



• NEW HANOVER COUNTY •

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION NEWS

Smart Start Early Care and Education Newsletter

April 2019

In celebration of Provider Appreciation Day,
Smart Start is hosting

Provider Appreciation Spa Night

Thursday, May 9, 2019

4:30pm-7:30pm

We invite all early childhood professionals who work with and care for young children to join us for this special event.

formal invitation to follow

The basics for young children are wonder, discovery, and experience. If it hasn't been in the hand, the body, and the heart, it can't be in the brain.

~Bev Bos



April 8-12, 2019

Join NAEYC for five fun-filled days to celebrate our youngest learners! The Week of the Young Child™ is an annual celebration hosted by NAEYC to spotlight early learning, young children, their teachers, families, and communities. Visit NAEYC's website for activity ideas to coincide with the **Step it Up!** theme.

Music Monday

Tasty Tuesday

Work Together Wednesday

Artsy Thursday

Family Friday

How will you celebrate the young children in your care? Send us pictures!

#ECEwins

#woyc19

www.naeyc.org/events

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Dedication to Education Bonus for Centers

Smart Start of New Hanover County aims to recognize the educated professionals in our community who work with, care for, and teach young children. Many of you received our Dedication to Education Bonus for Individuals this winter. We are pleased to announce the opportunity for centers to now apply for a Dedication to Education Bonus.

The **Dedication to Education Bonus for Centers** is intended for star-rated centers who have achieved at least 5-7 Education Points on the Star-Rated License. We encourage all eligible centers to apply. **The application deadline is Monday, April 22 at 5:00pm.**

An application is included in the newsletter. Additionally, you will receive an application via email AND you can print one from our website: www.newhanoverkids.org/services

For more information, contact Mindy: 910.815.3731

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.

Check our training calendar to see the scheduled refresher workshops!

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

Onsite trainings at your facility:

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

Call our office for details.

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, May 29

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 or call Matt at 910.815.3731 for details about posting.

Directors...

...help us plan our Provider Appreciation Night!

We'd love your assistance to help make our 3rd Annual Provider Appreciation Spa Night spectacular!

- * offer a door prize
- * volunteer the night of
- * help us find someone special to offer a pampering station
- * share ideas for planning
- * or anything else you'd like to offer
- * contact Mindy for more information

...share our newsletter and training calendar with your staff.

- * post them in the staff breakroom (do staff know if the newsletter and training calendar are posted and where?)
- * email them to staff
- * provide a copy to each classroom or teacher or provide them with our website address to view the training calendar
- * encourage staff to decide which training(s) he/she would like to register for

ITS SIDS– Safe Sleep Requirements

DCDEE is seeing more and more safe sleep violations. Please be sure you're following these requirements:

- Back to sleep position
- Visual safe sleep checks must be conducted at least every 15 minutes and documented on an Infant Safe Sleep Chart (*ask Smart Start if you need help on ways to conduct the checks*).
- Post notice of rolling over near the crib (include the child's name along w/ the date he/she rolled from their back to stomach at the center)
- No objects (blankets, pillows, stuffed animals, etc.) are allowed in cribs or sleep places except a pacifier that is not attached to a clip (if the pacifier falls out while the child is sleeping, it must be removed from the crib).
- Nothing shall be placed over a child's head or face
- Children are prohibited to sleep in car seats, swings, bouncy seats, chairs, cushions, adult beds, etc. for any amount of time.
- Room temperature must remain between 68 - 75 degrees Fahrenheit
- Sleep places are away from cords and ropes hanging from blinds
- Swaddling apparel is not allowed
- Best Practice: Staff are trained in ITS-SIDS prior to working with infants or within 2 months of hire

Workshop Registration Options

- ◆ register online & pay online = immediately enrolled in class/put on waitlist
- ◆ mail your registration form with payment = enrolled in class/put on waitlist when your form is received in the office
- ◆ request an online invoice (for multiple people/workshops) & pay online = immediately enrolled in class/put on waitlist when payment is received



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