



Hope for Children and Families News from Onslow County

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

Don't forget to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#) for photos and updates about what's happening at One Place.

Preschool Applications Accepted Year-Round

Did you know? You can submit an application for our preschool programs year-round? Apply online today for the 25-26 school year for Early Head Start, Three School, or NC Pre-K. [\[Click here to apply\]](#)

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EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

Now Accepting Applications | 25-26 School Year
Early Head Start • Three School • Head Start • NC Pre-K

One Place

📍 900 Dennis Rd., Jacksonville
📞 910-938-0336
🌐 www.oneplaceonslow.org/earlychildhood

Thompson Early Childhood Center

Preschool Office

📍 440 College St., Jacksonville
📞 910-455-5530
🌐 www.onslow.k12.nc.us/prekapply

Who should apply? Children aged birth through 5
NO COST to eligible families



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Help shape our programs and services

If you've visited our website, follow us on social media, or have interacted with One Place anywhere else during the past year, we'd love to hear from you!

We're conducting a brief survey and we're looking for your honest feedback to help understand our impact and improve our programs and services.

Give Us Your Feedback

Stop the Summer Slide

Did you know children need an average of four to six weeks of "re-teaching" to learn the material they forget over the summer?

Learn about how you can help prevent the "summer slide" in our post:

<https://www.oneplaceonslow.org/blog/the-summer-slide/>

Want to help families in our community prevent the summer slide? Drop off your gently-loved books (for all ages!) at our drop box to help keep Little Free Libraries throughout the county filled with books. The [Little Free Libraries in Onslow County](#) help ensure everyone has access to books and help improve literacy rates for all. The drop box is located outside our office at 900 Dennis Road in Jacksonville and is available 24-7/365!

PREVENT THE SUMMER SLIDE
READING OVER THE SUMMER ENCOURAGES STUDENT SUCCESS IN THE FALL!

6 IDEAS FOR SUMMER READING WITH CHILDREN

1. Read with your child every day. It all adds up!
2. Talk with your child. Ask questions. Listen to the answers.
3. Borrow a book from a Little Free Library. Take a book. Leave a book.
4. Visit local Story Walk at the Parks. Get some fresh air, physical activity, and book time in the great outdoors. Story Walks are available at the following county parks: Onslow Pines Park, Hubert By-Pass Park, Deppe Park, Steed Park, and Stump Sound Park.
5. Get your very own library card and check out all types of books.
6. Register for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library! FREE books for all children under 5! Text 'BOOKS' to 910-333-0608 or visit www.oneplaceonslow.org/dpil

DID YOU KNOW?

Children who read 4-6 books during the summer can prevent declines in their fall reading scores.

Children need on average 4-6 weeks of "re-teaching" to learn the material they forget over the summer.

Children who read during the summer enter the school year with a more positive attitude toward reading, more confident about reading, and believe reading to be important.



Join us for an unforgettable evening at **Diamonds & Denim**, our signature event celebrating community, connection, and impact.

Sponsorship opportunities are available now— support local children and families and create a stronger future for everyone who calls Onslow County home.

[Click Here to Reserve Your Sponsorship Today.](#)

Blogs

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

- [4 Steps to Make a Family Preparedness Plan](#)
- [Unpacking Early Learning & Neurological Development](#)
- [The Summer Slide](#)

One Place in the News

- [Rotary Club of Ending Child Abuse Opens New Little Free Library to Provide Books to Children](#)