



## Hope for Children and Families News from Onslow County

Welcome to the March 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.

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### Save the Date: Week of the Young Child 2025

Week of the Young Child 2025 is just around the corner! Save the date and stay tuned for details and information on planned events and activities.

From **April 5-8th** we're joining our community partners from Zing Zumm Children's Museum, Onslow County Public Library, City of Jacksonville Recreation & Parks, and Onslow County Parks & Recreation to offer a variety of community events, information, and activities to celebrate early learning, young children, their teachers, and families.

We're kicking off the week with our community partners at Onslow County Public Library for "Let's Go Fly a Kite."

**When:** Saturday, April 5 (10am-2pm)

**Where:** Sturgeon City, Jacksonville, NC

**What:** Help us kick off Week of the Young Child and celebrate National Kite Month. Jeremiah Stotesbery from Kites N' Kids will be on site demonstrating. All materials will be provided. [Click here to register.](#)

*Make sure you're following us on social media during Week of the Young Child for updated event/activity information.*



## Onslow County Early Childhood Programs

The application for Onslow County Early Childhood Programs 25-26 school year is now available online.

Programs include: Early Head Start, Three School, Head Start, NC Pre-K

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

[Click here](#) for the online application.

# ONLOW COUNTY

## EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

Now Accepting Applications | 25-26 School Year  
Early Head Start • Three School • Head Start • NC Pre-K

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| <b>One Place</b><br>📍 900 Dennis Rd., Jacksonville<br>☎ 910-938-0336<br>🌐 <a href="http://www.oneplaceonslow.org/earlychildhood">www.oneplaceonslow.org/earlychildhood</a> | <b>Thompson Early Childhood Center</b><br>Preschool Office<br>📍 440 College St., Jacksonville<br>☎ 910-455-5530<br>🌐 <a href="http://www.onslow.k12.nc.us/prekapply">www.onslow.k12.nc.us/prekapply</a> |
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**Who should apply?** Children aged birth through 5  
**NO COST** to eligible families

## Celebrating Social Work Appreciation Month

**OUR *Social* WORKERS**

“ Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot,  
nothing is going to get better. It's not. ”

**-THE LORAX**

**ONE PLACE**  
CREATING HOPE FOR FAMILIES

March is Social Work Appreciation Month, a time to recognize and celebrate the invaluable contributions of social workers in our community. These dedicated professionals are crucial in supporting children and families through challenging times and promoting overall well-being.

This month, we are grateful to the social workers who work every day to make Onslow County a better place- especially the social workers who devote their time, talent, and heart to the One Place team!

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to making a difference.

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# SECU Hope Center

Our forever home, [the SECU Hope Center](#), will allow us to continue to provide programs and services that benefit the entire community and expand services in the Child Advocacy Center to serve more victims of child abuse and neglect.

An important part of our expanded space is the Training, Education & Leadership Center, which features state-of-the-art technology and a full-service catering kitchen. This space can serve as a meeting or event space for the community and provides opportunities to host training and small conferences.

We're scheduled to move into our new space this summer, but *we need your help* to meet our funding goal. Help us close the gap and join a community making positive change for the future of Onslow County.

Support the SECU Hope Center today. [Click here to give.](#)



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## Blogs

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

- [Early Literacy Blog Roundup](#)
- [Child Care Resource & Referral \(CCR&R\) and Why it Matters](#)
- [Unpacking the Differences Between NC Pre-K, Three School, Early Head Start, and Child Care](#)

## One Place in the News

- [Community Literacy Event](#)
- [One Place Grant to Support Children's Oral Health](#)
- [One Place Receives Dental Education Grant](#)