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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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"Dreams come a size too big so that we can grow into them."

—*Josie Bisset*

## The Basics Principles: Exploring the Magic of Talk, Sing, Point



As we step into a new month, we're excited to dive into the captivating world of Talk, Sing, Point. This principle holds the key to nurturing our children's early learning journey.

Your everyday conversations are more than just communication. They lay the foundation for language development and future communication skills. As you talk about objects, describe the world, and engage in conversations, you're providing your child with valuable building blocks for learning.

Singing isn't just joyful; it's a catalyst for cognitive development. Your songs and melodies create pathways to memory, rhythm, and creativity. Through singing, you're fostering connections that will last a lifetime.

Pointing at objects and naming them invites your child to explore their world with curiosity. This simple gesture encourages imagination and turns learning into an adventure.

Talk, Sing, Point isn't just about learning; it's about building a strong bond between you and your child. These shared experiences become treasured memories that shape your relationship.

To further explore the wonders of this principle, watch the video below.



Let's embark on this Talk, Sing, Point journey with eagerness and joy. As we engage our children through dialogue, melodies, and pointing adventures, we're setting the stage for exploration, discovery, and heartfelt connections.

These principles are stepping stones into the wonderful interactions between child and caregiver that strengthen their bonds. For more information about The Basics Randolph, please click below. If you would like to learn how your organization can help support The Basics Randolph please email [Kim Radcliffe](mailto:Kim.Radcliffe@thebasicsrandolph.org).

**[Visit The Basics Randolph website](https://thebasicsrandolph.org)**

## National Preparedness Month



September is National Preparedness Month, a time when we come together to make sure we're ready for the unexpected. Our children rely on us to keep them safe, and being prepared for emergencies is a big part of that promise.

**Why Is Preparedness Important?** Emergencies can strike at any time, whether they're natural disasters like hurricanes and floods, or other unexpected events. Being prepared ensures that your family can weather any storm, literally and figuratively.

#### **How Can You Get Involved?**

- **Create an Emergency Kit:** Stock up on essentials like water, canned food, flashlights, and a first aid kit. Involve your little ones by letting them choose a few comfort items to include.
- **Make a Plan:** Discuss meeting places and emergency contacts with your family. It's important for everyone, even young children, to know who to call and where to go.
- **Learn Together:** This is a great opportunity to teach kids about safety. There are numerous child-friendly resources that make learning about preparedness fun and engaging.
- **Community Support:** Check out local events or virtual workshops focused on emergency preparedness. Knowledge is power, and it's even more powerful when shared within a community.

**Activities for the Kiddos:** Why not make preparedness fun? Create a scavenger hunt where kids can find items for the emergency kit. Or turn your emergency plan into a fun story they can easily remember.

So, this September, let's make a family pact to be prepared. Because when it comes to keeping our most precious ones safe, there's no such thing as being too ready.

## **Community Resource Spotlight: Community Meals**

## Community Meals

### *Free Meals*

Archdale UMC  
(336) 431-7111

Cornerstone Church  
(336) 964-9183 or  
(336) 872-4037

First Methodist Church  
(336) 498-3802

Grays Chapel UMC  
(336) 842-2563

Hopewell UMC  
(336) 431-9507

Jordan Memorial UMC  
(336) 824-2252

Poplar Ridge Friends Church  
(336) 688-0686

Food does more than nourish the body; it also feeds the soul and brings communities together. This month, we want to put the spotlight on the incredible local churches around Randolph County offering community meals. These organizations provide a lifeline for those facing food insecurity, creating a space where neighbors can come together for a hot meal, no questions asked.

Interested in finding a meal location near you? Reach out to the churches above for more details on meal times and eligibility.

We strive to connect our community members with vital resources. Remember to check out the Family Resource Guide on the Randolph Partnership for Children's website for more valuable information and support.

[Visit Our Online Resource Guide](#)

## Family Survey 2023



Calling all Randolph County families with young children! Your voice matters, and we want to hear from you! At the Randolph County Partnership for Children, we are committed to positively impacting the lives of our community's youngest members. To do that effectively, we need your input. That's why we created our annual family survey.

This is your chance to share your thoughts, experiences, and valuable insights about the needs and priorities of your family. Your input will help us shape our future programs and services to better serve you and our community.

Take the survey online from the comfort of your home.

Your participation matters; together we can make a difference for our children and families. Let's make Randolph County an even better place for our little ones! Thank you for being a part of our community's growth and success. We can't wait to hear from you!

**Visit our website**

## School-Age Highlight



This month we are highlighting some of the fantastic School-Age experiences offered this summer by Trogon's Daycare!

[See More](#)

## Early Childhood Educator Training Opportunities

We're still updating our online training calendar. Watch our socials for when is live. Until then mark your calendars!

**10/3** Spark Joy and Wonder in Our Youngest Learners

**10/17** Speech and Language Delays

**10/24** An Evening at The Zoo

**10/27** Children First Early Educator Open House, Durham NC

## Successful Family Jam

Our recent 'Family Jam' event was a resounding success, touching the lives of Randolph County families in more ways than one. Beyond offering invaluable free resources from local organizations and engaging activities for the little ones, the event served as a serene oasis in our busy lives. Families not only connected with community support but also found the time to slow down, savor the moment, and deepen their bonds with their children and each other. The joy and connection experienced were palpable, proving that sometimes, the greatest resource of all is the gift of quality time spent with loved ones.



Families were able to enter into a drawing for tablets and three winners were chosen. Congratulations to the winners!



We look to hold our next family jam some time in the spring so keep a look out for that!

## Good News!

This month has provided us with many reasons to celebrate. From opportunities to share information about Resilience at a documentary screening, to opening our doors for our first Family Jam, to outreach events where we were able to connect with families and provide them with resources and books, we've been able to connect with families and community partners.



But that was not the only reason to be joyful this month. We had the very good fortune to receive a \$10,000 donation from an anonymous donor. It is often through donations to the Partnership that we are able to create or expand programs. These monies allow us to provide more support in the community, such as the Susan Harris Helsabeck Scholarship for Early Childhood Educators. The Partnership staff would like to sincerely thank our anonymous benefactor for believing so strongly in our mission.



Our good fortune continued to hold out as we were informed that we would be receiving a \$3,000 grant from The Nora Roberts Foundation. In 2001 Nora Roberts, the best-selling author, created the Nora Roberts Foundation to support for organizations promoting and encouraging literacy, children, the arts and humanitarian efforts. The funds from this grant will go to help support Books for Babies, a program that provides a canvas tote filled with early literacy items, parent support tools, board books, and a blanket (when available) to each family upon the arrival of their newborn at Randolph Health. This additional funding will help the Partnership cover the rising costs of the bags, books, and other items as well as include additional materials in the bags.

Needless to say, we have definitely been counting our blessings this month.



## Upcoming Events & Opportunities

Here is a list of events where you can catch up with Partnership Staff as well as opportunities to get involved.

- 9/30 - [Nascar Day Festival](#)
- 10/7 - [Asheboro Fall Festival](#)
- 10/16 - [Lunch & Learn: In Plain Sight](#)
- 10/28 - [Randolph Sheriff's Office Trunk or Treat](#)
- 10/29 - Dia de los Muertos at Bicentennial Park - More info to come
- 11/3 - [Business Before Hours](#)



11/15 - [Lunch & Learn: Fostering and Supporting Foster Families](#)

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# Penciled In

- **Monday, October 23, 12PM:** NC Pre-K Committee
- **Tuesday, October 24, 8:15AM:** Board of Directors Meeting
- **Thursday, October 26, 4PM:** ChAMPS Meeting



[Visit our Calendar](#)

*Help us put kids first in Randolph County!*

**Donate**



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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