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Partnership Survey Helping Improve Childcare Services

Caswell County Partnership for Children works to assure children will be healthy and able to reach their fullest potential.

In April 2004, the Partnership distributed child care surveys to employees of the NC Department of Corrections, Caswell County Department of Social Services (DSS), Royal Park Uniforms of Prospect Hill, with some licensed child care centers and homes also participating in the questionnaire.

When compared to similar survey results from five years ago, the cost of care and finding summer/holiday care continue to be a problem. However, fewer parents reported problems in finding convenient, dependable, quality care in Caswell County.

Quality of care and a wonderful staff are the most important considerations in choosing a child care facility. Most families are familiar with the NC Child Care Rated License System and the majority took these star ratings into account when selecting child care.

Friends and family members are the most common source for child care arrangements.

While most people are familiar with some form of Smart Start funded local child service, a significant number are still not informed about Inclusion Playgroups held at Caswell County Mental Health Center, Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R), and DSS Subsidy Program.

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