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Scoops of Information & Inspiration!



DURHAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES



Transitions

LOOK AROUND!

Check out our Information & Inspiration news bulletin created with YOU in mind. We want to provide you with updates on our numerous programs, but also provide you with practical living tips with a healthy dose of INSPIRATION!



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As we transition from the carefree and hot days of summer, going back-to-school can be both exciting and a bit nerve-wrecking. New schools, new friends, new routines. As parents and caregivers let's make sure that we get to know our children's teachers and friends. Keep talking with your children. LISTEN to what they tell you. Stay connected to your children to help ensure a good school year!



No More Boring Lunches!



PIZZA PANCAKES

Pizza + pancakes? It's not as crazy as it might sound...in fact, it's downright delicious! Made with a savory pancake batter, these **pizza pancakes** are a hit with kids of all ages, and they're easy to customize with your favorite pizza topping ingredients like pepperoni, bell peppers, and olives! Include a side of tomato sauce or ranch dressing for dipping. The recipe is up above in bold.



Flaky Taco Pockets! Enjoy this recipe!

<https://www.iheartnaptime.net/taco-pockets/>

These easy taco pockets are made with a flaky pie crust, seasoned taco meat, colby-jack cheese and fresh salsa. A super flavorful and delicious recipe that makes a great appetizer, afternoon snack or easy dinner idea.



BARBEQUE CHICKEN CUPS

Barbecue Chicken Cups are an easy lunch idea that can be made quickly using leftover chicken (or rotisserie chicken)! Serve with a side of green salad or fruit salad for a complete meal.

The recipe is in the link in bold.



Fruity Chicken Meatballs

These Fruity Chicken Meatballs from *Healthy Little Foodies* are a great finger food for kids of all ages! Serve with dipping sauce or with a side of rice and vegetables.

The recipe is in the link in bold.

Make sure that you let us know if you try any of these unique lunches!

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A Sweet Treat



Here's a clever idea for bananas! Put some honey, or Nutella or peanut butter on a banana & roll it up with Rice Krispies or your favorite cereal!

Banana Cereal Snacks – this healthy tasty treat is just as simple to make as it is to eat! Bring some of your breakfast favorites to your child's

lunchbox!





Igniting the Flame of Engagement Child Support Awareness Month

North Carolina Child support Services are available to parents and/or non-parent caretakers of minor children. Services provided by our Child Support Agents include: location, and establishment of paternity, establishment or modifying of child support orders, the enforcement of child support orders, the collection and processing of child support ordered payments.



Wanda Boyd & Talitha Faucette holding the award from the NC Child Support Conference. “Outstanding Achievement or Meritorious Contributions in the Area of Child Support”.

Outstanding Job Team!

When The Team Is Super Creative



Our Child & Family Services Division displayed ALL of their creativity during their training meeting “Join Us Under the Big Top”. The circus theme was throughout the training at every corner of the room, on the screens, the tables and the games played! Excellent job team!

Vonda Kenan-Williams
A DCoDSS Star



“Vonda is the Child and Family Services Senior Processing Unit Supervisor and her continued commitment to the division is unmatched. She often goes above and beyond to ensure that tasks are completed and goals are met. Mores specifically, Vonda recently worked side-by-side with CPS to ensure that a significant deadline was met. This was a huge undertaking and we could not have successfully completed the project without Vonda’s assistance and support. She is a true servant leader and is consistently willing to help without any complaint. We truly value and appreciate her!”

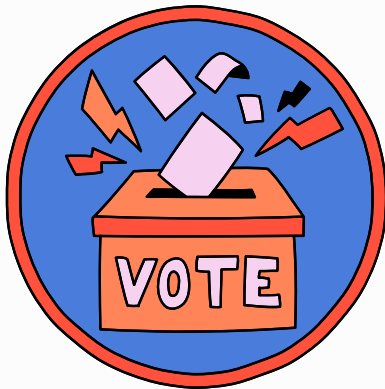
Submitted by: LaVelle Chesney, Program Manager
CPS Investigations & Assessments

Tips To Make Life A Little Easier

Money Matters



Our **Maria Santiago Cruz** was featured before for her money tip of saving loose change after every day in a jar for your Christmas fund. How's your fund growing?



NC has new voting laws. You **MUST** have a photo ID to vote. To learn more about the new laws and rules about voting, connect with our Durham County Board of Elections.

[DConVotes.com](https://www.dconvotes.com)

7 Habits to Keep Your Home Tidy All Year Round

Try at least one or two of these.

Read in Real Simple:

<https://apple.news/A4asfa9zhTQ.KFVnzWRuOb2g>

Making the Connection

At DCoDSS, we're all about making connections, & collaborating with Community Partners and Durham citizens. If you have some tips for better living, or celebrations-- send us the SCOOP!

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More Helpful Tips!



[10 Foods You Didn't Know You Could Freeze \(aarp.org\)](https://aarp.org)





[What to Eat When Your Power Goes Out \(aarp.org\)](https://aarp.org)




Create Your Family
Emergency Kit. Don't forget
your meds!
<https://www.ready.gov/kit>

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