

A YVEDDI Head Start Quarterly Publication for Parents, Staff, and Community

**NOVEMBER**  
**2023**



### Holiday Schedule (Administrative Offices)

**Veterans Day**  
November 10th

**Thanksgiving**  
November 23rd & 24th

**Christmas**  
December 22nd, 25th & 26th

### Program Mission

Educating children and  
empowering families.

Parent Club Meetings are so much fun! Jones 2 decorated pumpkins brought in by a parent that a local grower had donated.



### Recruitment



YVEDDI Head Start is still accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year!

If you know of a family who has a child that turned 3 or 4 years old by August 31<sup>st</sup> please refer them to a Family Advocate.

A Boonville parent during our last Beautification week helped to make the tables sparkle and shine!



Jonesville is ready for fall. They have decorated their entry beautifully!



### INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please note that Head Start delays and closings due to inclement weather will follow their local school system unless otherwise contacted. *When Head Start is closed due to inclement weather, all Head Start activities are cancelled including Parent Meetings, Policy Council meetings and workshops.*



If you or someone you know is in crisis, call or text 988 to reach the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, chat with them online via their website, or text HOME to 741741 (multiple languages available). If this is an emergency, call 911.

Speak to a Licensed Clinician:  
1-888-235-4673  
(HOPE)

## 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.

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.



It's never too early to look forward to the End of Year Celebration! Check out a few picks from this summer's celebrations.



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Specialist



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## 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 family 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:

- 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.
- Helping you understand and complete paperwork
- Support you in reaching personal and family goals and outcomes as well as during Parent Meetings.

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.

### Center Arrival/Departure Time

Head Start arrival time is from 8:00 AM – 8:30 A.M. 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 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. If, after the appointment your child cannot arrive by 10:30, you will need to make other arrangements for the day.

Departure is between 2:20-2:30 PM. In the event that an emergency arises and you cannot pick up your child by 2:30, you must immediately call the center to inform the teacher. We will attempt to contact your emergency contacts. Emergency contacts must be up to date and will be verified by staff. Chronic or repeated incidences may result in a report being made to the Department of Social Services.



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

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

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#### 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



## MEDICATION SAFETY



We want to encourage our kids to explore and discover their world, so it's especially important to include medicine safety when childproofing your home. Here are a few tips on how to keep kids safe around medicine.

### Hard Facts about Medication Safety

Medicines are the leading cause of child poisoning.

In 2017, nearly 52,000 children under the age of six were seen in the emergency room for medicine poisoning. That's one child every ten minutes.

### Top Tips about Medication Safety

**Keep medicine up and away, out of reach and sight of children, even medicine you take every day.** Kids are naturally curious and can easily get into things, like medicine, if they are kept in places within their reach. Put all medicines and vitamins at or above counter height where kids can't reach or see them.

**Consider places where kids get into medicine.** Children often find medicine kept in purses or on counters and nightstands. Place bags and briefcases on high shelves or hang them on hooks, out of children's reach and sight.

**Remember products you might not think about as medicine.** Health products such as vitamins, diaper rash creams and even eye drops can be harmful if kids get into them. Store these items out of reach and sight of children, just as you would over-the-counter and prescription medicines.

**Give medicine safely to children.** Use only the dosing device that comes with liquid medicine, not a kitchen spoon. When other caregivers are giving your child medicine, write clear instructions about what medicine to give, how much to give and when to give it. Using a medicine schedule can help with communication between caregivers.

**Save the Poison Help number in your phone and post it visibly at home: 1-800-222-1222.** Specialists at poison control centers provide free, confidential, expert medical advice 24 hours a day. They can answer questions about how to give or take medicine and help with poison emergencies.

**Share medicine safety information with family and friends.** Teach other caregivers such as family members, babysitters and friends about medicine safety and make sure they know the Poison Help number.

## Firearm Safety for Parents and Caregivers

- Did you know...
- Guns are in more than one third of all U.S. households? They're a very real danger to children, whether you own one or not.
- Of the 192 million firearms owned in the United States, 65 million are handguns. Research shows guns in homes are a serious risk to families.
- A gun kept in the home is far more likely to kill someone known to the family kill or injure a household member than kill or injure an intruder.
- A gun kept in the home triples the risk of homicide.
- The risk of suicide is five times more likely if a gun is kept in the home.
- Use these tips to ensure that you and the children in your care are safe from firearms:
- Children should not have access to firearms.
- Even if you don't own a gun, chances are your friends or neighbors do. That's why it's important to talk to kids about the potential dangers of guns, and what to do if they find one.
- Gun owners should always store firearms (including BB or pellet guns) unloaded and locked up, out of reach of children. Ammunition should be locked in a separate location, also out of reach of children.
- Quality safety devices, such as gun locks, lock boxes or gun safes, should be used for every gun kept in the home. Keep gun storage keys and lock combinations hidden in a separate location.
- Parents should talk to children about the hazards of gun use.
- Teach them never to touch or play with guns, and to tell an adult if they find a gun.
- Check with neighbors, friends and relatives or adults in any other homes where children may visit to ensure they follow safe storage practices if firearms are in their homes.

## E-Cigarette Facts



Photo by CDC

Electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes or e-vaporizers) are battery-operated devices that people use to inhale nicotine or flavorings into the lungs. When you puff on it, the e-cigarette makes vapor from the liquid in the cartridge. You then inhale this vapor. People call this "vaping."

Some slang names for e-cigarettes are:

- e-cigs
- vapes
- vape pipes
- vape pens

### Signs of Cigarettes Use

The nicotine in e-cigarettes can make you feel good. It can also raise your blood pressure. Your heart might beat faster. You might breathe faster. And it can make you not want to eat. E-cigarettes don't smell like the smoke from cigarettes and might not have an odor. But the cartridges might have flavored liquid that can smell like fruit, mint, or candy. If you smell these scents and don't see any of these items around, it could be an e-cigarette.

Some e-cigarettes look like everyday items, like pens or USB drives. If you see someone holding these items a lot, you can take a closer look to see if they are actually e-cigarettes.

One important part of an e-cigarette is called the atomizer. This turns the liquid in the product into a vapor. After a while, these burn out. If you find an atomizer in the garbage, someone in your house might be using e-cigarettes.

### Effects of E-Cigarettes on Brains and Bodies

#### Inhaling Chemicals

Some people think that because e-cigarettes don't use tobacco, they are not bad for you. But the vapor that goes into e-cigarettes and vaporizers can have chemicals that might hurt you. These chemicals can be very dangerous when they are inhaled. Researchers are studying the effects of these chemicals.

#### Health Problems for Babies

If a pregnant woman uses e-cigarettes that contain nicotine, her baby might be born too early or too small. Nicotine can cause health problems for the baby.

#### Health Problems for Teens

The teen years are important for brain growth. Your brain grows until you're about 25 years old. Therefore, using nicotine products in any form, including e-cigarettes, can change the way the brain

grows.

#### Nicotine Poisoning

Nicotine poisoning often happens when young children chew nicotine gum or patches that people use to quit. Or they might swallow e-cigarette liquid that contains nicotine.

Signs of a nicotine poisoning are:

- having trouble breathing
- throwing up
- fainting
- Headache
- heart beating really fast or really slowly

If a child has any of these signs after eating or drinking nicotine, you should call 911 right away.

#### Addiction

You can become addicted to the nicotine in e-cigarettes just like other drugs. When you smoke e-cigarettes, the nicotine quickly gives you a small rush of pleasure and energy. But it soon goes away. This makes you want to use e-cigarettes again and again throughout the day.

Over time, nicotine can change the way your brain works. If you stop using it, your body can get confused and you can start to feel really sick. This makes it hard to stop. This is called addiction.

People who are trying to stop nicotine use might:

- be cranky
- have problems paying attention
- have trouble sleeping
- eat more
- crave nicotine

Fortunately, there are many ways to quit using e-cigarettes. Some examples are:

- counseling
- nicotine replacement therapy, like chewing gum and patches
- medicines

Some people think that using e-cigarettes will help them quit smoking regular cigarettes, but there is no proof that e-cigarettes help people stop smoking. Also, studies have shown that teens who use e-cigarettes are likely to start smoking cigarettes in the future.

The phone number 1-800-QUIT-NOW will connect you with people that can help you quit.



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**Disclaimer:** The information in this article does not replace going to your healthcare provider for any illness or injury to you or your child and not all medications or treatments are safe for everyone.

## What is respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and what does it cause?

RSV is a viral infection that can cause bronchiolitis (inflammation and congestion in the small airways (bronchioles) of the lungs) fever, cough, runny nose/stuffy nose, decreased appetite and other symptoms. It usually affects children younger than 2 years old but can also infect young children.

As RSV progresses, other symptoms can start, including:

- Breathing faster than normal
- Pauses between breaths – Sometimes, a pause in breathing can last more than 15 or 20 seconds.
- Wheezing – This is a whistling sound when breathing. It usually lasts about 7 days.
- A severe cough – The cough can last for 14 days or longer.
- Trouble eating and drinking – Other symptoms can make a child less interested in food. In babies, a stuffy nose or fast breathing can make it harder to breastfeed or drink from a bottle.

Most children get over RSV on their own and do not need to see a doctor.

But you should watch for some important symptoms and call your child's doctor or nurse if you have any questions or concerns about your child, or if:

- The skin and muscles between your child's ribs or below your child's ribcage look like they are caving in
- Your child's nostrils flare (get bigger) when they take a breath
- Your baby is younger than 3 months and has a fever (temperature greater than 100.4°F or 38°C)
- Your child is older than 3 months and has a fever (temperature greater than 100.4°F or 38°C) for more than 3 days
- Your baby has fewer wet diapers than normal

## Call for an ambulance if your child:

- Stops breathing
- Has blue-looking lips, gums, or fingernails
- Has a very hard time breathing
- Starts grunting
- Looks like they are getting tired from working so hard to breathe

## How is it diagnosed?

There are tests for RSV.

## What is the treatment?

The main treatments for RSV are aimed at making sure that your child is getting enough oxygen. To do that, the doctor or nurse might need to suction the mucus from your child's nose, or give your child moist air or oxygen to breathe.

The doctor will probably **not** offer antibiotics. That's because antibiotics **do not work** on RSV.

Here are some things you can do to help your child feel better:

- Make sure your child gets enough fluids. Call the doctor or nurse if your baby has fewer wet diapers than normal.
- Use a humidifier in the room where your child sleeps
- If your child is uncomfortable because of fever, you can give over-the-counter medicines, such as acetaminophen (sample brand name: Tylenol) or ibuprofen (sample brand names: Advil, Motrin). Be sure to read instructions carefully.

## Never give aspirin to a child younger than 18 years old.

- Remove the mucus from your child's nose with a suction bulb
- If your child is older than 1 year, feed them warm, clear liquids to soothe the throat and to help loosen mucus
- Prop your child's head up on pillows, if they are over 1 year old. (Do not use pillows for a child younger than 1 year.)
- Sleep in the same room as your child, so that you know right away if they start having trouble breathing
- Do not smoke or allow anyone else to smoke near your child

## How is it spread?

RSV is spread easily from person to person. These viruses live in the droplets that go into the air when a sick person coughs or sneezes.

## How do we prevent the spread?

There are ways to reduce your child's chances of getting sick with RSV. These things also help prevent other illnesses, like colds, the flu, and coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

You can help prevent infections from spreading by:

- Washing your hands and your child's hands often with soap and water, or using alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Teaching your child to cover their mouth when they cough, or cough into their elbow
- Not sharing glasses, cups, or utensils
- Cleaning things that are touched a lot, such as counters, sinks, faucets, doorknobs, phones, remotes, and light switches
- Staying away from other adults and children who are sick
- Getting a flu shot every year for you and your child



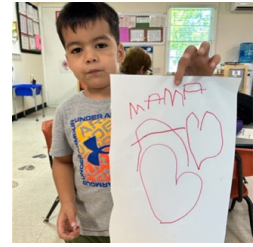
The Housekeeping area is not just for girls. Paynetown boys enjoy buying groceries and cooking food.



Mt. Olive is doing a great job helping children explore materials outside the classroom.



Max wrote Mama all on his own today and with hearts.



Search and connect to support. Financial assistance, food pantries, medical care, and other free or reduced-cost help starts here:



### 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.



*"Measure your success, not by money, but by the number of faces you bring a smile upon each day."*

~Unknown ~



Paynetown kiddos are working on their cutting skills



Jones 2 is learning new things! Great job Morgan and Shelia for teaching your children stop drop and roll! They look like they are having a lot of fun while learning.



London children learn to line up, enjoy playing on the slides, play with play dough, build tall buildings and dress up in uniform!



# Perfect Attendance

AUGUST 2023

## Boonville:

Samuel Beane  
Maya Caraballo  
Rosalie Casstevens  
Madilyn Cranford  
Edian Mandujano  
Everly MCNaught  
Sofia Teodoro  
Zoey Vestal

## Danbury:

Everleigh Bohannon  
Mia Halfhill  
Micah Halfhill Jr.  
Kyleigh Umstead

## Jack G. Koontz:

Sirena Arroyo  
Elias Boger  
Bayron Lianes Cruz  
Luna Martinez Acevedo

## Jones II:

Xaiden Ace Bowers  
Alexandra Cabrera  
Elijah Catarino DiCandia  
Arianna Jackson  
Colton Snow  
Alexander Olen Spencer  
Amelia Spillman  
Sophia Urquiza-Loa

## Jones III:

Matthew Burney  
Emry Cooper  
Winter Eller-Crawford  
Cristopher Fuentes  
Jayden Jackson  
Dakota Kelley  
Ximena Rangel  
Raiden Smith  
Keagan Viperman

## Jones V:

Xavier Bustos  
Briella DiCandia  
Janessa Hawks

## Jonesville:

Braxton Martin  
Sarah Mckoy

## London:

Skylar Chenault  
Seylah Hege  
Daniel Sutphin

## Mocksville:

Zaniyah Buffington  
Addison Gaither  
Melanie Glaspie  
Rocko Keaton  
Nikolai Rodriguez-  
Mendoza  
Rosebelle Rodriguez-  
Mendoza  
Ameerah Steele  
Ayden Vaughn Alonso

## Mount Olive:

Olivia Blevins  
Nathaniel Byrd  
Layna Crotts  
Alexander Duncan  
Emery Garcia  
Alessandra Gutierrez-  
Ramirez  
Isabella Hernandez  
Maddox Holmes  
Jack Isaacson  
Hudson Teague  
Jaxson Tuttle

## Oak Grove:

Izzabella Davis  
Hazel Horney  
Viola Scheiber  
Zen'Aura Stephens

## Paynetown:

Leo Grijalva  
Raphael Grijalva  
Elena Luna  
Faith Sizemore

## Sandy Ridge:

Landon Bullins Jr.  
Grantt Cassell

## Surry:

Immanuel Bennett  
Zaina Deyab  
Romeo Diaz Rivera  
Ezra Loa  
Carlos Perez Duran  
Nora Ramos Hernandez  
Isabella Rayo-Bautista  
Lilith Sandy  
Ledger Wood  
Scarlet Woodle

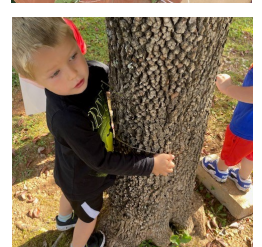
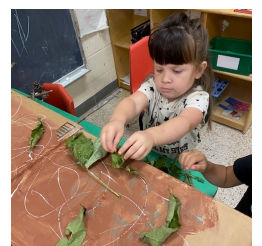
## Yadkinville I:

Gael Ascencio  
Lincoln Massey  
Neracle Myer  
Jeremias Oliva Morales  
Liam Romero Toleno  
Adrian Romero Toleno

## Yadkinville III:

Casy Blevins  
Elisha France  
Zander Hethcoat  
Nahlia Robideau  
Miguel Vasquez

Check out Jones 2 .  
They made a tree,  
measured a tree and  
did a tree rubbing. How  
cool is that!





# Perfect Attendance

September 2023

## BOONVILLE:

Samuel Beane  
Madilyn Cranford  
Braxton Essick  
Kyndall Essick

## DANBURY:

Kayleb Bohannon  
Jolene Kahn

## JACK G. KOONTZ:

Bayron Llanes Cruz  
Arturo Maldonado  
Marley Pack

## JONES II:

Elijah Catarino DiCandia  
Legend Lachino Escobar  
Nevaeh McFowler  
Amelia Spillman

## JONES III:

Dalary Avila Martinez  
Emry Cooper  
Cristopher Fuentes

## JONES V:

Xavier Bustos  
Briella DiCandia  
Janessa Hawks  
Zayden Linville  
Willa Moore

## JONESVILLE:

Sarah Mckoy  
Sofia Molina

## MOCKSVILLE:

Rocko Keaton  
Nikolai Rodriguez-  
Mendoza  
Rosebelle Rodriguez-  
Mendoza  
Ameerah Steele  
Amelia Steele

## MOUNT OLIVE:

Remington Hampton  
Maddox Holmes  
Jack Isaacson  
Hudson Teague  
Jaxson Tuttle

## OAK GROVE:

Micah Casstevens  
Jaylee Morgan  
Natalia Oullette  
Viola Scheiber  
Kashlyn Vaught

## PAYNETOWN:

Jocelyn Cortes de la  
Cruz

## SANDY RIDGE:

Landon Bullins Jr.  
Grantt Cassell  
Ryleigh Grogan  
Porter Livengood

## SURRY:

Immanuel Bennett  
Vivianna Capistran  
Ezra Loa

## YADKINVILLE I

Gael Ascencio  
Adalinda Benitez  
Mondragon  
Prince Helms  
Leo Hernandez Aguilera  
Lincoln Massey  
Meraclle Myer  
Ahitana Segovia  
Almaraz  
Donald Ward  
Destinee Williams

## YADKINVILLE III:

Casey Blevins  
Eliel Solano Arroyo  
Miguel Vasquez



Paynetown having fun on the first day of school!



## DID YOU KNOW?

Showing up on time every day is important to your child's success and learning from pre-school forward.

Missing 10 percent of preschool (one or two days every few weeks) can

- Make it harder to develop early reading skills
- Make it harder to get ready for kindergarten and first grade
- Develop a poor attendance pattern that's hard to break

High quality preschool programs have many benefits for your child. The routines your child develops in preschool will continue throughout school. You can make the most of preschool by encouraging your child to attend every day!

## Prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome and Abusive Head Trauma

### Belief Statement

We, YVEDDI Head Start, believe that preventing, recognizing, responding to, and reporting shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma (SBS/AHT) is an important function of keeping children safe, protecting their healthy development, providing quality child care, and educating families.

### Background

SBS/AHT is the name given to a form of physical child abuse that occurs when an infant or small child is violently shaken and/or there is a trauma to the head. Shaking may last only a few seconds but can result in severe injury or even death. This policy has been developed and adopted in order to prevent SBS/AHT according to North Carolina Child Care rules and regulations.

### Procedure/Practice

How to Recognize Signs and Symptoms:

Children will be observed for signs of abusive head trauma. Some signs and symptoms include: irritability and/or high pitched crying, difficulty staying awake/lethargy or loss of consciousness, difficulty breathing, inability to lift the head, seizures, lack of appetite, vomiting, bruises, poor feeding/sucking, lack of smiling or vocalization, and the inability of the eyes to track and/or decreased muscle tone. Bruises may be found on the upper arms, rib cage, or head resulting from gripping or from hitting the head.

### How Staff will Respond:

If SBS/AHT is suspected, staff will:

1. Call **911** Immediately upon suspicion of SBS/AHT and inform the Director and/or On-Site Administrator.
2. Call the parents/guardians.
3. If the child has stopped breathing, trained staff will begin CPR.

### How to Report/Local Resources:

Instances of suspected child maltreatment in child care are reported to Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE) by calling 1-800-859-0829 or by emailing [webmasterdcd@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:webmasterdcd@dhhs.nc.gov)

### Instances of suspected maltreatment in the home are reported to the county Department of Social Services.

Davie: (336) 753-6250  
Stokes: (336) 593-2861  
Surry: (336) 401-8800  
Yadkin: (336) 679-4210

## 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



## 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 Club 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 Club Committee meetings, we also provide trainings on topics that parents have suggested. The meeting is held within the first two weeks of every month. Please check with your child's teacher for the specific time and date that was voted on by the class parents/guardians. 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 group'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.



## Child Abuse Prevention Guidelines

Each day more than five children die as a result of abuse or neglect. On average, a child abuse report is made every 10 seconds for a total of approximately 3.3 million child abuse reports annually.

Childhelp has developed the following child abuse prevention guidelines to help keep your child, or a child you care for, from becoming a statistic.

- Never discipline your child when your anger is out of control.
- Participate in your child's activities and get to know your child's friends.
- Never leave your child unattended, especially in the car.
- Teach your child to use their voice to allow them to prevent abuse in their own life.
- Ask questions; for example, when your child tells you he or she doesn't want to be with someone, this could be a red flag.
- Listen to them and believe what they say.
- Be aware of changes in your child's behavior or attitude and inquire into it.
- Teach your child what to do if you and your child become separated while away from home.
- Teach your child the correct names of his/her private body parts.
- Be alert for any talk that reveals premature sexual understanding.
- Pay attention when someone shows greater than normal interest in your child.
- Make certain your child's school or day care center will release him/her only to you or someone you officially designate.

To learn more about child abuse prevention, call the Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-4-A-CHILD® (1-800- 422-4453). The 24/7 hotline is staffed with professional counselors who offer information about child abuse prevention as well as crisis intervention, literature and referrals to thousands of emergency, social service and support resources.







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# HEAD START CENTER BEAUTIFICATION AND CLEAN UP WEEK **OCT. 23-27, 2023**

**Head Start invites all role models to join their Head Start Center for Fall Improvement Week!**

Our Head Start classrooms need a bit of sprucing up. There is work for everyone! Organizing, making a new bulletin board, general cleanup, weeding and raking mulch, trimming shrubbery and other outdoor enhancements, picking up trash, yard work, general repair of facilities and more!

Help us make our facility beautiful!

The Teachers in the classroom with the most volunteer hours will receive \$50.00 to purchase classroom supplies!

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