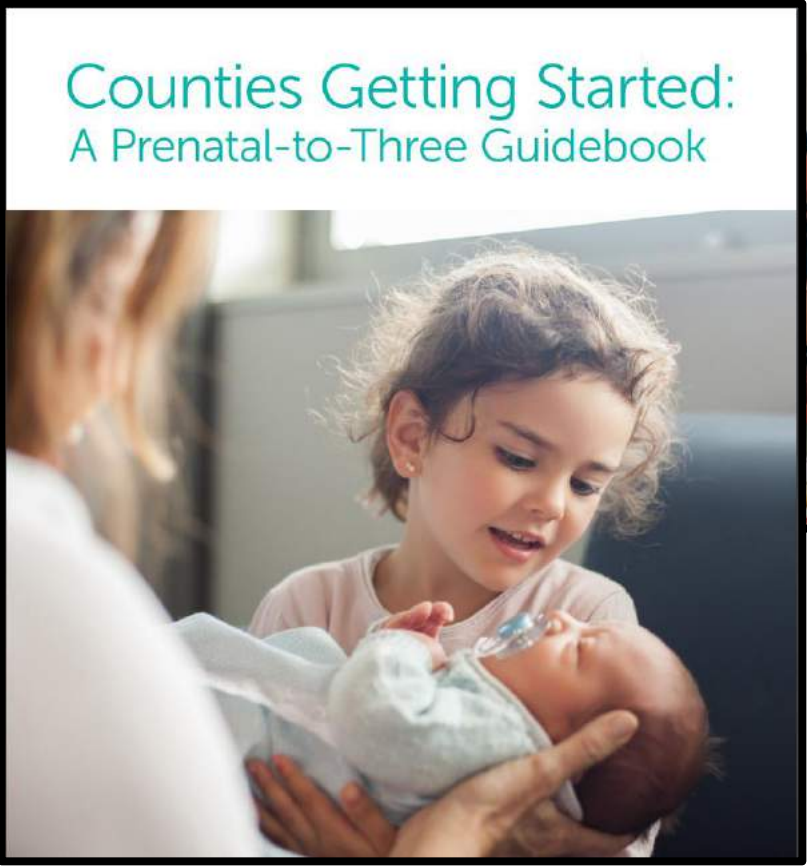
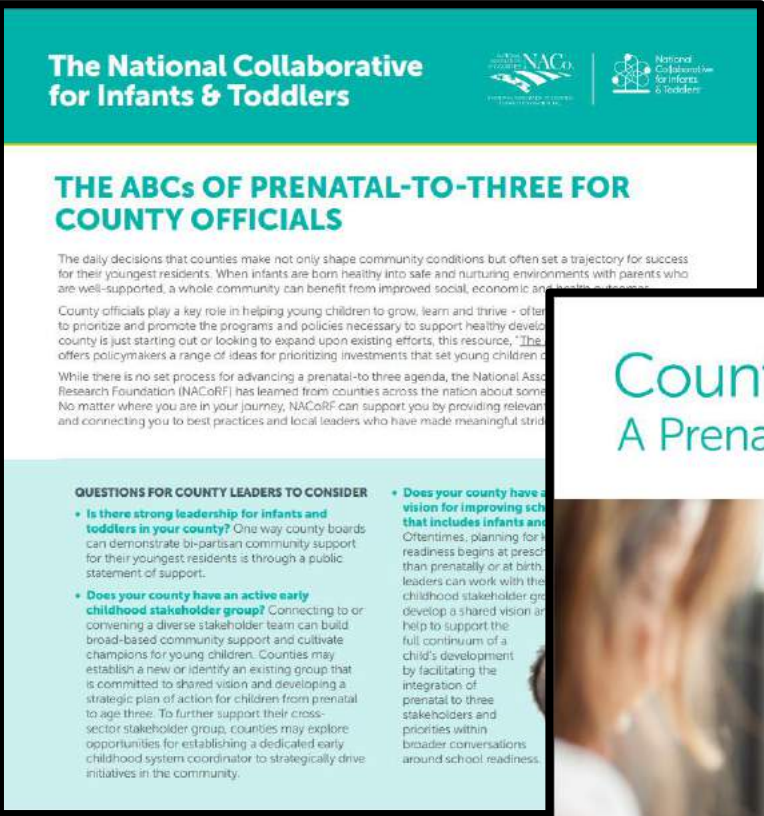


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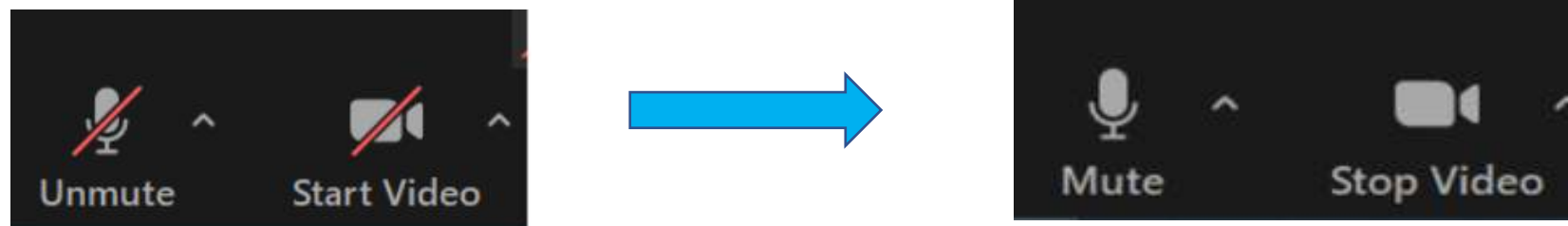


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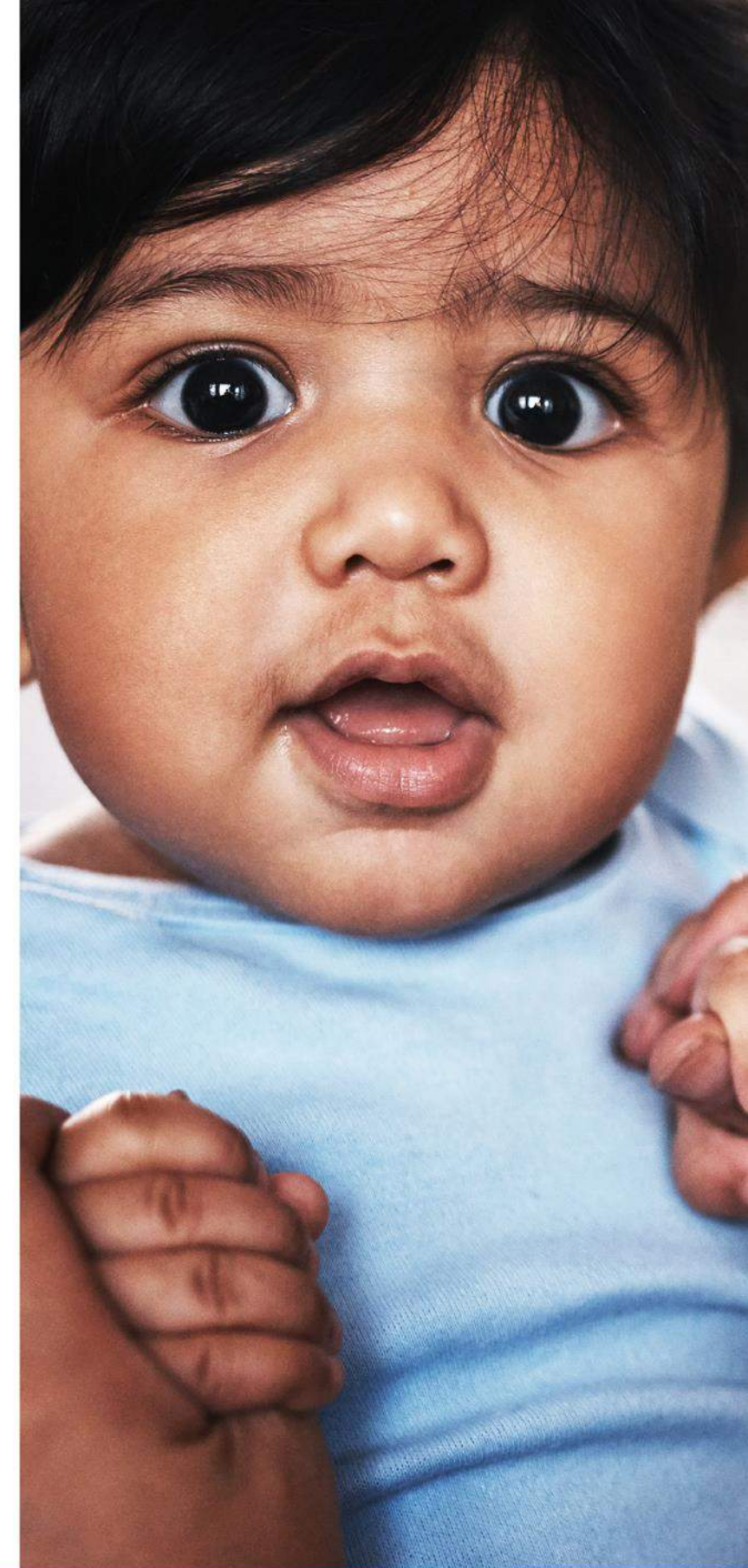
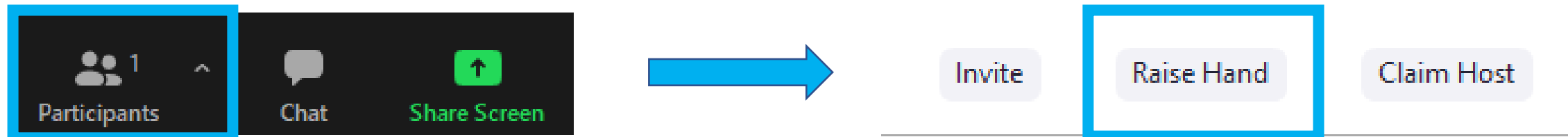
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Agenda

Early Childhood Rural Peer Learning Network: Improving Children and Families' Access to Services during COVID-19

- Welcome
- County Speaker – Crystal Kelly, Watauga County, N.C. (20 minutes)
- Questions & Interactive Discussion (30 minutes)
- Conclusion







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Population: 53,421

Elevate Watauga

Building for Tomorrow.
Today.



Watauga County Passes Resolution to Increase Investments in PN-3



COVID-19 and Early Childhood

- Child care deemed an essential service and allowed to stay open with increased health and safety considerations.
- Financial support for child care industry overall through CARES Act Funding.
- All professional development for child care centers switched to virtual.
- All home visiting and parent support programs switched to telehealth services.
- Increased awareness of concrete needs of families at local and state level.
- Level funding in local Watauga County allocation for Early Childhood initiatives.
- Delay in launching the Early Childhood Education and Development Fund.

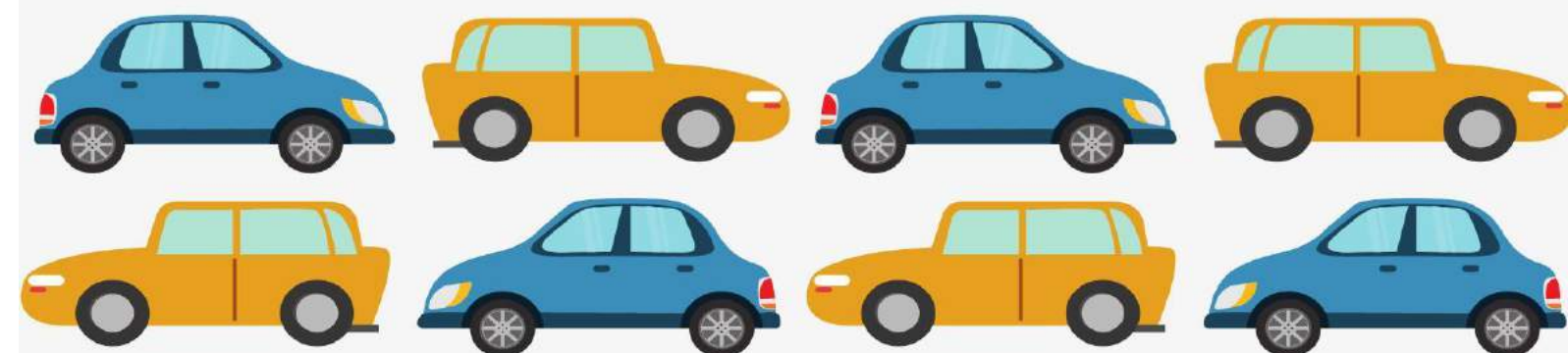


Pivoted onsite child care to Outdoor Learning Center model





THE CHILDREN'S COUNCIL IS...



Hitting the Road!

We are here to support everyone taking care of young children in our community. We will be traveling to various parts of Watauga County in the coming months. Here is our schedule so that you can plan to come see us close to home!

FREE: Activity kits for each stage of development, Diapers, Formula, Parenting Information, Current Resource information, Freebies!!!!

SCHEDULE:

October 1, 2020

Cornerstone Summit Church
1100 E King St, Boone, NC 28607

October 8, 2020

Old Cove Creek School
Dale Adams Rd, Sugar Grove, NC 28679

October 15, 2020

Cornerstone Summit Church
1100 E King St, Boone, NC 28607

October 22, 2020

Trinity Baptist Church
7186 Old US 421 S, Deep Gap, NC 28618.

October 29, 2020

Old Cove Creek School
Dale Adams Rd, Sugar Grove, NC 28679



****All event times are 10:00 am to 2:00pm ****



Van outreach program
to bring resources to the
families through
partnerships with local
churches, community
agencies, and schools in
the county.





Diaper bank co-located with Health and Hunger Coalition gives out free diapers, wipes and formulas to Watauga County families.

A large, light blue puzzle piece is the central focus, set against a vibrant yellow background. The puzzle piece is surrounded by other pieces, some of which are partially visible at the edges of the frame. The lighting creates soft shadows, giving the pieces a three-dimensional appearance.

Key Takeaways

Strong **community** partnerships

Financial support

Social emotional **support**

Innovative programming

Active **volunteer** base

Flexibility to respond

Thank You!

The National Collaborative for Infants & Toddlers (NCIT)

Funded through the Pritzker Children's Initiative, NCIT brings together national partners, early childhood leaders, philanthropy, policymakers and practitioners inside and outside state and local government to create and strengthen promising policies and programs, and share what works, so that more states and communities can support the healthy development of our youngest children.

The Children's Council of Watauga County

Established in 1977, the Children's Council builds upon the strengths of children, families, and educators by investing resources, information, and training towards our greatest community asset: Our Children. We work to build a strong foundation for children's learning and development by strengthening families, the early childhood system, and the wider community.

Have questions?

To learn more about NCIT and start working on prenatal-to-three programs and policies in your state or community, please contact: crystal@thechildrenscouncil.org or visit www.theNCIT.org

Discussion Questions

- How is your county engaging stakeholders and partners?
- Is your county experiencing any budget challenges due to COVID-19?
- What other models have you been using to best meet children and families' needs in your county?
- How are you connecting families with limited broadband access to services?
- Are you leveraging telehealth and other tech approaches to connect hard to reach families with vital services?



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