



Hope for Children and Families News from Onslow County

Welcome to the September edition of our newsletter!

Don't forget to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#) for ongoing information, photos, and updates about what's happening at One Place.

North Carolina Proclaims September Smart Start Month



Smart Start is making a difference in every community in North Carolina and One Place is proud to be a member of the Smart Start Network.

Who We Are: A network of 75 Local Partnerships serving all 10 counties in North Carolina, dedicated to ensuring every child from birth-to-age five has the opportunity to thrive.

What We Do: We provide whole-child support from birth-to-five. We invest in early care and education, family support, and healthy families and communities.

- *Early Care & Education:* We work with child care providers to raise the quality of early learning.
- *Family Support:* We partner with families by offering resources and programs that encourage them to discover and lean into their own power,
- *Child & Family Health:* From birth to Kindergarten, we connect our community to services that promote physical, emotional, and mental well-being.
- *Local Collaboratives:* We convene and participate in collaboration among non-profits and across human service sectors. Through this collective impact approach, we work to shift systems.

Why It Matters: By supporting young children and their families, we are building a stronger, healthier future for North Carolina.

[Click here](#) for more information on the Smart Start network and how it benefits communities across the state.



***Smart Start is critical
to the infrastructure of
North Carolina's early
childhood system.***

SECC Campaign

The graphic features a white background with yellow and blue geometric shapes. At the top left is the SECC logo, which includes a map of North Carolina and the text 'SECC State Employees Combined Campaign'. To its right is the ONE PLACE logo, featuring a sun icon and the text 'ONE PLACE CREATING HOPE FOR FAMILIES'. The main title 'APPROVED STATE EMPLOYEES COMBINED CAMPAIGN CHARITY' is centered in large, bold, blue letters. Below the title is a dark blue rectangular box with the text 'FIND US: CODE #2334' in yellow. At the bottom of the graphic is a photograph of three diverse young children (two girls and one boy) smiling and giving thumbs up.

Join the State SECC Campaign to strengthen children, connect families, and end child abuse! Together, let's ensure all children and families are safe, healthy, and living to their fullest potential. Your support changes the future for everyone who calls Onslow County home. [Take action now to make a lasting impact!](#)

A Visit from Congressman Greg Murphy

Last month, Congressman Greg Murphy, MD and staff toured the One Place Child Advocacy Center and SECU Hope Center building site.

As a physician, Dr. Murphy understands firsthand the complexities of our work and the importance of ensuring all children are safe, healthy, and prepared to succeed.

"I think it is important that we support community projects. One Place is tragically necessary because they treat and take care of kids who are subject to child abuse, whether it be physical, mental or sexual," Murphy said.

[Click here](#) to read more about Congressman Murphy's visit.



We are 54% to build completion of the SECU Hope Center but we still have a funding gap to close. To learn more about our project and how you can get involved visit: <https://www.oneplaceonslow.org/secu-hope-center/>

Diamonds & Denim is SOLD OUT!

Our signature fundraising event is officially sold out! We are so grateful for the community support. This year's event features **TWO** Diamond/Presenting Sponsors:

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Thank you to Southern Touch Painting & Maintenance and Sanders Ford for your continued support of the mission and vision of One Place. We are grateful for community members like you who understand that an investment in children today makes a stronger, more resilient future for all of Onslow County

We cannot wait to celebrate with all our supporters on September 21st!

This year, to increase their impact on children and families in our community, Sanders Ford is donating \$1 to One Place for each car sold in September.

If you're in the market for a vehicle this month, head on over to [Sanders Ford](#) where your vehicle purchase will help strengthen children, connect families, and end child abuse in our community.

Blue Star Welcome Week 2024



Are you ready to welcome new families to our community?

Every year approximately 600,000 military families - or roughly 33% of the all-volunteer force- relocate. Most of these families move to new duty stations, while some transition out of the military and others transition in.

While more than 70% of military families live off base in their local civilian communities, according to Blue Star Families' 2023 Military Family Lifestyle Survey, only 41% of respondents reported they felt a sense of belonging in their local community.

That's why we celebrate Blue Star Welcome Week from September 21st-29th. This week is an opportunity for Onslow County to welcome our military families and show them our appreciation for their service. Together, we can help ease

their transition through messages and actions of welcome, and opportunities to make meaningful connections.

[Click here for 22 Ways You Can Welcome a Military Family.](#)

One Place in the News

- [Congressman Murphy visits Onslow County, tours One Place, Jacksonville Commons](#)
- [One Place Thrilled After Governor Cooper Proclaims September Smart Start Month](#)
- [Nonprofits Banding Together During Smart Start Month](#)

Blogs

In case you missed the blogs we've shared so far on social media this month, check them out:

- [Busy! Bedtime! Books!](#)
- [Netalia's Story](#)

Your Support Makes One Place Possible

Your donation today is an investment that provides hope and strengthens the lives of children and families in Onslow County.

We are grateful for our partnership with caring, reliable supporters like you. Thank you for believing in our mission.

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