

Early Learning Resource Center

The Early Learning Resource Center was established to be used by families working with our agency, students in the Early Childhood field, and the child care providers of Alamance County. The center consist of three components: lending library, teacher work area, and a children's play area

Hours of operation

Monday	8:00am – 5:30pm
Tuesday	8:00am – 5:30pm (limited assistance from 9:00am-1:00pm)
Wednesday	8:00am – 5:30pm
Thursday	8:00am – 5:30pm
Friday	8:00am – 12:00pm

Learn and Earn

With the APC's Article of the Month program, child care providers have the opportunity to 'learn and earn.' Each month the Partnership identifies articles that focus on issues specific to: Infants and Toddlers, All Ages, School Age and Directors/Owners. If a provider reads an article and completes a 4 question summary, they will receive a voucher for a free training from the Partnership. Once every three months, one name (from everyone who turns in a summary) will be randomly chosen to receive a one year NAEYC Membership (National Association for the Education of Young Children).

Lending Library

The Early Learning Resource Center includes a lending library that can be used to improve the quality of the services received by children in care in Alamance County.

Please note that both personal contact information and basic work or school contact information will be required to check out materials. Lending library materials include:

- children's books with tapes; activity kits; puppets; musical CD's and CD players with listening center; parachutes for movement activities; portable easels; a light table
- child care provider resource books and materials
 - Activities for children
 - Business Management
 - Challenging Behaviors
 - Child Development
 - Curriculums
 - Evidence Based Practice
 - Family Child Care Homes
 - Health & Safety
 - Infant/Toddler
 - Literacy
 - Parenting

- Quality Assessment
- Special Needs
- Videos
- Model Activity centers that include handouts re: activity/center ideas
- activity cards & handouts for copying are located in several model activity centers

Policies:

- All books and materials checked out are due back within three weeks.
- You may check out 5 items at a time. (No more than 2 kits can be checked out at one time.)
- Items should be returned in clean condition. Washable items should be washed. Other items should be surface-wiped or sprayed with a solution of one teaspoon of Clorox mixed with one quart of water. All non-book items have cleaning instructions with the materials.

Materials Available: (All materials and machines are to be used in moderation and only for classroom or continuing education classes)

- Hot laminating machine
- Cold laminating machine (can be used by request only)
- Ellison die cut machine (list of available die cuts)
- Copier- Not to be used for Copyrighted material, please see Parent Resource Counselor with questions.
- Binding machine
- Paper folding machine (for brochures or programs)
- Child development articles
- Computer with internet access and printer for school and/or work related activities
- Photo file of mounted photos for display and/or books, ready to laminate

Lamination Services:

The cost for lamination materials is one of the biggest expenses for the Resource Center. Please note that due to Smart Start funding restrictions, *School Age programs or unlicensed programs* can utilize the laminator, but must pay a fee for the laminating paper. (Current Fees: \$1.00 per foot [width = 27 inches]) Please help us utilize these materials effectively by:

- Using the laminator for the following only:
 - Art or children's work;
 - File folder games;
 - Materials to use for display in your child care facility; and
 - Photographs.