

WINTER 2018



COME CELEBRATE THE PARTNERSHIP'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

AT THE SIXTH ANNUAL EARLY EDUCATION SUMMIT

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2019, 11:30am -1:30pm

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

508 WEST DAVIS STREET, BURLINGTON, NC 27215

Keynote Speaker: Keith Pentz, National Education Advisor for Kaplan Early Learning Company

Lunch will be provided

RSVP via Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-early-education-summit-tickets-53441734667>

Or call the Partnership office at 336-513-0063

Join Dolly Parton's Imagination Library & Smart Start as we celebrate this very special milestone!





FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - CARRIE THEALL

The Board and Staff here at the Partnership are sad to report the loss of our Board Chair, Ron Waters. Ron has been in support of the Partnership in so many different ways over the last 11 years. He served as a Board member, Planning and Evaluation Committee Chair, and finally as our Board Chair. Ron was a dedicated employee of Sandvik in Mebane, yet gave so much of his spare time to the work of the Partnership. Not only did Ron offer financial support, but he actively encouraged his fellow Board members to do the same. Whenever we needed him, Ron was there. He enjoyed coming to our events and often brought his daughter Sophia with him. He seemed especially supportive of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and would talk up the program in our community at every chance.

We were fortunate to have Ron as a member of our team and we know he can never be

replaced. In honor of his service, we have renamed our annual individual service award to be the *Ron Waters Outstanding Service to Young Children Award*. Our first presentation of this will be at our Early Education Summit on Tuesday, January 29th from 11:30-1:30 at the First Presbyterian Church in Burlington. Please join us so we can honor a very special Board member.



Rest In Peace, Ron



Parents as Teachers

Meet our newest Parent Educator, Casey Hall. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with a Bachelor's degree in Human Development and Family Studies. Casey comes to us with previous experience as a Parent Educator with the Rockingham Partnership for Children and as an Assistant Director of a child care center. Her passion has always been working with children and families. We are excited to have Casey as our newest member of the Partnership team.





Spring registration for Incredible Years (IY) is now open!

Any parent will tell you that children are a joy, but with that joy comes a multitude of emotions. Parents second guess their decisions, struggle with balancing discipline and understanding their child's emotions, and work hard to be the best parent they can be. IY parents support and work with each other through a 14-week class that is facilitated by IY trained teachers and learn how to:

- Promote positive social and emotional behaviors in their children;
- Establish predictable household rules and routines;
- Incorporate play with their children within their daily schedule; and



- Manage their children's challenging behaviors.

Spring classes for IY will begin the week of February 11th for caregivers of children ages three to twelve. There will also be a class offered in Spanish.

Dinner and child care are provided free of charge. A \$50 incentive is paid to all parents that attend 11 out of 14 sessions and complete all pre/post evaluation forms. Grant funding is provided by United Way of Alamance County, North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services, and Smart Start. For more information or to register, please contact Jessica Reedy at (336) 513-0063 or incredibleyears@alamancechildren.org.



Kaleidoscope Play and Learn Groups

Kaleidoscope:



Our Kaleidoscope Play & Learn group is in full swing at the City Gate Dream Center. We recently had the privilege of having the tooth fairy come visit us to talk about the importance of brushing our teeth!

In preparation for Thanksgiving, we talked about the different traditions in our families and let the children cook pretend food for their caregivers. Even though some of us are small, we can still find ways to help in the kitchen.

Our friends are growing up right before our eyes! Come join the fun every Wednesday from 10:30am -12:00pm at City Gate Dream Center, 1423 North Church Street, Burlington. We love to sing, dance, and read stories. Contact Jessica Reedy at jreedy@alamancechildren.org



Links to Success: Interesting things to read.

Trauma Sensitive Classrooms:

www.naeyc.org/resources/pubs/yc/may2015

What Parents must teach us about their dual language children.

www.naeyc.org/resources/pubs/yc/nov2015

We Create Magic: Experiences and Environment for Infant and Toddler Classrooms.

www.continued.com/early-childhood-education/articles/we-create-magic-experiences-and-22826



Looking for child care? Call Referral Central toll free at 855-327-5933

Resources for Young Children

Tips for Reading Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Books with Your Toddler

Alamance Partnership for Children (APC) helps provide books to the young children of Alamance County, from birth to their fifth birthday, through the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL). The goal is to encourage parents to read to their children daily in the early years of life and to help foster a love of books and reading. APC currently serves over 5,000 children with monthly books at no cost to families.

Use your DPIL books to foster a love of books and reading with your toddler:

- **Choose engaging books**—Books with flaps, texture, movement, or sound keep hands busy and are great for exploring.
- **Keep reading short, simple, and often**—Toddlers have shorter attention spans than babies, so keep text short and simple.
- **Focus on their daily activities**—Read books about everyday experiences and feelings. Toddlers will identify with book characters as they dress, eat, visit, nap, and play.
- **Ask questions**—Encourage your toddler to tell you what they think. Listen and respond to their answers – it builds language skills.
- **Don't expect toddlers to sit still**—Toddlers need to move, but they are still listening. Keep reading as they skip, tumble, or act out the story.
- **Not having fun?**— Reading with toddlers is more about positive experiences than finishing every book. Try a different story or another time, but do read every day!



Visit the [Partnership's website](#) to register your child for DPIL. You may also contact Penny Scott, Literacy Specialist, for more information about Dolly Parton's Imagination Library at 336.513.0063 or psscott@alamancechildren.org

Holiday Boredom Busters

1. **Bedroom Makeover**- Let children be creative and decorate their own bedrooms for the holidays.
2. **A real home movie**: Create a movie using Lego figures, dolls or themselves as the main character.
3. **Volunteer**: Encourage children to serve someone in the neighborhood.
4. **Slime and Goop**: Sneak in some science with Grinch Goop or Snowflake Slime.
5. **Camping**: Set up a tent inside the house and let children use it as a special fort for games, reading and other quiet activities.

Third Quarter Training Calendar

Contact the Alamance Partnership for Children— 336-513-0063 or info@alamancechildren.org

The following workshops are being held at Alamance Partnership for Children, 2322 River Road, Burlington, NC 27217

unless otherwise noted.

Date	Workshop Title	Time	Cost	Credits	Trainer
2/02/19	Playground Safety	9am-1pm	\$5	4	Beth Lehman
2/12/19	Adding to the Outdoor Learning Environment	6pm-8pm	\$5	2	Beth Lehman
3/30/19	Playground Safety	9am-1pm	\$5	4	Beth Lehman

Alamance Partnership for Children

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Board Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month at noon. These meetings are open to the public. Should you have an interest in attending, please contact the Partnership at 336.513.0063.

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Winter Theme Activities for Pre-K

[The Mitten](#) by Jan Brett

The Mitten by Jan Brett is perhaps the pinnacle of any early childhood winter theme. So much fun and so many opportunities for learning packed into one little book! Nicki loses one of his precious white mittens which is discovered by many winter animals. The playful tale accompanied by the rich, detailed illustrations of Brett are so entrancing children stare at the pages, mesmerized, drinking it all in.



[Winter theme activity resources for parents and teachers:](#)

Trace and cut out a mitten shape for each child (use thicker card paper, old file folders, or poster board). Punch holes around the outline of the mitten and tie a piece of yarn to one of the holes. Have children lace the yarn through the holes like a lacing card. When they are finished, children can color the mitten to decorate it.

<https://www.pre-kpages.com/winter/>
<https://www.prekinders.com/winter-theme/>



NC Pre-Kindergarten Applications 2019-2020

NC Pre-Kindergarten applications for the 2019-2020 school year will be available on January 14, 2019. Parents only need to fill out one application to be considered for all Pre-Kindergarten programs, including NC Pre-K, Alamance Burlington School System, and Head Start. To qualify, a child must be four years of age on or before August 31, 2019. Parents may pick up an application by contacting the Alamance Partnership for Children, Alamance Burlington School System, or Head Start. The application will also be available on our website. Please contact Kristie Coffey at 336.513.0063 ext. 105 or kcoffer@alamancechildren.org

OUTDOOR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

There is no distinct reason for being inside or outside. So go outside! Is it sunny? Is it cold? There is so much to notice during the winter months. The trees are stark. There is ice on the slide. A red cardinal may be snacking at the bird feeder. Leave it up to your children to point out all the wonders they see, hear, and feel outside every day.

For those who are at home with young children during the day, we offer outdoor playgroups every week, all year long. Please spread the word to everyone you know so that they can experience our wonderful Outdoor Learning space here at the Partnership and make new friends. We have been digging, running, building, cooking, dancing, and exploring.

The Outdoor Learning Environment is at the corner of Hodges and River Road in Historic Glencoe Mill Village (down the road from the Partnership's office). The playgroups are designed for caregivers and children ages birth through five. We have an afternoon playgroup in addition to morning for families that want to stop by after school.



Outdoor Playgroups

Mondays 10:30am – 12:00pm

Wednesdays 3:30pm – 5:00pm

We have several workshops on Outdoor Learning Environments (OLE) coming up this quarter. We'll be covering the subject of being outside in the different seasons as well as adding natural elements to an OLE. Check out the Child Care Services Association website regularly to see what is offered.

<https://www.childcareservices.org/providers/ps/training/>

There is ongoing outdoor technical assistance happening for several child care centers in Alamance County. If you are interested in receiving guidance in developing an Outdoor Learning Environment, a workshop is a great introduction to the philosophy and implementation of outdoor learning. Further in-depth technical assistance is available for four- and five-star licensed centers from the Outdoor Learning Environment Specialist. Please contact Beth Lehman if interested in this service. blehman@alamancechildren.org