



## Hope for Children and Families News from Onslow County

Welcome to the April edition of our newsletter! Each month, you'll find information about One Place programs and services, early care and education, and more.

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### Child Abuse Prevention Month

The month of April is dedicated to raising awareness of what is needed to help children reach their full potential and prevent child abuse and neglect from ever occurring.

At One Place, all of our programs and services are designed as a preventative approach to child abuse. From helping families connect with safe, trustworthy child care programs to giving children and parents the tools they need to thrive, we seek to protect every child in our community.

The One Place team, board members, and our Safe Kids Onslow coalition gathered in support of Wear Blue Day on April 4th to show our commitment to strengthening all families and nurturing positive childhoods for every child in Onslow County.

Primary prevention of child abuse and neglect begins with the creation of supportive communities and supporting all families before any abuse or neglect ever happens to help all children thrive. [Click here](#) to learn more about our work in child abuse prevention and intervention.



## Legislative Day

Members of the One Place team participated in a recent NC Legislative Day to advocate for services and support for victims of child abuse and neglect.

Engaging with key people who can amplify our voice is a critical piece of supporting the children and families of North Carolina.

*"We had the honor of catching up with our representatives over lunch--leaders that continue to support our mission at both the local, state, and federal levels. Members from across the state, representing The [Children's Advocacy Centers of North Carolina](#), came*



*to advocate alongside and encourage state legislators to continue to support laws & funding for CAC's." -Justin Hefner, Coordinator of Partner Relations at One Place*



## Multi-Disciplinary Team

At the heart of the One Place Child Advocacy Center's commitment to protect and serve victims of child abuse is our Multidisciplinary Team (MDT).

This group of investigators, child advocates, and other experts comprises representatives from every law-enforcement agency in Onslow County and members involved in prosecution, mental health, child advocacy, medicine, child-protective services, and other disciplines.

The MDT responds quickly to concerns of child abuse and determines the best response for the child and family. The collaboration with the CAC reduces the number of times a child has to speak about their abuse, helps families access services, and encourages safety and healing for children and families.

We are so thankful for the members of our MDT. From protecting children and promoting successful legal intervention to ensuring the availability of appropriate follow-on services and reducing trauma to children, we couldn't do the work without them.

So this month (Child Abuse Prevention Month) and every other month of the year, we say THANK YOU for the valuable role you all play in child abuse prevention and intervention in our community.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the MDT.



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## Month of the Military child

Each April, we celebrate the courage and tenacity of our military families and children in Onslow County. Our community is home to approximately 10,000 children whose parents serve in the military stationed aboard Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station New River, and we are proud to serve them through programs and services at One Place. We offer several key resources for military families and children:

### [Military Resources for Children and Families in Onslow County](#)

Providing support for military children is a top priority for One Place. We offer resources for military families, deployment, and children's mental health.



### Military Family Resource Roundup

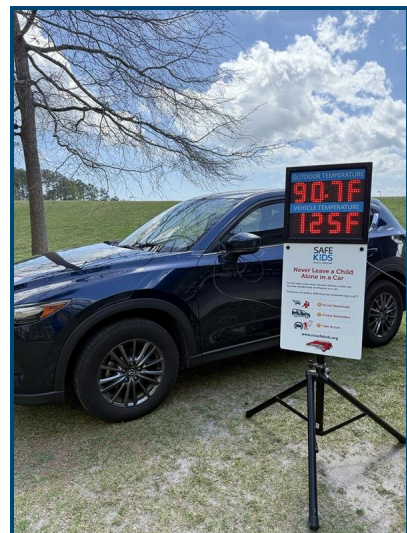
Military children face a distinct set of challenges—like frequent moves and family transitions associated with deployment. To support these difficult situations, One Place provides useful resources to assist families.



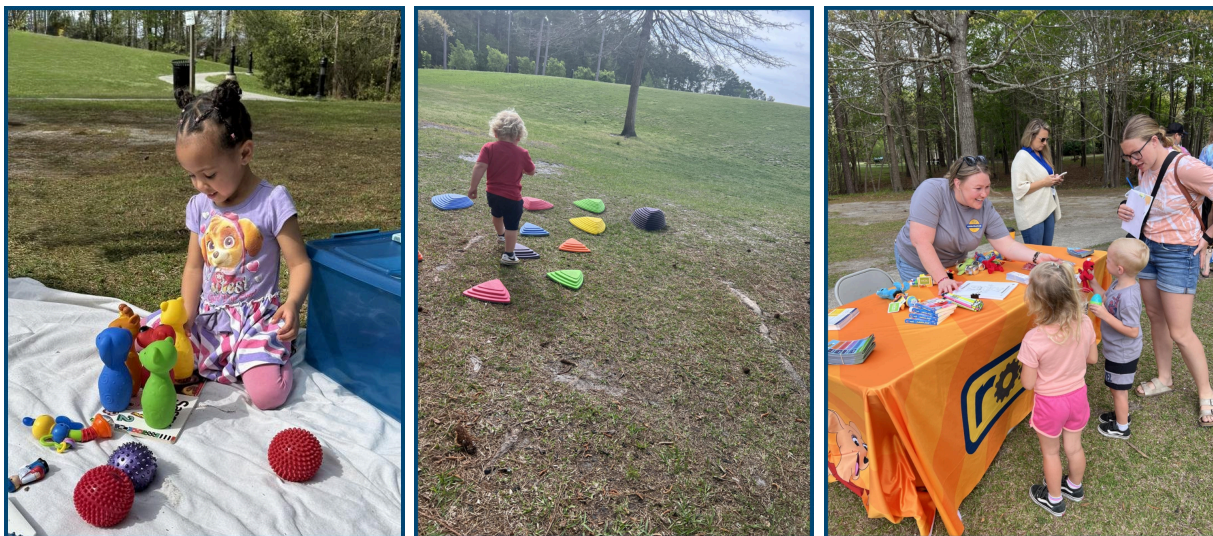
*\*\*One Place staff Purpled Up in support of military children*

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## Week of the Young Child







From April 5th-11th, we celebrated **Week of the Young Child** alongside some amazing community partners. Week of the Young Child is sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

*"Week of the Young Child is a celebration of our youngest learners, their limitless potential and the incredible people who nurture them," said Bethany Esau, One Place child care resource and referral coordinator. "It's a powerful reminder that investing in early childhood builds a stronger foundation for success and a brighter future for all."*

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## Blogs

In case you missed the blogs we shared on social media this month, check them out:

- [Ending Child Abuse and Neglect: Blog Roundup](#)
- [Week of the Young Child: Family Friday](#)
- [Military Family Blog Roundup](#)

## One Place in the News

- [Week of the Young Child Events Planned](#)
- [One Place Hosts Community Service Day](#)
- [Sneads Ferry Rotary Works to Raise \\$1M Child Endowment](#)
- [Letter to the Editor: Celebrate Families with Strength and Hope](#)
- [Safe Kids: Dangers of Child Heat Stroke Deaths in Hot Cars](#)

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