



Upcoming Events

- Join NCFL for their upcoming webinar “Activating Family Leadership for Equitable School Partnerships,” on Thursday, October 21st, at 12 p.m. AZ / 2 p.m. CDT / 3 p.m. EDT. To sign up to attend, please click [here](#).
 - Access to previous recordings of NCFL webinars can be found at www.familieslearning.org/resources/webinars.
- The NCFL’s Activate! **National Early Childhood Advocacy fellowship** allows parenting adults and early childhood practitioners to come together to reimagine and reform equitable and inclusive systems for families.
 - Learn more and apply now by clicking [here](#).



FACE News

NCFL’s New President Announced

After a nationwide search, Dr. Felicia Cumings Smith began serving families through NCFL as the new president on September 27, 2021, succeeding Sharon Darling—NCFL’s founder. A longtime educator and national thought leader for teaching and learning, Dr. Smith brings decades of valuable experience to advance NCFL’s mission of working to eradicate poverty through education solutions for families.

Read more about Dr. Smith by clicking [here](#).



**OCTOBER
2022**

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FACE Adult Education Webinar:
Effective Strategies and Resources—Reading in the Adult Education Classroom
October 15 @ 2 p.m. EDT

NCFL Webinar: *Activating Family Leadership for Equitable School Partnerships*
October 21 @ 3 p.m. EDT

October Monthly Reports DUE
November 1

FACE Preschool Webinar:
Observations in Preschool
November 12 @ 2 p.m. EST

NCFL Webinar: *How to Support Multi-Language Parent Facilitation*
November 18 @ 2 p.m. EST

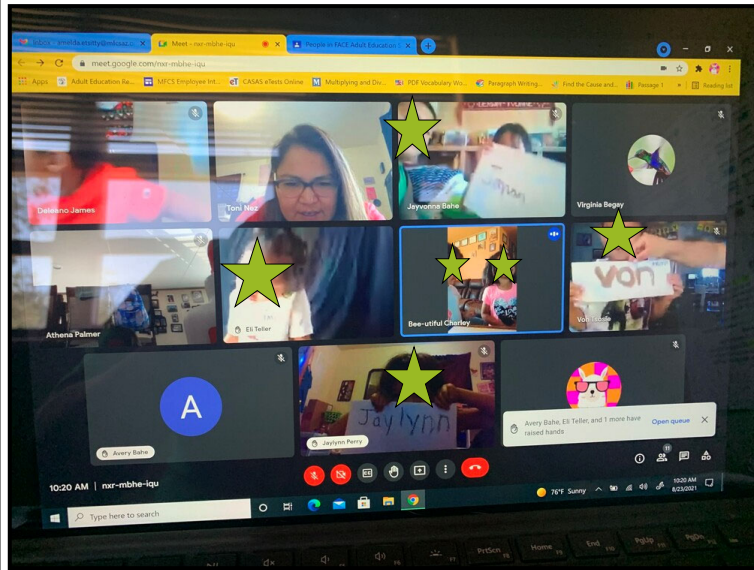
FACE to FACE: *Adult Education & Preschool*
November 19—Your TA will reach out to schedule.



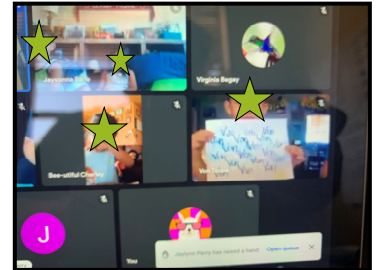
Site Spotlight

Many Farms Community School's FACE Center-Based Program began in early August 2021. They currently provide virtual programming for children and families.

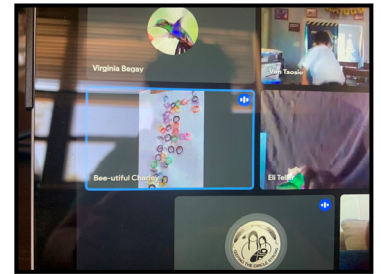
The pictures capture a PACT Time activity called sensory name writing. Parents write their child's name and trace with glue, cover with sand, and let dry. Students will trace their name with their finger and sound out letters in their name with the guidance of their parents. Then students will do their best to write their name on their sensory card.



(Right) A student is presenting his name-writing skills to his classmates.



(Right) A student used rubber bands in the sensory name card activity and is showing her classmates her



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Parent Engagement Ideas

Fun Dough

Squishy, soft, and colorful, the fun dough can be shaped into anything and enjoyed by people of all ages! Children can be creative when playing with fun dough, creating shapes and playing make-believe. Around your home, you can look for rocks, sticks, containers, cookie cutters, plastic utensils, plastic bottle caps, or small toys to use in play.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup plain flour
- 1/2 cup salt
- 1/2 tablespoons oil
- 1/2 cup cold water (or less)
- 2 drops liquid food coloring

Steps:

- Combine plain flour and salt.
- Add water, food coloring, and oil.
- Mix until ingredients are combined.
- Add more flour if the dough is too sticky.

Dough can be reused; store on a shelf in an airtight container.



Professional Development

- **Adult Education-Focused Webinar: Friday, October 15th; 2–3 p.m. EDT**
 - Effective Strategies and Resources—Reading in the Adult Education Classroom: Join us for a webinar about utilizing effective strategies and resources around reading with adults. Helping to strengthen an adult's reading skills can make a difference in their life as well as the lives of their children. Reading is an opportunity for personal growth, job skill development, and has the power to help an adult increase their children's success in the future. In this webinar, we will review the research of why reading is important, active learning strategies to support reading skill development, and dive into an online resource available to all FACE adult education teachers through NCFL. Zoom information will be shared soon via email. We look forward to seeing you there!

NOVEMBER 2021

Mark your calendars for these exciting upcoming professional development opportunities!

- **Webinar: Focused Observations that Support High Quality Instruction**
 - **Friday, November 12th**
 - **2–3 p.m. EST**
- **FACE to FACE**
 - **Friday, November 19th**
 - Preschool and Adult Education TA's will reach out to each site to schedule a time for the meeting.

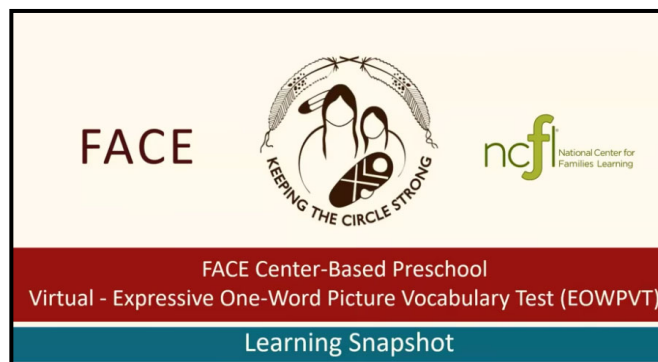
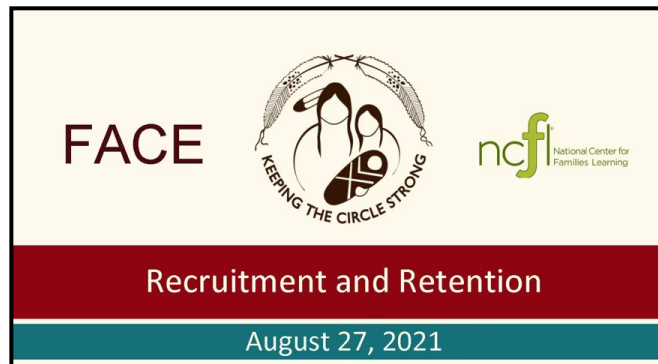
Resources

If you missed our webinar on **Recruitment & Retention** that occurred on Friday, August 27th, a link to it can be found by clicking on the photo to the right.

The webinar focused on a strengths-based approach to recruitment and retention. Tips and strategies were shared and a new recruitment tool was introduced!

NCFL is pleased to inform FACE preschool teachers that we'll be offering two assessment options for EOWPVT testing this year. For schools currently in a virtual/distance instruction format, the assessment will be given virtually with the use of software with screen sharing capabilities like Zoom or Google Classroom. Families and teachers will each need a device that allows the preschool age child to hear teachers, view pictures, and respond to questions.

For more information on administering the EOWPVT virtually, please watch the Learning Snapshot by clicking on the video to the right. Please reach out to your NCFL Preschool TA if you have any further questions!



FACE Celebrations

Please join us in welcoming Cherokee Central Elementary School to the FACE Program!

- Cherokee Central is located in Cherokee, North Carolina.
- Their mission statement is “Empowering our students. Preserving our nation. Ensuring our future.”
- Their vision statement is: “The Cherokee Central School System will be a community where each student will graduate from high school. Will be globally competitive for work and post-secondary education, will possess an appreciation for an eagerness to preserve our nation, and will be prepared for life in the 21st century.”



From the Cherokee Central Elementary School [website](#).

Families Learning Conference

The all-virtual 2021 Families Learning Conference will kick off in less than a month! Conference organizers are busy building the high-quality event that attendees have come to expect—this time in a virtual format!

Deciding whether to register? Here are the top three reasons #NCFL21 is worth attending!

- **Learning content to fit your needs.** Focus your learning by following one of six content strands: Adult Education; Early Childhood Education; Family and Community Leadership; K-12 Education, Library, and Research and Policy. Additionally, those new to the field as well as seasoned professionals will be able to identify presentations appropriate for their levels of experience and subject knowledge.
- **On-demand access.** Talk about the *gift that keeps on giving!* Now you don't have to choose which presentations to attend (or miss). Registrants will have access to all presentations for 90 days after the conference dates.
- **Opportunities to network with your peers.** Networking looks a bit different in the virtual space, but we've got you covered! Our virtual platform features chat capability within sessions and a forum for topic discussions; plus we're utilizing Microsoft's Flipgrid social learning platform for video networking. In the Exhibit Hall, attendees have the opportunity to chat face-to-face with exhibitor representatives.

Now is the time to register—we're offering our biggest discount on registration now through October 27th. Enter discount code **LASTCHANCE on the payment page to save \$100.**

[Click here to register!](#)

Thank you for reading our October 2021 center-based FACE newsletter! Newsletters will be sent out via email at the beginning of every month. A complete archive of previous newsletters will be added to the [FACE website](#) soon!

If you have any news to share from your site, please send to your technical assistant or directly to face@familieslearning.org!