

# First In Families (FIF) Updates

## FREE & Deeply Discounted Resources

### WHAT?

**Free Job training for tech:** Per Scholas offers tuition-free training and certifications, professional development, and employer job connections. Learn more and apply here: <https://perscholas.org/eligibility/>

**Free Family Movie Nights at Ray's Splash Planet:** Ray's Splash Planet is hosting a series of family-friendly movie nights October - December. [Ray's Splash Planet](#)

**Free Health and Wellness Programs:** The AmeriHealth Caritas Opportunity and Wellness Center (located on Wilkinson Blvd) has various upcoming events focused on health and wellness, including monthly food pantries. You can find out information here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/amerihealth-caritas-charlotte-54228932783>

**Free Immunization Resources:** For any students who still need to be immunized, here are clinics (with Spanish/bilingual support) where families can request appointments for FREE:

- **Mecklenburg County Public Health:** various sites, with extended hours
  - Make an appointment: (704) 336-6500
- **Charlotte Community Health Clinic:** 2 locations including University and West Charlotte
  - Make an appointment: (704) 316-6561
- **Amity Medical Group:** 4 locations across Charlotte
  - Make an appointment: (704) 208-4134
  - Request Uber rides/support if necessary, with the clinic
- **CW Williams Community Health Center:** 2 operating sites across Charlotte (Wilkinson Blvd location is temporarily closed due to construction)
  - Make an appointment: (866) 299-4968

**Free Parent Support Group:** Therapy Resource Group has a few upcoming parent support groups that meet in-person and virtually. More information can be found here: <https://therapyresourcegroup-bloom.kindful.com/e/parent-support-group-1>

**Free Academic Support for K-5:** The Charlotte Mecklenburg Library is piloting Student Success Centers at various branches across the county (Allegra Westbrooks Regional, Cornelius Library, Independence Regional Library, South Blvd Library, University City Regional Library, and West Blvd Library). There is no need to register, families may show up at any of the branch libraries participating and their child will receive help

with homework, skills practice (including reading), and connecting with a tutor (via computer) through Tutor.com, a resource available at no cost with a CML or ONE Access library card. More information can be found here:

<https://www.cmlibrary.org/services/student-success-center>

**Semi-Free Match Savings Program:** Match savings program through Generation2080.

This program is meant to set a better financial future for families. They are looking for 24 people to join the next cohort, and each selected person will get: matched savings for up to \$520 per year, a long-term savings account, and a one-to-one mentor who is a Certified Financial Health Counselor. This is a two-year program. You can find more information and apply here: <https://www.g2080.org/>.

- List "Schermco" as the "Referring Agency" in your application.

**Laptop Sale (at reduced cost):** E2D is hosting Tech Tuesdays - a distribution every third Tuesday of the month (minus the summer months and December) - out of their AvidXchange location (920 Hamilton St., Charlotte, NC 28206). The next distribution date is October 17th, from 3-5pm. The purchase price for refurbished laptops is \$80 in cash or \$84 with a credit card. There are limited quantities available, on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Amazon Online Groceries Discount:** If you have Amazon Prime (or just an Amazon account). Go to their "Grocers" side select "Fresh". The Order subtotal must be \$100 or more to use promo code "FRESH50" for \$50 off your entire order. One order per account. Deal ends November 30, 2023.