

# The Partnership Press

News for the Young Children, Families and Providers of Lenoir and Greene Counties

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## From the Director

Greetings, Providers!

We've included a new item in this issue called "websites we love." As the digital age offers opportunity for you to obtain trainings online and learn new resources, please take advantage of utilizing these for your classrooms.

### Save the Date!

Provider Appreciation Banquet will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at Olivia's Catering at 7:00 p.m. To register, please call (252) 521-5538 or our Kinston office at (252) 939-1200. More information will be sent via email.

In the spirit of our mission,

**"Developing Today's Children to Become Tomorrow's Leaders"**

*Keith Sylvester  
Executive Director*



## Partnership, Pre-K Support Child Abuse Prevention

The Partnership for Children was a proud partner of Lenoir County's Child Abuse Committee this year. Beyond our efforts on the steering committee, we were thrilled that Lenoir County Pre-K was highlighted with their creation of life-size dolls that served as remembrance of children who lost their lives in 2016 to child abuse. Thank you again, Lenoir County Pre-K!



There are only 2,000 days between the time a baby is born and when that child begins kindergarten.

Learn more at [www.first2000days.org](http://www.first2000days.org)

## NC State Survey for Early Childhood Professionals

Dear Early Childhood Professional,

A team from NC State’s Department of Agriculture and Human Sciences is creating a training focused on Environmental and Behavioral Safety. This training is being created in response to the environmental and behavioral health federal regulations for Child Care Providers.

As part of our effort to ensure that this training meets the needs of those currently serving children, we ask you to consider completing the survey in the link below. We expect this will take 5-10 minutes.

<https://docs.google.com/a/ncsu.edu/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdEu5MD4DY5uUQfUzru3Z0SmPzpoKRn1Dp6U8tOlh-bjfSXLw/viewform>

### Keep Children Safe from Child Vehicular Heatstroke!

Every year, on average 37 children die in hot cars nationally. Please take precaution and “look before you lock.” Even on cooler days, the temperature inside a car can be deadly to young children who are unable to get out by themselves, as well as older adults and pets. This is especially true during our hot summer months.

#heatstrokekills #lookbeforeyoulock

LOOK BEFORE YOU LOCK

Even a loving, educated, responsible parent can unknowingly leave a child behind.

Daddy thinks I'm at daycare...

Think it can't happen to you... Think again!

#HEATSTROKEKILLS #LOOKBEFOREYOULOCK



Mayor BJ Murphy proclaims April 24-28, 2017 as “Week of the Young Child.”

## Website We Love...PNC Grow Up Great!

<https://www.pnc.com/en/about-pnc/corporate-responsibility/grow-up-great.html>

PNC Bank is a huge corporate friend to Smart Start and early childhood programs nationally. If you have not checked out their “Grow Up Great” program, please follow the link above. Here is a sample lesson:

**Worms! This lesson is continued on page 7.**

### What You Will Need

Live earthworms – 12 or more (available online, bait stores, or dig them up in your garden)  
Paper towels  
Clear container (an aquarium or large plastic pretzel container)  
Empty 1- or 2-liter bottle  
Water mister  
Gravel – enough to cover the bottom of the container  
Potting soil – 1 bag  
Dry leaves – enough for a layer over the gravel  
Disposable gloves – 1 pair per child  
Markers  
Chart paper

### What To Do

**Note:** This activity can be completed in 1 day; observation of the worms will take place over several days.

Activate background knowledge about earthworms. Write ideas on the chart paper.

Talk with the children about observing earthworms over the next few weeks.

Place the earthworms on a wet paper towel away from direct sunlight.

Talk about how earthworms need moisture to survive.

Ask the children if they think the earthworms like the towel to be wet, and why.

Allow the children some time to observe the earthworms.

Encourage the children to gently touch the worms. Offer disposable gloves to children who express hesitation with touching the worms. Ask them questions about the earthworms such as their color, shape, eyes, legs, and how they move (see Guiding Student Inquiry).

Place gravel in the clear container. Layer leaves on top of the gravel, then potting soil on top of the leaves.

## Announcements

The Partnership for Children will be closed on the following date:

- May 29, 2017

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# May 2017

<p>05/10/2017 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. <b>*Snow Hill office</b></p>	<p>ITS-SIDS <i>Audience:</i> Infant and Toddler Providers</p>	<p>ITS-SIDS gives child care providers an overview of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, identifies SIDS risk factors and describes ways to reduce the risk of SIDS in child care. SIDS risk reduction messages include: engaging in safe sleep practices for infant/toddlers by placing babies on their back and creating safe sleep environments. Training covers providers and parents as partners to create safe sleep for babies in child care. Education materials and resources for parents and for providers are available.</p>	<p>Instructor: Stephanie Sullivan, Program Specialist Credit Hours: 1.5 Cost: \$10.00</p>
<p>05/16/2017 6:30-8:30 p.m. <b>*Snow Hill office</b></p>	<p>Stewards of Children <i>Audience:</i> All Child Care Providers</p>	<p>Studies estimate that 1 in 10 children will be sexually abused before their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Most will be abused by someone they know. Most will never tell anyone about the abuse. All will carry this with them for the rest of their lives. There is hope. We as a community can work together to help stop this problem. Stewards of Children is a 2 hour training on practical, evidence-based ways to prevent, recognize, and respond effectively to child sexual abuse. Although Stewards of Children is a benefit to all adults it is very helpful to those people who work with children and families. The training offers 2.0 NCDCDEE contact hours.</p>	<p>Instructor: Kelli Baxter, TEDI BEAR Children's Advocacy Community Educator Credit Hours: 2 Cost: \$10.00</p>
<p>05/17/2017 6:30-8:30 p.m. <b>*Snow Hill office</b></p>	<p>Positive Guidance <i>Audience:</i> All Child Care Providers</p>	<p>What causes negative behavior? Environment, home, staff relationship, word phrasing, development delays? Try and change the way of thinking and do something before the bad behavior occurs. Consequences and redirection will be taught.</p>	<p>Instructor: Jeannine Poythress, Program Specialist Credit Hours: 2 Cost: \$10.00</p>
<p>05/23/2017 6:30-8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Social/Emotional Milestones-Birth to 36 months: Building Blocks for Future Learning <i>Audience:</i> Infant and Toddler Providers</p>	<p>First everything is "mine", then children learn to take turns, and eventually they learn to share. For infants and toddlers this learning happens through relationships and includes developing a sense of self, a sense of self with others, and learning about feelings. All children need an emotionally secure environment that supports healthy development in this learning domain. This workshop examines social/emotional competence as a vital component of later school readiness. Participants will learn how a responsive caregiver can help the youngest of our children form secure attachments, learn to navigate feelings and emotions, and begin to develop self-regulation and social skills, the building blocks for future learning. This training provides information that supports the ITERS-R subscales: Listening and Talking and Interactions.</p>	<p>Instructor: Kimberly Peele, Regional Infant/ Toddler Specialist Credit Hours: 2 Cost: \$10.00</p>

# June 2017

<p>06/07/2017 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. <b>*Snow Hill office</b></p>	<p>ITS-SIDS <i>Audience:</i> Infant and Toddler Providers</p>	<p>ITS-SIDS gives child care providers an overview of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, identifies SIDS risk factors and describes ways to reduce the risk of SIDS in child care. SIDS risk reduction messages include: engaging in safe sleep practices for infant/toddlers by placing babies on their back and creating safe sleep environments. Training covers providers and parents as partners to create safe sleep for babies in child care. Education materials and resources for parents and for providers are available.</p>	<p>Instructor: Jeannine Poythress, Program Specialist Credit Hours: 1.5 Cost: \$10.00</p>
<p>06/08/2017 6:30-8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Be Bold, Color Outside the Lines <i>Audience:</i> All Child Care Providers</p>	<p>In this training, teachers will learn about the importance of art in the classroom. They will also discover some new and fun examples of artwork, including art for the different holidays we celebrate throughout the year.</p>	<p>Instructor: Taylor Bowen, Program Specialist Credit Hours: 2 Cost: \$10.00</p>
<p>06/14/2017 6:30-8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Imagination Station <i>Audience:</i> All Child Care Providers</p>	<p>A “world of science” training for childcare providers; exploring science through literature and fun with hands-on activities. Also included are resource packets with experiments that can be done with food and everyday objects.</p>	<p>Instructor: Stephanie Sullivan, Program Specialist Credit Hours: 2 Cost: \$10.00</p>

## DCDEE Health and Safety Requirements (due by June 30!)

Visit [www.ncchildcare.nc.gov](http://www.ncchildcare.nc.gov) to view  
the North Carolina CCDF Health and  
Safety Training Requirement.

*Click: What's New*

*Click: Health and Safety Training Requirements/  
Frequently Asked Questions*



## Worms lesson, continued

If the container is very large, place a 1- or 2-liter bottle filled with water (lid fastened tightly) on its side in the center of the container and surround the bottle with gravel, soil, and leaves. This will stop the worms from going to the middle of the container where the children will not be able to see them.

Add water to moisten the contents of the container. Do not allow the soil mixture to dry out.

Punch holes in the lid of the container so the worms have air.

Over the next few days, observe the earthworms. Chart children's observations about what the worms are doing in the soil and what is happening to the leaves.

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## Guiding Student Inquiry

Describe where earthworms like to live.

Describe what type of soil earthworms like.

Describe what you have observed about the earthworms in our container. How do they move?

Describe what earthworms like to eat.

Why do we see more earthworms in the spring?

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## Explore, Extend and Integrate

During dramatic play time, encourage children to move like worms on the carpet.

Have the children draw pictures of the earthworms in their container.

When out on the playground, have children look for earthworms.

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## Check for Children's Understanding

Could children describe what the earthworm looks like?

Could children talk about how the earthworm moved around?

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## Want to connect...here's how!

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Monday-Thursday : 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

#### Library Hours (both locations):

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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