



Hope for Children and Families News from Onslow County

Welcome to the February edition of our newsletter! Each month you'll find information about One Place programs and services, early care and education, and more.

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

Celebrate Literacy with Us!

Mark your calendars and join us for Read Across America Week!

From **March 2-8** we're joining our community partners from Zing Zumm Children's Museum, Onslow County Public Library, and the New River YMCA to offer a variety of community events, information, and activities to help promote early learning and literacy.

Early literacy creates the foundation for children to develop the skills needed to learn, graduate, and succeed in life.

Make sure you're following us on social media during Read Across America Week for daily information and tips on building early literacy skills with your children and information on events.

Read across America WEEK

MARCH 2-8, 2025

Join us for a week full of fun family activities to help build excitement around reading and books.



**TUESDAY, MARCH 4
1 PM**

Story Time
Zing Zumm
Children's Museum

Admission:

\$8+ tax for adults and children 1 year and older. Children 12 months and younger are free. **The first 100 attendees (children & adults) will receive free/sponsored admission.**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5
10 AM**

Grow, Learn, Connect
Onslow County Public Library
Main Branch/Jacksonville

**THURSDAY, MARCH 6
11:30 AM**

Preschool Story Time
Onslow County Public Library
Main Branch/Jacksonville

**SATURDAY, MARCH 8
10AM-3PM**

Community Literacy Event
New River YMCA
1940 Gum Branch Rd., Jacksonville

Activities:

- Hourly story time
- Age-appropriate interest areas (infant-school age)
- Make & take arts & crafts (limited supply available)
- Sensory activities
- Photo station with picture cutouts
- Community resource table
- Book giveaway
- Snacks



Onslow County Early Childhood Programs

Save the date! The application for Onslow County Early Childhood Programs 25-26 school year launches March 3, 2025!

Join our [Preschool Programs Facebook Group](#) to stay up-to-date on the latest news and information about Onslow County Early Childhood programs.

SAVE THE DATE!

Onslow County Early Childhood Programs

25-26 School Year

Online Application Available
March 3, 2025

**Early Head Start • Three School
Head Start • NC Pre-K • Title I**

Open to children birth to age 5 | NO COST to eligible families





We are filled with gratitude for [The Rotary Club of Sneads Ferry](#) for hosting the inaugural, One Place in Our Hearts Valentine's Day Gala, to support funding for the [pediatric mental health endowment](#) the club established for One Place.

The endowment will fund trauma-informed training and education for mental health providers to support victims of child abuse and neglect receiving services in the One Place Child Advocacy Center.

Thank you to everyone who attended the gala or donated to the endowment. Your investment today to support child victims helps ensure these children can lead productive, fulfilling lives and contribute to our community in the future.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the importance of these mental health services and how they impact the children who receive them, and our community as a whole.

Safe Kids Corner

[Safe Kids Worldwide](#) is a global nonprofit dedicated to protecting kids from preventable injuries, the number one cause of death to children in the United States and a global epidemic around the world.

One Place serves as the lead agency for the Safe Kids Coalition in Onslow County. Our local Safe Kids chapter supports families in our community with car seat installation, car seat check-ups, safety workshops, and other events to help prevent childhood injuries.

Keep an eye out for more safety tips and information in our Safe Kids Corner each quarter. Make sure you follow [@safekidsonslow](#) on Facebook for ongoing safety tips, updates, and information.

In ✓

- Putting babies to sleep on their backs in a crib or bassinet in your bedroom
- Keeping kids in rear-facing seats until they outgrow the height or weight limit
- Enrolling kids in swim lessons to build water safety skills
- Storing guns unloaded and secured in a locked container
- Buckling up every ride, every time - no matter how short the drive
- Placing cleaning products, medicines, and chemicals up and away, out of reach and sight of children

Out ✗

- Sharing a bed with your baby
- Believing that rear-facing seats are only for infants
- Relying on lifeguards alone to keep kids safe in the water
- Keeping firearms on a nightstand or table
- Modeling unsafe driving habits for our teens
- Leaving potential hazards on counters or low shelves where kids can reach them

SAFE K:DS
WORLDWIDE

Blogs

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

- [Celebrating Family Support Awareness Month in North Carolina](#)
- [Valentine's Day and Books?](#)