

Newsletter

March 2026



2026 is already flying by, and exciting things are happening! Read on to get a snapshot of what's going on at the Children's Council.



Stories that Soar!

Our Adolescent Parenting Program (APP) is one that we are very passionate about. Any parent can tell you that, no matter your circumstances, having a new baby comes with numerous challenges. For teenage parents, these challenges can often overwhelm them, leading to dropping out of school as well as other unfavorable outcomes. Our goal is to work one-on-one with each teen parent to ensure that they obtain a diploma, identify sustainable housing and find gainful employment that sets them up to be successful and supported parents to their precious children. We all need support in parenthood and we are proud to help local youth find their parenting village



Staff Spotlight - Renee

Those who know her will tell you what a calm presence Renee brings to a room. She is a steady and encouraging force in the lives of many local families as well as her teammates. Renee has been part of The Children's Council since 2016, supporting families through the Parents As Teachers and Adolescent Parenting Program. With a background in Psychology from Appalachian State, she is passionate about child development, prenatal and postnatal support, and gentle parenting. Outside of work, Renee enjoys cooking, hiking, camping, and spending time with her two little ones.



Help Us In the Home Stretch!

Less than a month to go of raising funds through the 'Birdies for Better' competition. This benefit from the 2026 Truist PGA Championship helps raise money for charities across the country while giving you a chance to win huge prizes!



Birdies for Better
Truist Championship



Gratitude Moment:

Our outreach van is finally fully ready to roll! Be on the lookout for this beauty as we work to bring our programs and services out into the community!

Huge thanks to a grant from National 'Parents as Teachers' for the purchase of the van and the Mooneyhan Foundation for providing the means to increase our outreach goals!



Big Things Happening In 2026!



Newsflash!

Be on the lookout for information about our new Building Campaign. In 2027, the Children's Council will be 50 years old, it's time we owned our own space with room to grow! More info to come for how you can help launch us into our next 50 years!

Putting the Fun in Fundraisers!

Any member of our team will tell you the importance of PLAY in our lives...and adults are no exception! Check out how you can have a good time while supporting a great cause:

Little Black Dress

A top tier 'Ladies Night' event hosted & catered at SouthEnd Brewing on June 27, 2026. Local vendors will show us wonderful ways of caring for ourselves while we have fun with friends and dance the night away!

'Building Sweet Futures' Gingerbread Competition

Fun for everyone! Kids, businesses, adults and professionals can explore their artistic side while getting into the holiday spirit. It's not too early to start planning your design for a chance to win cash prizes and more!

<https://thechildrenscouncil.org/support-our-mission/#events>

Summer is Around the Corner!

Head to our new website to find a list of local summer childcare and camp options

<https://thechildrenscouncil.org/find-childcare/#summercamp>

You Can Find Us Wherever The Kids Are!

March 21st 2026: Family Morning Out
- Winter Farmers Market -
- 10am - 12pm -

Come join in the fun, we will be hosting kids activities alongside the Children's Playhouse and some fun live music!

April 18th 2026: Buildfest
- Watauga High School -
- 9am - 2pm -

Come visit our 'Out of this World' young children's village at The Children's Playhouse's Buildfest!

April 25, 2026: BCBS family support day
Blue Cross Blue Shield Community Room
- 11am - 2pm -

Join us & our friends at BCBS for a day of meeting other parents and getting some SWAG (diapers & more)!

May 15th, 2026: Spring Fling
-Boone Tot Lot Playground-
-3pm-6pm-

Bring the kids out to enjoy a bounce house, giveaways, food trucks and more!

June 20th, 2026: Boonerang
-Watauga Public Library-
-11am - 3pm-

Come see us at the KidZone!

July 11th, 2026: Fairy Day
- Daniel Boone Native Gardens -
- 1pm - 5pm -

Join us for crafts in the garden!

August 2026: Back to school Festival
- Watauga High School -
- Date & Time TBA -

Come see our table for back-to-school giveaways, activities and resources.

October 17th, 2026: Valle Country Fair
- Valle Country Fairgrounds -
- 9am - 4pm -

Our kids corner will have cotton candy, games, crafts and more!