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Sidewalk Chalk

OUR VISION

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

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"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time."

—John Lubbock

What Are The Basics?



If you've been a long-time subscriber to Sidewalk Chalk you probably already know a bit about The Basics. With our new subscribers and new format we thought it would be a good idea to go back to the beginning.

The Basics are five parenting and caregiving principles that encompass much of what experts find is important for children from birth to age 5. The five principles are short and easy to remember so caregivers can make the most of the time that they spend with their children.



Maximize Love, Manage Stress

Children thrive in environments that are safe, loving, and predictable. In a world where things are often new or chaotic, you can share your calm with them



Talk, Sing, and Point

Children learn language from birth. We as caregivers can support their learning by responding to their sounds, using a loving tone of voice, and pointing to the things we are talking about.



Count, Group, and Compare

Every child's brain is wired for math. Make talking about numbers, shapes, patterns, and comparisons a focus of your time together and watch your child learn to love math.



Explore Through Movement and Play

Children are like scientists who love making discoveries. Watch to see what interests your child, then encourage their curiosity and help them learn when they play and explore.



Read and Discuss Stories

Reading turns kids into confident thinkers. Make books a regular part of your relationship from the very beginning.

Visit [The Basics Randolph website](#)

Community Summer Events



It's summertime, and the living is busy! July is Parks and Recreation Month. Click the buttons below to see what's happening in your community. We've also included a link to the Heart of North Carolina Visitors Bureau Calendar.

Archdale Parks & Recreation

Asheboro Cultural & Recreational Services

Franklinville Community Links

Liberty Parks & Recreation

Ramseur Parks & Recreation

Randleman Parks & Recreation

Town of Seagrove Facebook

Heart of North Carolina Event Calendar

Community Resource Spotlight: Parents as Teachers



Parents as Teachers® *Affiliate*

Parents as Teachers (PAT) is an early childhood parent education and family support program, which also promotes and encourages early literacy. Personal home visits are at the heart of the Parents as Teachers program. Parent educators provide age-appropriate information, address parenting and caregiver needs and concerns, and engage the whole family in fun, nurturing activities. There are also group meetings for participating families; free developmental, health, vision and hearing screenings for the children; and connections to area resources that support parents and caregivers on their demanding journey as their children's first and most important teachers.

To be eligible for the program your child must be between the ages of birth and 4 years old or you must be an expecting mother. The program is offered at no cost to eligible families. If you would like more information or to sign up please contact one of the parent educators below.

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You can find more resources like this on our online family resource guide.

Visit Our Online Resource Guide

Meet Our Funded Partners!



The Randolph Partnership for Children is excited to announce our FY23-24 direct service providers! The Partnership works with and through community partners and families to ensure all children enter kindergarten healthy and ready to succeed in school and life. You can learn more about each program by clicking the link below.

[View Partners](#)

Into the Woods



As our fiscal year comes to a close we would like to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude and bid farewell to six remarkable individuals who have played a pivotal role in the success of the Randolph Partnership for Children. Tyler Wilhoit, Debi Lagueruela, Wayne Rowe, Susan Hayes, Chastity Glover, and Kent Beck are retiring from their positions on the Board of Directors, leaving behind a legacy of tireless dedication and invaluable contributions.

[See More Adventures](#)

Early Childhood Educator Training Opportunities



Challenging Behavior Series: The ABC's of IEP's

Preschool teachers have one of the most important jobs in the world and opportunities to truly shape the future. Understanding your role and responsibilities in relation to Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) for your students with unique developmental needs is critical for positive classroom management as well as student and teacher success.

[Click here for more information and to register.](#)



Tinker Time for School-Agers

Unleash the creative potential in your school-age classrooms through the concept of Tinkering. Provide hours of meaningful, self-directed, creative activities for school-age children by developing their Tinkering skills. Participants will explore 3 basic forms of tinkering in this very hands-on session. Come explore the many benefits to numerous low-budget tinkering opportunities that foster creative thinking, encourage inquiry and investigation, enhance teamwork and collaboration. Get your school-age children excited about coming to afterschool this Fall!

[Click here for more information and to register.](#)

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Hayworth Join RCC Board of Trustees



Randolph Community College inducted Randolph Partnership for Children's (RCP) Executive Director Lisa Hayworth into the Board of Trustees. Hayworth will represent the Randolph County School System, strengthening the partnership between the organizations.

On Thursday, July 20, 2023, the swearing-in ceremony took place at the beginning of the Randolph Community College Board of Trustees meeting. This appointment reflects Hayworth's leadership and dedication to supporting education in the community.

[Read the Press Release Here](#)

Staff Highlight

The past twelve months have been filled with change and growth, even among our staff. We've started a new blog series to help you get to know our staff and why they've chosen this important work.

Kim Radcliffe

Why early childhood? You could say it was in my blood.

I come from an early childhood background. When I was very young, my mother took a significant pay cut to leave her position as a shift manager at the local Dairy Queen. She did this so she could put her degree to use as a childcare center director. Her risk and hard work paid off as later she was promoted to Program Manager at a non-profit that focused on early care and education. After completing her master's degree, she became the department manager of the Early Childhood Education program at the local community

college. There she shared her knowledge and experience with the next generation of early educators, including myself.

[Read the Full Blog Here](#)

Annual Meeting Invitation



With our fiscal year having come to a close, we are inviting the community to join us for our Annual Breakfast Meeting. We invite you to celebrate with us as we induct new board directors, highlight impactful funded programs, and commemorate the successes of the past fiscal year. This gathering promises to inspire and unite us in our commitment to the well-being of our community's children. Together, we can make a lasting difference! RSVP by August 15.

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- **Thursday, July 27:** Office Closed for Staff Training
- **Monday, August 14, 12PM:** [NC Pre-K Committee Meeting](#)
- **Tuesday, August 22, 8AM:** [Annual Breakfast Meeting](#)



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Randolph County!*

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New & gently used books are used for placement in Little Free Libraries and given out at events.

Donations can be dropped off at the Partnership office at 349 Sunset Ave, Asheboro.



New infant blankets are given to families of newborns at Randolph Health Hospital.

Donations can be dropped off at the front desk at Randolph Health Hospital.

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