anderson  
Quaid Carmouche  
Christian Lester  
Thomas Taylor  
Ariel Toler  
Maylon Vestal

London:  
Carter Fulton  
Hunter Kiser  
Mocksville:  
Madilyn Brown  
Alana Jacobs  
Yazmin Rivers

Mount Olive:  
Christopher Callahan  
William Strickland

Oak Grove:  
Tiffany Castillo  
Ivy Daughenbaug  
Carmen Mendoza  
Vanessa Mikosh  
Tesla Royall  
Kaylee Smith

Red Hill Creek:  
Riley Elizalde  
Corbin Epperson  
Caine Pack  
Jaxon Pack  
Enrique Rodriguez  
Ariana Salvania  
Carlialis Salvania  
Gracie Shoaf  
Mirari Villedas

Sandy Ridge:  
Jacob Henry  
Trenton Nelson

Surry:  
Grace Lopez  
Araxy Zendejas-Rayo

Yadkinville I:  
Cesar Alonzo-Camargo

Malinali Antunez Angel  
Thomas Bost  
Angel Reyes

Yadkinville III:  
Cali Church  
Aleksandar Gonzalez  
Liliana Wolfe

## January 2020

Boonville:  
Damien Montellano-Miller

Danbury:  
Garrett Brown  
Avree Fulp  
Domanic Hawkins  
Kaytlynn Hayden  
Chester Jones IV  
Julian Pacheco

Jack Koontz I:  
Andres Alvarado  
Caleb Frasier  
Kiiya Frasier  
Mykhia Pruitt-Harris

Jack Koontz II:  
Gilberto Catalan-Hernandez

Jones I:  
Julio Bueno-Rivas  
Baylee Donathan  
Ellie Taylor

Jones II:  
Manuel Hernandez  
Jordyn Locke  
Ja'Siah Mitchell  
Jax Taylor

Jones III:  
Wilbur Bryant  
William Bryant  
Spencer Smith  
Aubrey Thomas



# Perfect Attendance



Jones IV:  
Jaxton O'Neil  
Johnny Thomas  
Kaleb Walker

Sandy Ridge:  
Roman Alvarado

Jones V:  
Zyndaya Ball  
Lilly Duncan  
Jaxon Locke

Surry:  
Ruth Cristobal  
Grace Lopez

Jonesville:  
Gabriel Anderson  
Kashous Brown  
Kingston Hamilton  
Dominik James  
Abigail Quesenberry  
Ariel Toler  
Maylon Vestal

Yadkinville I:  
Cesar Alonzo-Camargo  
Brady Bledsoe  
Thomas Bost  
Elijah Dinkins  
Karson Gonzalez  
Angel Reyes

London:  
Ariana King  
Hunter Kiser  
Brayden Mitchell

Yadkinville III:  
Brandon Bledsoe  
Aleksandar Gonzalez  
Rose Mayes  
Ada Moreno  
Lilah Wagner

Mocksville:  
Madilyn Brown  
Alana Jacobs  
Skyler Sandy

Mount Olive:  
Christopher Callahan  
Amelia Rayson  
Jaxon Scales  
Tucker Sloan

Oak Grove:  
Ivy Daughenbaug  
Vanessa Mikosh  
Kaylee Smith

Paynetown:  
Alessandro Alonzo  
John Holmes  
Melanie Holmes  
Johnathon LaRue  
Sawyer LaRue  
Brice Nance

Red Hill Creek:  
Caine Pack  
Jaxon Pack  
Enrique Rodriguez  
Gracie Shoaf



A big thank you to Toys for Tots for donating toys for ALL of the children in our program!

## FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

It is important for YVEDDI Head Start to create and promote an environment where parents and families feel respected, valued, and encouraged to become involved in their child's school experience. Our hope is that parents are truly partners and are involved in all aspects of the program. We encourage you to participate in activities held in their child's classroom.

Each Head Start center has a Parent Committee that meets monthly for about an hour. This is an opportunity for parents of the center to get together and share ideas and concerns pertaining to their center and their community.

During Parent Committee meetings, we also provide trainings on topics that parents have suggested. These meetings are held the first two weeks of every month. Please check with your child's teacher for the specific times and dates. Your opinion and voice is very important and we hope to see you there.

We also provide opportunities for parents to develop leadership skills, as well as opportunities to advocate within the community. The Policy Council, which meets on a monthly basis, provides opportunities for parents to identify community needs and develop strategies to address those needs.

Parents from each center's Parent Committees are elected to Policy Council and receive training to help them better understand their roles and responsibilities as members.

Policy Council is comprised of parents, staff, and community partners. Parents are elected into the officer positions of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. It is this council's responsibility to oversee all components of the Head Start program including hiring of staff, program budgets, and program policies.

Parents are encouraged to volunteer in the program. Volunteer opportunities include reading to children, helping teachers with activities, and helping during mealtime. To honor volunteers in our program, we elect a Parent of the Year for our program each year. Our Parent of the Year receives the opportunity to attend the annual North Carolina Head Start Association conference.

