



# Sidewalk Chalk

## Monthly e-newsletter

### OUR VISION

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

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"People who work together will win, whether it be against complex football defenses, or the problems of modern society."

—Vince Lombardi

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## COVID-19 Updates

As we all push through this pandemic together, we want to first update you on a few things that have been impacted by COVID-19 at Randolph Partnership for Children:

### OUR OFFICES

We are still closed to the public. Staff are primarily working from home. When staff do need to report to the office, we have a procedure in place that includes temperature checks, a questionnaire, face coverings, and frequent sanitation. When someone who is not a staff member must visit, we employ the same protocol.

### NC PRE-K

The uncertainty surrounding how public school will safely operate along with policies and procedures that are updated frequently for child care centers and homes means we do not yet know when NC Pre-K classes will start (likely in late August or early September) or what that will look like. We will provide frequent updates to ensure families and staff have the information they need to move forward. In the meantime, we have vacancies in our NC Pre-K classrooms that need to be filled. In addition to being able to download the application from our website, call our offices on Tuesday to complete applications over the phone, and our drive-through drop off each Tuesday from 4-6 p.m., parents can now also complete an NC Pre-K application online. Please share this resource with families who may have 4-year-olds eligible for NC Pre-K.



## VIRTUAL GALA FOR THE CHILDREN

Yes, we are still hosting our Gala for the Children: A Salute to Seuss! It's been moved to August 29 at 7 p.m. and will be live-streamed through our YouTube channel. You will be able to bid and donate in real time. And we'll be announcing our 2020 Volunteer of the Year nominees and winner during this fundraising and benefit auction event.

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If you have questions, concerns, ideas, or just want to chat, don't hesitate to reach out. We're in this together!

***Lisa Hayworth***  
Executive Director

**Are you or someone you know in need of child care?**

**Call **1-888-600-1685** for Emergency Child Care Referrals & Information**

## Special Announcement!



## Think Babies™ NC Micro Grant

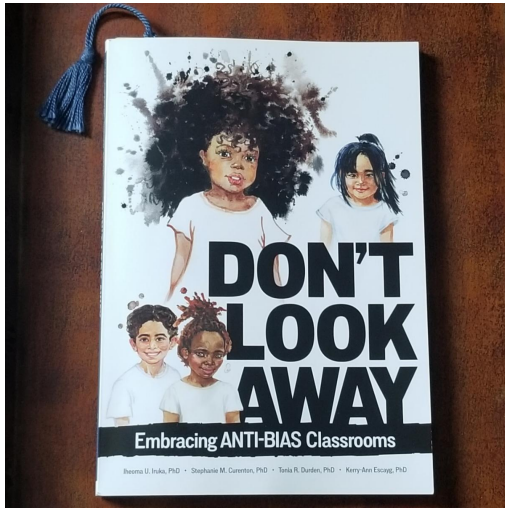


Randolph Partnership for Children (RPC) was recently notified that it was one of ten agencies selected to receive a Think Babies™ NC micro grant from the NC Early Education Coalition with support from ZERO TO THREE.

RPC's project was funded for \$2,000 to work with eight parents who currently have at least one infant or toddler in the home. The parents will work to identify issues and then articulate their concerns and ideas to at least five elected officials through a letter-writing campaign and follow-up.

RPC's intent is to help parents become more comfortable interacting with elected officials as well as voicing the concerns and issues that impact them, especially in regards to children birth to 3 years old. Through letter writing, follow-up calls, and virtual interaction, RPC hopes to not only build confidence and skills, but to also encourage participants to serve as an example and mentor among their peers.

# Don't Look Away



RPC staff members are currently reading *Don't Look Away: Embracing ANTI-BIAS Classrooms*. During weekly staff meetings, Executive Director Lisa Hayworth leads discussions using the book's reflection questions and activities.

The book was written to support program leaders, providers, teachers, and others in early care and education, who all play a pivotal role in ensuring all children have equal access to high quality learning, nurturing, and support.

Want to read along? Check it out on [AMAZON SMILE](#) (and if you order, be sure to select Randolph County Partnership for Children for your Amazon Smile donation)!



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## Present



Our 2020 Gala for the Children *A Salute to Seuss*, our annual fundraising auction and benefit, is planned for:

**Saturday, August 29 at 7 p.m. on YouTube**

*We're so very grateful for our growing list of sponsors!*

**We have two new Who's Who sponsors to announce:**

**Mrs. Adina Horner**

**Mr. Mark Allred Mass Mutual Carolinas**

# Penciled In

- The RPC office is closed to the public until further notice. Staff will still be working primarily from home during this time.
- NC PRE-K APPLICATION DRIVE-THROUGH DROP-OFF: 4-6 p.m., Tuesdays from July 14-August 11 at Randolph Partnership for Children, 349 Sunset Ave., Asheboro.
- NC PRE-K PHONE-IN APPLICATIONS: Noon-6 p.m. on Tuesdays from July 14-August 11. Call 336-629-2128.
- Essential agency board and committee meetings will be held virtually. Attendees will be notified with participation information. Contact [Lisa Hayworth](#) for an invitation to board meetings.
- The 2020 Gala for the Children A Salute to Seuss fundraising auction & benefit is planned for Saturday, August 29 at 7 p.m., live-streaming on YouTube
- For virtual professional development opportunities, visit our [TRAINING](#) page on the RandolphKids.org website.



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