

Late Summer Fun.... Cookouts, Campfires & Bonfires. Oh my!



Ashe County Partnership for Children
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July/August 2017



Upcoming Events for Ashe County Partnership for Children

- **July 17th - Group Connections Meeting - Large Conference Room - 5:30 until 7:00 p.m.**
- **July 18th - Ashe County Partnership for Children Board Meeting - Large Conference Room - 10:00 a.m.**
- **July 24th & July 25th - TS Gold Training - Ashe Early Learning Center - 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.**
- **July 27th - Facilities Committee Meeting - Small Conference Room - 10:00 a.m.**
- **August 8th & 10th - Guiding Infant Toddler Early Learning Using the NC Foundations Training- Family Central - 6:00-8:00 p.m.**
- **August 15th - Ashe County Partnership for Children Board Meeting - Family Central LCR- 10:00 a.m.**
- **August 15 & 17th - CPR & First Aid - Wilkes Community College (Ashe Campus) -6:00-9:00 p.m.**
- **August 28th - Communications is KEY! Training - Family Central - 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

Triple P Positive Parenting Program

Do you have your summer game plan?

Summer is a time for family fun and vacations. Even if you don't go on a long trip, take that time off and enjoy the great outdoors by going on a picnic, have story time outside, go for a hike to explore a new place, go swimming, plan a canoe or tubing trip on the river, play Frisbee, engage in a game of hide-and-seek, or go out for ice cream and some play time at the park.

Your family time is important and you'll make special memories that will last you and your children a lifetime. Being a parent isn't always easy and often times our children do misbehave. Don't let misbehaviors and your daily tasks create so much stress and frustration that you lose sight of the joys of parenting. Let Triple P give you some strategies to help manage those misbehaviors. Then you take a break and plan for some fun and adventure that the whole family will enjoy. Don't settle for a life with all work and no play. Get out there, soak up some sunshine and enjoy your children!

We invite you to call or come by our office to learn more about Triple P and strategies you can choose to encourage positive behavior.

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**Parents,
stay positive!**



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TS Gold Training

Last year was a successful year with the Professional Development Opportunities offered to our early childhood professionals. The Early Childhood & Education Program provided 41 opportunities for a total of 68 hours of instruction. Out of these opportunities, 536 attended the sessions with a total of 161 unduplicated attendees. The highlight of all the sessions was at our 20th Annual Appreciation Dinner where our guest speaker for the evening was Rae Pica.

I am very excited about the opportunities that have been scheduled and booked for this upcoming fiscal year. On July 24th and 25th, our preschool and prekindergarten professionals in Ashe County will be involved in a very important professional development opportunity. The county-wide training will offer 12 hours on assessment, family engagement, and child portfolios while using the on-line tool, *TS Gold*®. This on-line tool is part of the implementation of the county-wide curriculum, *Creative Curriculum*® and will be a useful tool to help with the implementation of the curriculum in Ashe County's preschool and prekindergarten classroom. The *Creative Curriculum*® is an approved evidence and research-based curriculum that supports the NC Foundation for Early Learning Standards. The *Foundation* helps teachers create a high-quality learning environment and build a thorough understanding of best practices. *Daily Resources* help teachers plan and manage every moment of their day. Through studies, which are hands-on, project-based investigations, *The Creative Curriculum*® for Preschool helps teachers build children's confidence, creativity and critical thinking skills, and promote positive outcomes.



Upcoming Trainings

Infant and Toddler professionals will have an opportunity in August to be trained on the NC Foundations for Early Learning (geared for Infant and Toddlers professionals) which is a required session. These teachers will learn how the state standards apply to interaction, engagement and planning for the classroom. This is a CEU offered training, there is a cost for the CEU 's that will be given to the professionals after completing the sessions. Our Fall Institute 2017 is scheduled for Saturday, September 30th and will feature, Kim Hughes, an Associate Presenter with Conscious Discipline®. *Conscious Discipline* is a whole-school solution for social-emotional learning, discipline and self-regulation.

Conscious Discipline is a long time leader in integrating classroom management and social-emotional learning. It utilizes everyday events rather than an external curriculum, and addresses the adult's emotional intelligence as well as the child's. Conscious Discipline empowers adults to consciously respond to daily conflict, transforming it into an opportunity to teach critical life skills to children. With Conscious Discipline, your teachers, your students and your entire school culture will become a safe haven of cooperation, constructive problem solving and academic success. Conscious Discipline is evidence based.

The Early Childhood & Education office is off to another very busy year. It is important to reserve your seat early as some of these sessions are limited. Please call Marilyn Agnew, Program Consultant and Director, or Missy Cruey, Administrative Coordinator at 336.982.8870 for more information or to reserve your seat.



Family Foundations

Melissa Fowler: Ext. 246

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Group Connections Meeting

Family Foundations will be having our monthly Group Connections Meeting on July 17th from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m. Our featured speaker is Dr. Keaton Mash, the dentist from AppHealth. He will be presenting on the importance of dental health and how to keep your children excited about dental health. Food will be provided, so be sure to let us know if you will be attending. Call the Partnership at 336-982-4588 to reserve your spot.

Bubble Art

Materials needed for this activity:

- **Water Color Paper**
- **Bubble Solution**
- **Wands for blowing bubbles (these can be made from pipe cleaners)**
- **Liquid water colors (you can use food coloring; but, liquid water colors work best with water color paper).**
- **Newspapers, or table covering to cover work area.**

Place water color paper on flat surface. Shake or stir up bubble solution to help color spread throughout solution. Place bubble wand into bubble solution and gently blow bubbles onto water color paper. It works best if bubbles are blown a few inches above the paper. You can blow as many bubbles as you want onto paper, make it your own. Each piece of art work is unique and beautiful! Allow to dry on flat surface. Enjoy!

Bubbles are slippery! Clean up any spills immediately to prevent falls.

Primary Prevention Offered During 4-H Summer Programming

A.S.H.E is excited to participate again in this year's 4-H Summer Programming at Blue Ridge Elementary School, and has scheduled activities on Tuesday July 11th, Thursday July 13th, Tuesday July 18th, and Thursday July 20th, from 9:25 until 11:05 a.m. After coordinating with the Ashe County Cooperative Extension to discuss some of the challenges faced by children in our community, it was decided to focus on bullying prevention and teaching empathy skills. Such skills provide students with the tools necessary to practice empathy in direct connection with bullying situations. Another important focus in this year's programming is helping children who are exposed to violence inside their homes, learn healthy ways to cope. Since this year's 4-H theme is centered on the arts community, A.S.H.E Advocates have prepared activities around expressive arts, which are geared at helping children express negative emotions associated with violent and aggressive behaviors. The first week will be spent focusing on two age groups; 1st and 2nd grade and 3rd and 4th grade groups. The last week will be spent focusing on 4th and 5th grade and 6th and 7th grade groups.

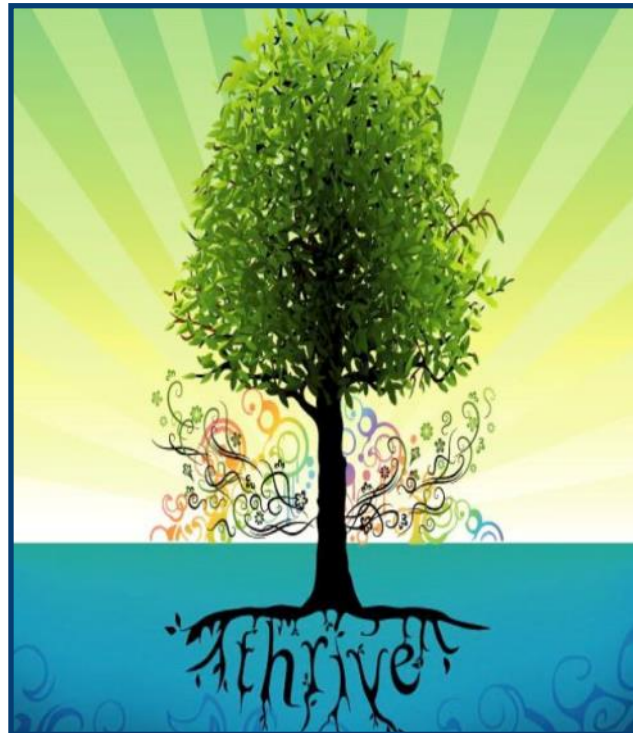
If you are interested in this programming or learning how it might be beneficial to your youth serving organization, please contact A Safe Home for Everyone's office at (336) 982-8851.



A Safe Home for Everyone

Office: (336) 982-8851

A Safe Home for Everyone of the Ashe County Partnership for Children's support group for survivors of intimate partner violence and their children continues each month through November 2017! Thrive is a FREE support group offered once monthly from 6-7:30 pm. Dinner and childcare are provided FREE of charge. Through this group, survivors can experience a safe, confidential place to explore the healing process, gain more information and understanding of how intimate partner violence impacts their daily lives, and connect with others who have had similar experiences. Thrive is open to survivors of all identities. If you, or someone you know, are interested and would like more information, or to set up an intake appointment, please contact A Safe Home for Everyone at 336.982.8851 or email victimadvocate@ashechildren.org.



Thank you to the Family Violence Prevention Services Program, US DHHS, and NC Council for Women for financial support.

Calling All Used Phones



A Safe Home for Everyone of the Ashe County Partnership for Children is currently collecting used cell phones for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, and we're asking for your help!

How?

Donate used **Carolina West** or **Bark Mobile** phones at our drop-off locations.

Where?

Carolina West

1447C Mt Jefferson Rd

West Jefferson, NC 28694

A Safe Home for Everyone

626 Ashe Central School Rd

Jefferson, NC 28640

Questions? Call our office at 336-982-8851. Business hours are 8:00 am-5:00 pm.



Campfire Games



Lightning Bug Tag: Players try to catch an oversize firefly in this nighttime version of tag. In a large open area free of hazards, one player (the lightning bug) takes a flashlight and moves away from the other players, silently counting to 60 as she does. When she reaches 60, she flashes the light once. The rest of the players then count out loud to 100 before they set off in pursuit of the lightning bug, who tries to avoid capture by hiding and changing directions. The bug must continually count to 60 and flash her light each time. The first person to tag the lightning bug becomes the bug in the next round.

Mrs. Mumbles: The goal of this classic game is to never show your teeth. Sitting in a circle, the first player turns to his neighbor and asks, while keeping his lips over his teeth: "Is Mrs. Mumbles home?" Also hiding her teeth, the neighbor responds: "I don't know. Let me ask my neighbor." She then asks the next person: "Is Mrs. Mumbles home?" and so on. If anyone shows her teeth at any time in the game, she's out. The players who are out can try to make the remaining players laugh -- without touching them -- so that they show their teeth, too.



Telephone: An oldie but a goodie, I remember playing it in elementary school and loving it. Finding out how the message had changed after being whispered in 36 ears always led to some good ol' belly-grabbing laughter. My enthusiasm as an eight year old isn't unusual; kids love this game, a reminder that nothing delights a child more than a wee bit of silliness. The game begins by someone whispering a message to the person beside him. That person then passes it on to the next, until the end of the line is reached and that guy or gal is given the awesome task of announcing the message. The more ears and mouths, the more twisted the communication and the more laughter. The girl scouts call this game "Gossip," providing a great lesson to kids on how a story can change through retelling so that it's no longer accurate or true.

Ashe County Partnership for Children Needs Your Help

Our agency is in need of the following items for the children and families we serve:

Cleaning supplies	Cooking Utensils	New sensory toys for babies
Markers	Pencils	Crayons
Rulers	Measuring Cups	Spoons
Construction Paper	Glue Sticks	Old cell phones with chargers
Phone Cards	Gas Cards	Wal-Mart Gift Cards
Dinner/food for groups	Storage containers	Various types of baby formula
Pots and Pans	Laundry detergent/bleach	Small household electronics
Small kitchen appliances	New Washcloths	New Towels
Tupperware	Diapers	Wipes
Child Safety Kits	Books for children 0-5	Legos or blocks that interlock



Monetary donations are tax deductible!
Thank you for your help.
Call (336)982-4588 for more information.

