

THE SRCAA Inc

NEWSLETTER

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Happy

Father's
Day

National Observances for June

The month of June is officially leading us into the summer season on the 21st. In addition, June has many nationally recognized observances that are worthy of acknowledgement such as, National Gun Violence Awareness, National Homeownership, National Cancer Survivor's Day, National Children's Day, National PTSD Awareness Day, Juneteenth Holiday, and Father's Day to name a few.

This month's focus will be on Gun Violence Awareness, honoring Father's, and sharing an agency success story through one of the many services the Salisbury-Rowan Community Action Agency, Inc provides.

The Salisbury-Rowan Community Action Agency will be hosting the Family Resource & Career Fun Fair event in partnership with the Rowan County NC Works Career Center on June 25, 2022, from 10:00am - 2:00pm at 1300 West Bank Street, Salisbury, NC.

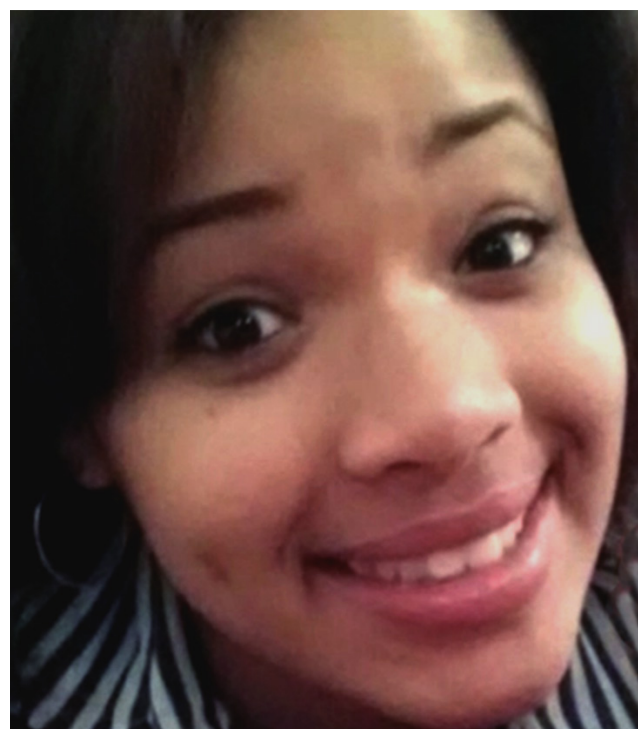
This event will include financial literacy, safety and wellness workshops, career resources, food and activities for the entire family.

Orange the Color for National Gun Violence Awareness

On January 21, 2013, Hadiya Pendleton marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade. One week later, Hadiya was shot and killed on a playground in Chicago. Soon after this tragedy, Hadiya's friends commemorated her life by wearing orange. The reason for this was to represent the color that hunters wear to protect themselves and others from gunfire. "Wear Orange Day" is now observed every June as part of National Gun Violence Awareness.

We honor the communities shattered by gun violence alongside the more than 110 people who are shot and killed, and hundreds more who are wounded every day in our country. Together, we call for meaningful action to save lives.

We should not have to live in fear knowing that gunfire can ring out at any moment. Whether it's at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas, or while grocery shopping at a supermarket in Buffalo, New York, a party in San Bernardino, or graduations across the country. We deserve more. Raise awareness by participating in the "Wear Orange" movement in your community. [More Information](https://wearorange.org/)



Wear Orange." Wear Orange, Nathaniel and Cleo Pendleton, 7 June 2022, <https://wearorange.org/>.

Fatherhood Initiative Program: A Great Resource for Fathers



Rodriguez McKinney, a single father of two, originally applied to the Salisbury-Rowan Community Action Agency, Inc. for the purpose of seeking crisis assistance as a result of a layoff while simultaneously being impacted by COVID-19. During that time, it was revealed that Mr. McKinney was unemployed, without transportation and living in an unfurnished two bedroom apartment with his two school aged children.

Mr. McKinney was introduced to the **Fatherhood Initiative Program** through his CARES Case manager. Once enrolled he began the 12-week National Fatherhood Initiative Curriculum which was competed March, 2022. In addition, Rodriguez's goal

was to obtain a medical certificate in the health and medicinal plant industry to expand on his prior years of experience in pharmaceuticals. As of February, 2022, Mr. McKinney enrolled at Cornell University to obtain his medical certificate, and was offered full-time employment as of March, 2022. Agency resources were able to provide rent, utility assistance, furniture, laptop computer for education support, full tuition assistance, and employment support to Mr. Rodriguez McKinney.

McKinney is shown here (left), being presented his certificate of completion from staff member Andre Neely (right).

WE HONOR AND SALUTE OUR FATHERS

The first known Father's Day service occurred in Fairmont, West Virginia, on July 5, 1908, after hundreds of men died in the worst mining accident in U.S. history, 362 men died the previous December in explosions at the Fairmont Coal Company mines.

Grace G. Clayton, the daughter of a dedicated minister, proposed a service to honor all fathers, especially those who had died. This observance was not promoted outside of Virginia and was not planned to be a recurring annual event. Very few people outside of the local area knew about its memorial service.

Sonora S. Dodd, one of six children raised by a widower, tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for male parents. She went to

local churches, the YMCA, shopkeepers, and government officials to drum up support for her idea and was successful. Washington State celebrated the nation's first statewide Father's Day on June 19, 1910. However, it was not until 1972 that the day of honoring fathers became a nationwide holiday in the United States.

The SRCAA, Inc would like to recognize and honor all the fathers in our lives, or any father figure that has assumed the role as a father. Grandfathers, Stepfathers, Uncles, and Brothers can also be included. Thanks for all that you do and have done!



“A man never stands as tall as when he kneels to help a child.”

EMPLOYEE SERVICE RECOGNITION

Debra Myers 3 Years

SERVICE OF COMMUNITY TOP PRIORITY

In the aftermath of the unprecedented health crisis faced by our community and our entire nation due to COVID-19, the Salisbury-Rowan Community Action Agency, Inc. continues making the service of the community top priority, from providing early childhood education through our Head Start/Early Head Start Program or tuition assistance for employment skills training through our Self-Sufficiency Program, we are dedicated to helping people, help themselves.

HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM: The comprehensive child development program is designed to meet children and family needs, providing a solid foundation for the child and parent to grow together. The primary goals of the Head

Start/Early Head Start programs are to provide the best child development practices for children birth to five years of age. Head Start provides a comprehensive child development program that addresses the physical, cognitive, mental, social, and emotional development of prenatal, infants, toddlers, and preschool participants. The program services Rowan and Davidson counties.

FAMILY SERVICES: This Self-Sufficiency program assists those who choose to make a change in their life. For families and individuals enrolled in this program, the agency provides comprehensive supportive services to secure employment or increase their income, obtain education and /or vocational training, make better use of their income, obtain and maintain standard housing, and build a strong work ethic. The program services Rowan and Cabarrus counties.

Add a Twist to this Cookout Classic

Anyone can throw hot dogs on a grill. There's no special magic or rocket science to preparing this cookout classic. However, this is an easy tip to give your hot dogs a surprising savory burst of flavor that will be distinctive and different.

Marinated Hot Dogs



As the recipe name says, these hot dogs are marinated before cooking on the grill. Cut small slits on two sides of the hot dogs before putting them in the marinade. This allows more flavor to get in the hot dogs and prevents the hot dogs from shriveling-up on the grill.

Marinade Sauce

- ½ cup chili sauce
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 2 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1½ tablespoon mustard
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ⅛ teaspoon pepper

Note: this recipe is based on marinating 8-12 hot dogs. You may wish to double ingredients for larger quantities.

Directions

With a small, sharp knife, make cuts at an angle in 2 rows down each hot dog, about ½ inch apart, cutting part way into the hot dog. The cuts should look like rounded half circles.

Whisk up the marinade and let the hot dogs marinate for a few hours, or overnight. It is recommended to marinate the hot dogs longer than an hour and always place them back in your refrigerator in Ziplock bags or a container with lid.

Mix together the chili sauce, onion powder, garlic powder, Worcestershire sauce, mustard, brown sugar, salt, and pepper. Pour into a large ziplock bag, add hot dogs and let marinate for 15-20 minutes up to overnight.

Grill the hot dogs until nicely charred and the slices that were cut begin to open up. Great for cookouts and tailgating. Can freeze any leftovers!



Safety Reminders

Keep raw food separate from cooked food: Don't use a plate that previously held raw meat, poultry, or seafood for anything else unless you first wash the plate in hot, soapy water. Keep utensils and surfaces clean.

Marinate food in the refrigerator: not out on the counter. And if you want to use some of the marinade as a sauce on your food after it's been cooked, keep a separate portion in reserve. Don't reuse marinade that contained raw meat.

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