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Preschoolers invited to Parents as Teachers' Roll & Read

Knoxville, Tenn. – Preschoolers and their parents are invited to enjoy Parents as Teachers' Fifth Annual Roll & Read event on Friday, October 7 from 10 a.m. to noon at Safety City, 165 S. Concord Street.

Roll & Read is geared for children 5 years and younger and their families. Admission, parking and all activities at the event are free.

"As a parent, you are your child's first and most important teacher," said Parents as Teachers' Program Manager Christel Crawford. "By reading with your child, you're not only preparing them for school, but you're creating a love of learning that will help them in all aspects of their life."

Books will be read throughout the event by community leaders and volunteers. Firefighters, paramedics, police officers and other community helpers will be on hand to share the important ways they help children and families. There will also be fun, learning activities at the event, along with free giveaways throughout the day, courtesy of the many community agencies participating in the event.

Roll & Read is hosted by the Knox County Health Department. Parents as Teachers is a prenatal to kindergarten home-visiting program that helps parents know how to be their child's most influential teacher in order that their children may have the best opportunity to succeed in school and in life. Last year, Parents as Teachers' parent educators had more than 1,300 meetings helping more than 130 Knox County families.

For more information on Roll & Read or the Parents as Teachers program, call 865-215-5120 or email pat@knoxcounty.org.

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