



# 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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**—Sydney Madwed**

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## Inspirations

The Partnership jumped into the new year with gusto and an intentional eye towards our future as we engaging in a robust strategic planning process.

In this work with our board and staff, we are examining our strengths and weaknesses to see where we are today; and developing key strategic questions we must answer so that we can better prepare for our next few years.

We know our immediate future is filled with ample opportunity to make new and heightened impacts, and yet it is also filled with significant challenges. Building, growing, or adding any programmatic initiatives depends on the questions we pose for the future and how we answer those questions.



To this end, we sincerely invite you – our stakeholders – to add your thoughts

to our planning process. Our strategic planning facilitator, Nancy Hunter of NPH Consulting, LLC, has created a stakeholder survey, and this survey is currently open for input through Feb. 4. Survey responses are anonymous. Completing the survey takes only a few minutes, but will impact our work for years to come and the children and families we serve for generations. The link is provided below. *(Special Note to Board & Staff Members: you've received or will receive a separate link for internal stakeholders should you want to respond beyond what you shared during our strategic planning meetings.)*

Thank you in advance for helping the Partnership by adding your input.

**Lisa Hayworth**

Executive Director

[SURVEY LINK](#)

**Apply for NC Pre-K!**



## Are you ready to apply?

All Applications MUST include:

- ☒ Completed Application
- ☒ Proof of Birth
- ☒ Current Proof of Address
- ☒ Current Proof of Income
- ☒ Immunization Record

Applications accepted year round. Apply online, request a paper application, or pick one up from our office.

To be eligible your child must be four years old on or by August 31, 2022 and meet one of the following factors:

Family income is at or below 75% of the State Median Income (SMI).

or

Children of active duty military families.

or

Child diagnosed with a special need.



More information is available on our website:  
[www.RandolphKids.org](http://www.RandolphKids.org)

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2022-2023 Applications:

Online Application

NC Pre-K Application (English)



NC Pre-K Application (Spanish)

## Mirror Mirror

In a world of selfies and 30-seconds of viral fame, focusing on images of ourselves may seem self-indulgent. However, it's actually critical to healthy growth and meaningful relationships.

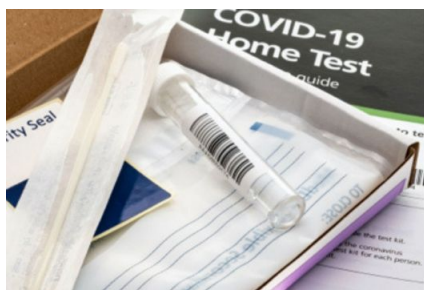
On January 13, Scarlet Welborn, our Professional Development & Infant/Toddler Specialist, talked with Fox 8 News' Cindy Farmer about the importance of self-identity in early childhood on the Mommy Matters segment.

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## Free Resources



NOTE: Image of tests is only representative.

Register to get your **FREE** at-home COVID-19 tests from



### COVID-19 Tests

The US Government is providing 4 free COVID-19 tests to households through the US Postal Service. Orders will begin shipping in late January.

REGISTER TO RECEIVE TESTS



## N95 Masks

Late next week, the US Government will begin shipping N95 masks to pharmacies and other health care partners, who will distribute up to 3 masks per person while supplies last.

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## Bright By Text

Parents and caregivers can now text CONNECT to 274448 to receive tips and activities based on their child's age. All information is based on the latest brain research to ensure parents and caregivers have the information they need at their fingertips to give their children a healthy, strong start in life.

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# Suspension & Expulsion Research

Researchers out of UNC Chapel Hill, in partnership with Smart Start, are conducting a study to better understand discipline in preschool among Black families. If your child has experienced discipline for their behavior in school, such as being suspended or expelled, they would love to hear your story. If you know of a family that has experienced this situation, please share this information with them. Please click on the INFORMATIONAL BROCHURE button to learn more about the study, participant compensation, and to see if you or they are eligible to participate.

[INFORMATIONAL BROCHURE](#)

# Penciled In

- **Wed., Jan. 26, Noon:** F2ECE Collaborative Kick-Off
- **Thurs., Jan. 27, 1 PM:** Sustainability Committee
- **Thurs., Jan. 27, 4 PM:** Randolph ChAMPS
- **Thurs., Feb. 10, 13:30 PM:** Professional



#### Development Committee

- **Tues., Feb. 15, 8:15 AM:** Board of Directors
- **Wed., Feb. 16, 11 AM:** Family Engagement & Leadership Coalition
- **Wed., Feb. 16, Noon:** Directors' Institute
- **Thurs., Feb. 24, 4 PM:** Randolph ChAMPS



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*Help us put kids first in  
Randolph County!*

#### Donate

new & gently used books  
new infant blankets  
diapers

#### Shop

We're connected with [Amazon Smile](#), so when you shop and select Randolph County Partnership for Children, you're helping to raise money for literacy programs, parent support, early childhood professional development and NC Pre-K right here in Randolph County!



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