



Sidewalk Chalk

Monthly e-newsletter

OUR VISION

All children in Randolph County enter school healthy & ready to succeed.

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"It's time to let your awesome sparkle so brightly that you even inspire yourself!"

~ Anita Faulkner

Inspirations

Here is a question for you: When is the last time someone challenged you to *Find Your Awesome*? It happened for me last Thursday night, May 9, at the Partnership's annual Night of the Stars event. The theme for the event was *Find Your Awesome*, and the keynote speaker, Anita Faulkner, raised the roof when she talked to us about the Three A's of Awesome, which are attitude, awareness, and authenticity. While each is a critical ingredient, I've found myself thinking intently since Ms. Faulkner's presentation about how authenticity, in my eyes, is so very important for our organization.

Being authentic in our work, in our relationships, and in our earnestness to do the best we can for our children, families, and community bridges those divides where we can't possibly have all the answers or resources. Authenticity makes us relatable as people. It makes us trustworthy.

Each day at work, I see authenticity all around me – in our staff, in our Board of



Directors, in our volunteers and donors, in our early educators and other service providers, and certainly in the parents, grandparents, and caregivers who are seeking to set their children or grandchildren on a path for educational success and self-sufficiency. And the children – my goodness! The children are absolutely, wonderfully authentic in their innocence, joy, and willingness to heap loads of love onto the people in their lives.

In Randolph County, our very real, very authentic, collective desire to help our children thrive is part of what makes us special. I salute our community for all you do for our young children and their families, and I thank you for being truly awesome.

Lisa Hayworth
Executive Director

"The World Needs Your Awesome"

We found awesome at the 2019 Night of the Stars



Nearly 180 early childhood professionals from all over Randolph County attended the 16th Night of the Stars event, themed "Finding Your Awesome," in celebration of educational milestones. Nine were recognized for earning an Associate's Degree and five were recognized for earning a Bachelor's Degree. Including this year's event, recognition has now been given to teachers who have collectively earned five master's degrees, 34 bachelor's degrees and 153 associate degrees.



For earning an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education, we congratulate:

Ashley Agner, lead teacher at Randleman Enrichment Center

Jasmine Cox, teacher at Noah's Ark Playschool

Eva Lineberry, teacher at Shepherd's Way Day School

Laura Mendoza, lead teacher at Harmony Place

Virginia Morgan, lead teacher at Shepherd's Way Day School

Alyson Poole, assistant teacher at The Growing Place Child Care Center

Shahmaen Raja, assistant teacher at The Growing Place Child Care Center

Alicia Sanseverino, assistant teacher at Randleman Enrichment Center, and

Jennifer Spencer, director at We Care Child Development Center



For earning Bachelor's Degrees, we congratulate:

Emily Farr, assistant teacher at Connie Redding Head Start

Leslie King, lead teacher at The Growing Place Child Care Center

Liz McLeod, assistant NC Pre-K teacher at Randleman Enrichment Center

Mindy Poindexter, lead teacher at Connie Redding Head Start, and

Heather Semler, lead NC Pre-K teacher at Randleman Enrichment Center.

For earning the Rising Star Award, we congratulate:

Abbey Rogers, Eastern Randolph High School;

and

Ariana Ponce-Hernandez, Randleman High School



Keynote speaker Anita Faulkner, LPCS, owner and clinical director of Family Solutions, PLLC, reminded attendees, "The world needs your awesome. There are so many things to be happy about. You have accomplished great things this year both for yourself and for others, whether family, friends, co-workers or students."

Mindfulness in Early Education

Tuesday, May 21
Mindfulness: Be Right Here

6:30-8:30 p.m.
Archdale Library
10433 S. Main St., Archdale

This training explores the power of presence, introducing interactive ways to practice and teach mindfulness and calm to children.



Monday, June 10
Yoga for Early Educators

6-9 p.m.
Early Child Development Center
1738 N. Fayetteville St., Asheboro

Young children tend to love yoga -- and the benefits are far-reaching. Yoga can help increase mindfulness, emotional intelligence, impulse control, learning capacity and stress management skills. Learn how to incorporate yoga in your classroom.

A light dinner will be provided.

REGISTRATION FORM



The Basics Randolph

The Basics Randolph is a new initiative being rolled out by Randolph County's KidsReadyNC Team – a cross-organizational task force addressing the needs of children birth-3 in our county.

Thanks to funding support from Think Babes™ and our Randolph County Commissioners, our county is now part of The Basics Learning Network. We have tools for parents and providers who care for children birth-3. We are also working to create a support network in Randolph County for The Basics Randolph.

Why The Basics Randolph? More than 1 million neural connections are produced each second in the first three years of life. Nationally representative data show clear skill gaps by the second birthday. By enriching and nurturing babies in those first, critical years, we can positively impact development and future success in school and life.

[Visit The Basics Randolph Website](#)

For more information or to request The Basics Randolph posters in English and/or Spanish, contact us at 336-629-2128.

Strengthening Statewide Family Engagement

What is our task?

The Partnership was awarded a grant to facilitate the participation of Randolph County in the development of a statewide Family Engagement Framework for the birth-5 early care and education system.

How will it work?

Under this project, RPC will invite local parents and organizations to meet monthly between June and December, 2019. This family engagement coalition will assist in guiding a state-level coalition in the development of the Framework, while also moving forward family engagement goals of the Randolph KidsReadyNC Team.

What are our expectations?

We expect this process to be family driven, provide both family and parent perspectives, address equity issues in Randolph County, and move our local organizations toward, as well as shape the Family Engagement Framework as, opportunities to work with and through families in order to create strong early foundations and nurturing environments for children.

Who will participate?

For our local family engagement coalition, we are recruiting family representatives who have children age birth-5 from Archdale/Trinity, Asheboro, Liberty, Randleman, Ramseur/Franklinville, and Seagrove. We are also recruiting representatives from Head Start, Communities in Schools, Asheboro City Schools, Law Enforcement, the faith-based community, and health care.

The local family engagement coalition will operate as a committee, or implementation team, of the Randolph KidsReadyNC Team, which, in addition to Partnership staff members, includes representatives from child care; county government; city, county and charter schools; community college; Head Start; social services; early intervention; mental health; health care; health department; local libraries; and communities in schools.

What are our local goals?

- Establish our local group identity
- Conduct a landscape scan, including equity challenges
- Develop a set of core values
- Create messaging around core values
- Create local feedback loop through family surveys
- Document processes



Zootopia Project Work Exhibits

Toddlers and preschoolers across Randolph County spent months learning about animals through Zootopia Project work. Each class selected a zoo animal, learned all about it — which included a visit to the NC Zoo — and incorporated their projects into their daily activities.

Zootopia Project displays are on exhibit during the month of May at our local libraries. About 75 families participated in opening reception events, held earlier in the month.

Archdale Public Library

10433 S. Main St., Archdale

Asheboro Public Library

201 Worth St., Asheboro

Randleman Public Library

142 W. Academy St., Randleman



Penciled in

- **Thursday, May 23:** KidsReadyNC Team Meeting **4 p.m.**
- **Thursday, May 23:** Handwriting Without Tears **6 p.m.**
- **Monday, May 27:** Partnership offices CLOSED for Memorial Day
- **Tuesday, May 28:** Sustainability Committee Meeting **1 p.m.**
- **Thursday, May 30:** Local Family Engagement Coalition Meeting **11:30 a.m.**
- **Thursday, May 30:** Inspired Teachers **6:30 p.m.**
- **Thursday, June 20:** Community Foundation Meeting **noon**
- **Friday, June 21:** Board of Directors Meeting **8:15 a.m.**
- **Thursday, June 27:** KidsReadyNC Team Meeting **4 p.m.**



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diapers

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