



Hope for Children and Families News from Onslow County

Welcome to the October 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.

October is Head Start Awareness Month

The infographic is titled "5 ways Head Start programs help families" in a large, bold, blue font. It features five numbered boxes, each containing a specific benefit. The boxes are arranged in a grid-like pattern. A blue banner with a white arrow and the text "HEAD START AWARENESS MONTH" is positioned on the right side of the infographic. The background is light gray with blue and red decorative elements.

5 ways Head Start programs help families

- 1 Provide parenting support and strategies**
- 2 Support parental health and links to community services during pregnancy**
- 3 Connect families to community and federal assistance**
- 4 Assist families in identifying and reaching their goals and dreams**
- 5 Provide a career pathway in early care and education**

HEAD START AWARENESS MONTH

Head Start programs provide early learning, health, and family support services to children and families. At One Place, our Early Head Start program is available to pregnant mothers, infants, and toddlers until age 3.

The first 2,000 days of a child's life are undeniably important—and many studies find that participation in Early Head Start has a long-term impact on a child's success.

Children who receive quality early learning and care (in programs like Head Start/Early Head Start) are 25 percent more likely to graduate high school, 4x more likely to have completed a bachelor's degree or higher, and earn up to 25 percent more in wages as an adult.

[Click here](#) to read more about Early Head Start and how it prepares children for a lifetime of success.

It's Not Too Late!

While the school year is officially in full swing, it's not too late to apply for preschool programs.

-Research shows that state Pre-K programs have positive impacts on children's cognitive skills, including both pre-reading and pre-math skills.

-Children who attended Pre-K usually have a higher grade point average and are more likely to graduate high school and college.

-Fundamental skills like eye contact, self-confidence, work efficiency, attention span, and control of temper are developed during early childhood and are enriched in Pre-K.

[Click here to apply online today.](#)

[Click here to join our Preschool Programs Facebook Group](#) - Your one-stop shop for updates and information about Early Head Start, Three School, and NC Pre-K programs at One Place.



The poster features logos for One Place, a partner in the Smart Start network, North Carolina NC Pre-K, and Onslow County Schools. It includes a photo of two young girls smiling. The text is centered and uses a mix of blue and orange colors.

ONE PLACE
CREATING HOPE FOR FAMILIES

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Smart Start
network.

NORTH CAROLINA
NC Pre-K
TRANSFORMING FUTURE

ONSLOW
COUNTY
SCHOOLS

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM APPLICATION
24-25 SCHOOL YEAR
NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

WHO SHOULD APPLY?
ALL CHILDREN TURNING 3 OR 4 ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 31, 2024

Age-eligible children in any of these categories are strongly encouraged to apply:

- Active-duty military families
- Families experiencing economic hardship
- Families experiencing homelessness
- Children with an IFSP or IEP
- Children with chronic health conditions
- Children in foster or kinship care
- Children with special needs

Programs are **NO COST** to Eligible Families

For more information visit
www.oneplaceonslow.org/prek or call 910-938-0336

Imagination Library: Bilingual Option Now Available

Inspire a love of reading - Enroll all your children under the age of 5 in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and receive a FREE BOOK every month until their 5th birthday. A bilingual English/Spanish book language option is now available to North Carolina families.

[Click to register your children today.](#)



FREE BOOKS

FOR CHILDREN UNDER 5

Register your child for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to receive a **FREE, new book** every month until they're 5!

Bilingual English/Spanish Book Language option now available

Opción disponible de libros bilingües Inglés/Español

 **FOUR WAYS TO SIGN UP:**

- Text BOOKS to 910-333-0608
- Visit www.oneplaceonslow.org/dpil
- Call 910-938-0336
- Scan the QR code



Read **15 minutes each day** with your child. Early literacy is the key to healthy brain development.



Thank You for Supporting One Place



Diamonds & Denim 2024 was an amazing evening and we are so grateful for a community of supporters who partner with us to ensure children and families in Onslow County are safe, healthy, and living to their fullest potential.

If you'd like to join our community of supporters and change the future of Onslow County, [click here](#) to learn how you can get involved with One Place.

Follow Us on Instagram



Are you following us on [Instagram](#)? We've recently launched new video content and we'd love you to see it!

Have an idea for something you'd like us to share? [Let us know.](#)

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



Did you know October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month?

Domestic violence impacts the whole family.

"It was heartbreaking to hear a boy report that he goes into his sister's room every time his dad and mom start to fight and they both put pillows over their head while they listen to them scream at each other." -Susan Jensen, medical provider at the One Place Child Advocacy Center

An important part of our forever home, [the SECU Hope Center](#), is expanded space in the Child Advocacy Center to serve multiple children simultaneously, reduce wait times, and provide critical mental health services.

Children who have experienced child abuse and witnessed domestic violence need specialized treatment to ensure they can heal and lead successful lives as adults.

[Click here](#) to read more about domestic violence and children.

[Visit our website](#) to learn more about SECU Hope Center and how you can join us in creating a strong, more resilient future for all of Onslow County.

One Place in the News

- [One Place, Sneads Ferry Rotary Partnering to Raise Funds for Child Mental Health](#)
- [One Place Celebrates 16 years of Community Impact with Diamonds & Denim Event](#)

Blogs

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

- [Halloween Safety Tips](#)
- [Building a Foundation for Resilience: What Early Educators Should Know](#)
- [Hurricane Helene Resources](#)
- [What is a Victim Advocate?](#)

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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