



February 2019

- 2/4-8** Family Science Week
- 2/13** Wellness/ IMIL for Families at CDN
- 2/13** Early release at noon for non collaboration Centers
- 2/18** Agency Holiday
- 2/19** Policy Council
- 2/22** Teacher Work Day
- 2/25-3/1** TM Intersession
- 2/28** Board of Directors

Welcome

SAFETY AND INJURY PREVENTION

Safety and Injury Prevention for Young Children Is:

- ◆ Making sure children have safe places to grow and learn
- ◆ Teaching children what to do to be safe

Why Is It Important?

Children Like to Explore But Need:

- ◆ Adults who watch and listen so they can prevent an injury before it happens
- ◆ Opportunities to practice new skills safely

When Children Are Safe, They Are More Likely To:

- ◆ Be injury-free
- ◆ Focus on learning
- ◆ Explore new situations with confidence

Things You Can Do to Help Your Child

At Home:

- ◆ Keep all medicine, cleaning and harmful products away from children.
- ◆ Use cabinet locks and electrical socket covers.

Outside:

- ◆ Use sunscreen.
- ◆ Teach your child to stay out of the street.

Water Safety

- ◆ Know that a child can drown in any amount of water that covers his mouth and nose.
- ◆ Always stay within arm's reach of your child if he is in or near water.
- ◆ Learn to swim, and take your child to professionally supervised swim lessons.

Car and Truck Safety

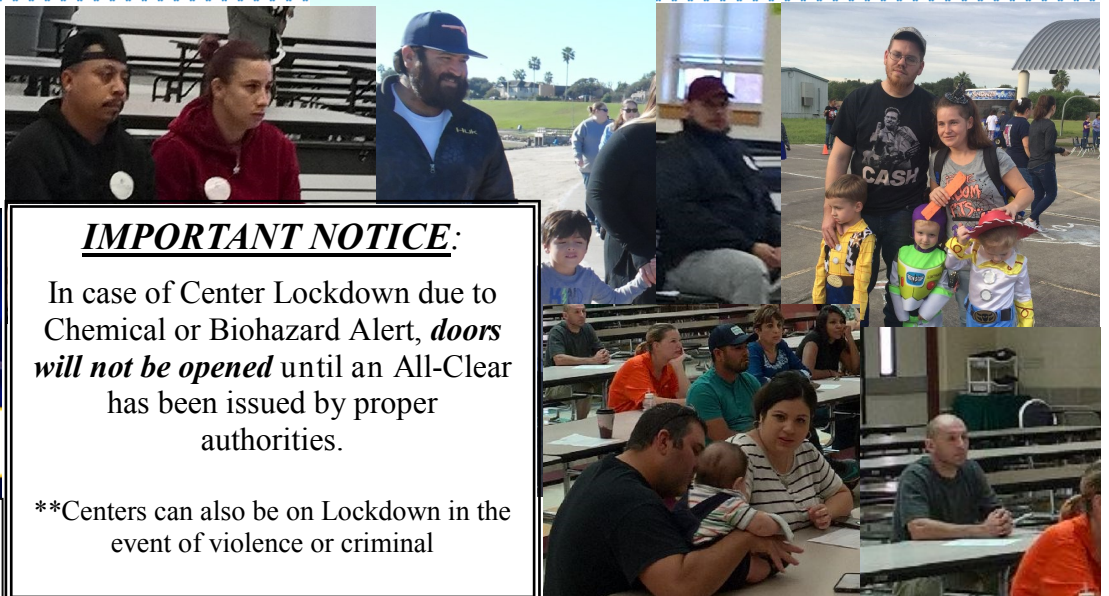
- ◆ Choose a car seat that is right for your child's age, height and weight.
- ◆ Choose a seat that fits in your car or truck and use it all the time.
- ◆ Ask your Head Start staff where you can go in your community to learn how to install your child's car seat safely.

For more information visit: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/safety-injury-prevention-family-tips.pdf>

F.A.I.T.H.ful Dads

(Fathers Actively Involved Through Head Start)

Engaged fathers—whether they live with their children or not—contribute to the well-being of their children, their families, and their communities (*Head Start Father Engagement Birth- to -Five Programming Guide*). NCCAA Birth-to-Five Head Start is grateful for all the dads, grandpas uncles, stepdads, etc. that participate in our Program!!!



IMPORTANT NOTICE:

In case of Center Lockdown due to Chemical or Biohazard Alert, **doors will not be opened** until an All-Clear has been issued by proper authorities.

****Centers can also be on Lockdown in the event of violence or criminal**

TELL EVERYONE

NUECES COUNTY
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ACCEPTING
APPLICATIONS

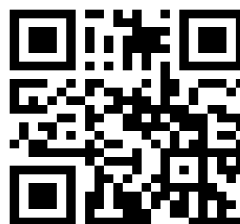
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upcoming events, important
information about Head Start,
volunteer opportunities,
community resources, etc.

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Mission Statement:

NCCAA works with partners to apply comprehensive strategies to eliminate the causes of poverty for people of Nueces County.

Declaración de nuestra Misión:

NCCAA trabaja en colaboración con otras agencias en la comunidad para implementar estrategias y eliminar las causas de pobreza entre la población del Condado Nueces.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

Free Income Tax Prep

Trained and tested by IRS-certified instructors, VITA volunteers provide FREE income tax filing services for low- to moderate-income individuals and families. This helps taxpayers avoid fees and receive assistance obtaining all applicable tax credits. VITA's goal is to get as much as possible back into the local economy. Taxpayers are encouraged to use the IRS's withholding calculator to see how the new tax reform law will affect income tax returns in the 2019 season as the amount received is likely to change.

VITA SERVICE INFORMATION

Please note: Income tax returns will be different than previous years for many taxpayers due to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. This created a change to the amount withheld from each paycheck, which means a change to the amount returned in 2019. Taxpayers are encouraged to visit the IRS website for a full explanation on what to expect.

VITA Service FAQs

The IRS will not accept tax returns until January 29, 2019; however, returns can be completed before January 29th and will be held for e-filing until January 29th.

Tax returns claiming Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and/or Additional Child Tax Credit (CTC) will not be accepted by the IRS before February 15, 2019. The IRS anticipates that the earliest refunds from these returns will be available on February 28, 2019.

VITA sites won't prepare any prior year tax returns until March 11, 2019. Current year returns will be prepared prior to this date, but any returns for years 2017 and earlier will not be prepared prior to March 11th.

For more information on documents needed and locations in Nueces County visit:
<http://www.goodwillsouthtexas.com/2019-vita-site-locations-in-the-coastal-bend/>
<http://www.uwcb.org/vita>

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT AND SCHOOL READINESS HIGHLIGHTS

IMIL, Parent Meetings, Christmas Celebrations, PTA meetings, Café Mañanero, etc.!!!

Families worked together on a lot of projects and participated in a variety of events throughout the Agency. From Early Head Start to Head Start, children and their parents learned and had fun at the same time .



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NCCAA's Community Services

NCCAA's Community Services Department offers a variety of programs, such as, Weatherization, Utility Assistance, Housing and Information and Referral. For more information on these programs please call our offices:

- ◆ Corpus Christi: Community Action Service Center 361-882-4193
- ◆ Robstown: NCCAA Rural Service Center 361-387-1527

