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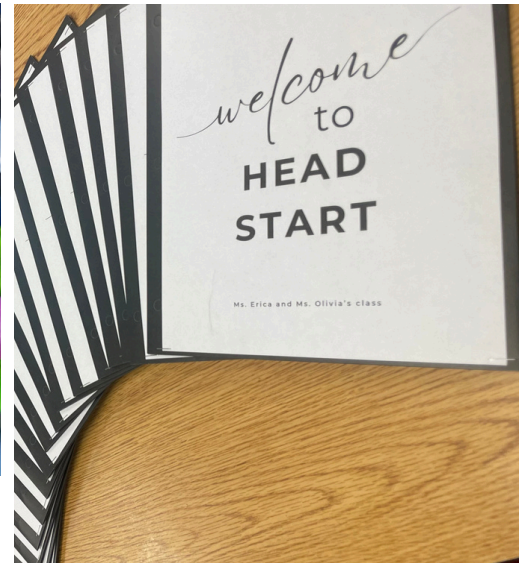
TCC WELCOMES CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL!

September 2024

Early Head Start classes commenced in July! We welcomed infants and toddlers back into the centers with open arms! Head Start began in September. Preschoolers are ready to learn! Both programs featured in-person open houses for families to attend.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Early Head Start & Head Start





EARLY INTERVENTION LOVES TO PLAY!

JUNE 2024

The Early Intervention team formed a new play group for parents and children in the program meeting twice monthly. Children ages 18-36 months benefit from socialization, routine, and classroom activities that promote development. Children get the opportunity to engage in free play, music circle, crafts, snacks, and outdoor activities. Parents stay with their children and often their EI therapist will visit and incorporate a therapy session right into play. Parents are loving the group and are able to connect with other parents who have similar experiences navigating life. Thanks to Franklin Southampton Charities for increasing services to children in the community.





TEACHERS WORK THEIR BRAINS!

JUNE 2024

On June 20, Early Head Start teachers participated in a great training from our partners at the Training & Technical Assistance Center (TTAC) at Old Dominion University. Staff played the Brain Architecture game and were introduced to the Brain State Model from Conscious Discipline. It was a fun day of learning!





POLICY COUNCIL STARTS A NEW CHAPTER

JULY 2024

Thank you to the 2023-2024 Policy Council Members! You are an inspiration to us, and we appreciate your dedication to the program! Our Policy Council members are made up of 51% Parents and 49% Community Members. They make decisions on program direction and give a voice to our most valuable asset, our families!

We are looking for 2024-2025 Policy Council members now & holding elections! Families are always welcome to join us, via zoom at 11am on the last Tuesday of the month. Meetings are typically less than 2 hours and members get the opportunity to vote and decide the direction of the program! Contact Amanda Daugherty at adaugherty@childrenscenterva.com or your family advocate/home visitor if you are interested and we can provide you with more information! We would love to have you join us!

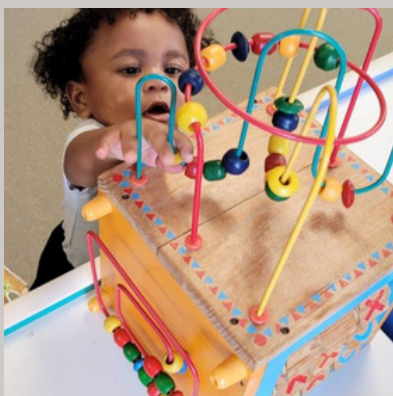
Pictured from left to right: Kym Pool, Janet Owen, Laurie Phillips, Gina Martinez, Tamie Rittenhouse, Rosalind Cutchins, Tameka Lawrence (Chair), Amanda Daugherty, Ethel Obeng (Vice Chair)



IN THE *Classroom*



All classrooms are implementing the STREAMin3 curriculum and children are enjoying the interactive activities! This curriculum is funded by the Obici Healthcare Foundation and the Virginia Department of Education.



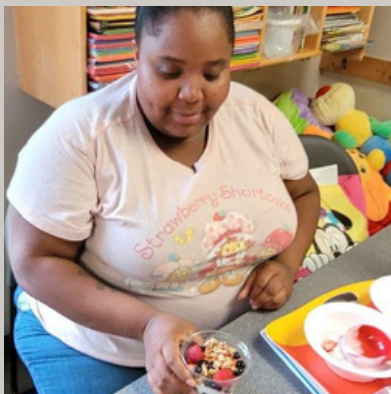
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PACT *Events*



Our home-based families have enjoyed summer meetings! Home Visitors educated families on summer safety, making nutritious snacks and meals, and more!



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BETTER TOGETHER

The latest community partnership news!



VOTES MATTER!

Thank you to the volunteers that came to help our families register to vote!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Thanks to the Family Services team for representing us at Suffolk's National Night Out in August!



THANK YOU!

A grateful thank you to Ebenezer United Methodist Church for donating over 180 pairs of much needed underwear to children in our programs!



DONOR RECOGNITION

June 1, 2024 - August 31, 2024

We embrace the community as our partner in serving children. Donations help make our programs stronger. The Children's Center extends many thanks to the good friends who have made donations between January 1, 2024 - May 31, 2024. You can donate online at www.childrenscenterva.com/donate.

In Memory

Mrs. Juanita Alphin

Lynda Updike

Warren Bridges

Owen & Ann Gillette

Mary Denson Coburn

Owen & Ann Gillette

Stephen A. Drake & Abbi Drake

Joe & Linda Drake

Pastor Ralphel Elliott

Charlotte Whitley

Robin Cobb Ellis

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In Honor

700 Staff - Take a break!

Marti Clark

Rosalind Cutchins

Bob Holt

Obici Healthcare Foundation

Lynn Rabil

Obici Healthcare Foundation

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HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Donate!

You can donate directly to the Children's Center through our website www.childrenscenterva.com, or by mail at 700 Campbell Avenue, Franklin, VA 23851. Your donation can be made in memory or honor of a loved one or friend and designated to a particular building or program. Have you considered a continuing monthly donation by credit card? Click on the DONATE button at the top of our website! When you pay through PayPal you have the option to make your payment recurring!

In Kind Gifts

We accept In-kind gifts including classroom supplies and materials. We accept classroom art supplies, educational toys, recreational toys, and other general supplies. You can donate these items to any center!

Planned Giving

You can make an impact on children for many years to come through planned giving. Planned gifts also give back and can help you prepare for your future. This allows you to take a sizeable tax deduction, and provide favorable capital gains tax treatment. Planned giving allows you to leave a legacy that fits your philanthropic goals.

Follow Us!

The Children's Center is on Facebook and Instagram! Follow us on both so you never miss an update or photo! Sharing our page, including our posts and photos, can help us reach more people and carry out our mission every day!

Amazon Wish Lists

Do you shop on Amazon? Our teachers have wish lists on Amazon! You can help supply our classrooms with needed items! Visit our website to learn more and get the links for each center!

Rite Aid Kid Cents

The Children's Center is part of the Rite Aid Kid Cents program! You can round up your change when you make a purchase at any Rite Aid in the country and designate it to The Children's Center. Go to www.kidscents.com for more details!

NAP Tax Credits

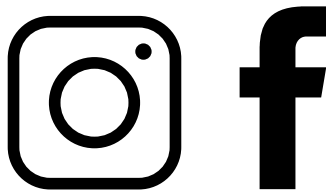
The Virginia Neighborhood Assistance Program provides tax incentives for individuals who donate \$500 or more to The Children's Center in a 6 month period.

The Children's Center



The Children's Center is a partner with United Way South Hampton Roads and United Way Franklin Southampton Area. You can designate your United Way or Combined Virginia Campaign to us at Agency #5076!

***Commonwealth of Virginia campaign
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our efforts to nurture and
educate children and families!***

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