



Town of Knightdale

Staff Report

Title: Fee Waiver - Wake County Department of Social Services: Run/Walk to Foster

Staff: Andrew Wilkins, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director

Date: April 15, 2026

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Wake County Department of Social Services (DSS) Foster Care Program works to ensure the safety, stability, and well-being of children who are unable to remain in their homes due to abuse, neglect, or other family challenges. The program recruits, trains, and licenses foster parents who can provide safe, nurturing, and supportive temporary homes for children in need.

SUMMARY

In recognition of National Foster Care Month, we propose hosting a Foster Care Run/Walk to Foster community event designed to raise awareness about the need for foster parents, celebrate the work of child welfare professionals, and recruit families interested in fostering. This event will serve as both an outreach and engagement opportunity, bringing together social workers, community partners, and the public in a positive, visible setting. We also plan to have vendors tables for community resources available to families. We would like to have the event at Knightdale Station out in the park.

Event Date: June 27, 2026

Event Time: 9:00am-1:00pm

Event Location: Wilder Plaza Pavilion at Knightdale Station Park

Rental Fees: \$100 per hour (\$400 total)

Refundable Security Deposit: \$100

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Motion to waive all fees associated with the Special Event as proposed, except for the refundable event deposit of \$100 (refunded in full provided that the property is left in appropriate order and no damage is reported).