



• NEW HANOVER COUNTY •

# EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION NEWS

Smart Start Early Care and Education Newsletter

January 2019

## Do you know a Champion for Children?

Each year, Smart Start of New Hanover County celebrates and recognizes members of our community who provide exceptional service to young children and/or their families in New Hanover County during children's first 2,000 days of life, from birth to age 5. Previous nominees have included pediatricians, early childhood educators, social workers, members of volunteer organizations, foster parents, school administrators, etc.

**We'd love to have several early childhood teachers nominated for the outstanding work they do.** Do you have someone in your center who goes above and beyond on a regular basis? Did someone you work with do something extra for children and/or families during the hurricane? We encourage you to nominate them!

An application is enclosed... please share with your staff- they may have someone in mind!

All nominees will be recognized at our annual Pledge Breakfast for Children's Champions.

*'Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.'*

*- William Butler Yeats*

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## SMART START Pledge Breakfast for Children's Champions



# Save the DATE

April 9, 2019 7:30 am - 9:00 am

Hotel Ballast 301 North Water Street

Reserve your seat by calling 910.815.3731

Guest Speaker

### BRITTA BUSHNELL, PHD

Dr. Britta Bushnell is an award-winning educator, celebrated speaker, and parenthood specialist who has been working with new families for almost two decades. She brings a fresh approach to the age-old human experience of transitioning into parenthood. Blending her eclectic training, years of experience, and areas of study, Dr. Bushnell brings a unique offering for communities that aim to strengthen support for young families. She is the author of a new book, *Transformed by Birth: Cultivating Openness, Resilience, and Strength for the Life-Changing Journey from Pregnancy to Parenthood*, which embraces birth as a rite of passage, one that launches individuals into the uniquely profound journey of parenthood.



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## Dedication to Education Bonus\*

Smart Start of New Hanover County is pleased to honor early childhood professionals who have achieved degrees or certifications toward their careers. Included in this newsletter are details and an application to apply for the bonus. Applications can also be printed from our website. (newhanoverkids.org— Services)

**Deadline to submit the application is Friday, January 18, 2019 at 5pm by mail or hand delivery.** No faxed or emailed applications will be accepted.

\*Directors, please share with your staff and make copies as needed.

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On a similar note— Child Care Services Association, with funding from DCDEE, is offering a salary supplement for infant and toddler teachers called AWARD\$\*\*. Those teachers may choose to apply for the Smart Start DTE and AWARD\$, but if eligible for both, will only be awarded funds from one of the programs. For more information about this program, visit <https://www.childcareservices.org/awards/>

\*\**Smart Start does not issue this stipend.*

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## Changes to our CPR, AED & First Aid Course

Effective January 1, 2019:

We're adding a refresher course for those who are needing renewal prior to their expiration date. In addition, our fees for the full 5 hour course will increase.

- CPR, AED & 1<sup>ST</sup> Aid – Full Course (5 hours): \$35
- CPR, AED & 1<sup>ST</sup> Aid – Refresher (3 hours): \$25

Onsite trainings at your facility:

- CPR, AED & 1<sup>ST</sup> Aid – Full Course (5 hours): \$50
- CPR, AED & 1<sup>ST</sup> Aid – Refresher (3 hours): \$40

## Director Dialogues

Looking for a way to meet other directors, network, get ideas, or share frustrations?

Join us at the Smart Start office for an informal gathering specifically for directors. We meet the last Wednesday of every other month at 1:00p. Feel free to bring your lunch!

No planned agenda or RSVP needed, just come to chat!

**Wednesday, January 30**  
**Wednesday, March 27**

For more information or questions, contact:

Mindy Davis | 910.815.3731

## Smart Start Job Board

Check out our job board to post open positions at your program.

Browse the job board if you're looking for a job working with young children.

Visit our website at [www.newhanoverkids.org](http://www.newhanoverkids.org) or call Matt at 910.815.3731 for details about posting.

## Kindergarten Registration Packets

We're gearing up to deliver Kindergarten Registration packets to all early childhood programs.

Packets include registration dates for NHC Schools, details on how to register the child, and other valuable resources.

Having a family night in which packet distribution would be optimal? Stop by our office to pick up your packets .

Look for an email in early January inquiring about how many packets you'll need for rising kindergarteners.

All packets should be picked up or delivered by **March 1, 2019**.

Call LaKeasha for pick up arrangements or questions–  
910.815.3731

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**Lisa Gans, RN** is the Child Care Nurse Coordinator with the NHC Healthy Department. She specifically works with childcare programs. Her goal is to provide trainings pertaining to health topics, offer specialized consultations at childcare programs, and answer questions via phone chats.

Lisa is also providing trainings at Smart Start on important health and safety matters. See our training calendar for topics!

If you have health and safety questions, contact Lisa at [lgans@nhc.gov](mailto:lgans@nhc.gov) or 910.798.6360

## Training Classes: some reminders...

- Registration is required to attend a training class.
  - No walk-ins to trainings are allowed.
- **Registration and/or making changes** for registered participants has a **deadline of 5pm** the day before the training class.
- Late-comers may not be able to attend class.
- Directors, if you are registering staff for a class, be sure to share detailed information about the class with them.
  - e.g.– if bringing a resource book is being asked; if lunch breaks are included and/or sack lunches are encouraged; or if they are being sent to take the place of another staff person– providing them with that person's name.
- Directors, please provide your staff who are attending a training class with the confirmation email of registration. This helps speed up the process if there is an issue on the night of the class.
- We encourage administrators to share our newsletter and training calendar with all staff members so everyone can be informed about our Early Care and Education program and know more about the training classes we offer.
- Being mindful of our training guidelines helps our trainers be prepared appropriately for class, as well as being able to focus on participants at the start of class, rather than having to tend to registration paperwork.

Thanks for your help in making our training classes  
a positive experience for everyone!

We no longer provide a hard copy of our training registration forms with our newsletter.

You can print the forms from our website... look for this picture on our workshop page.

You can also register and pay online!



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