

Caswell County Partnership for Children



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The Caswell County Partnership for Children is a non-profit organization led by local volunteers, designed to provide programs and services for families and children in Caswell County, NC.

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Caswell County Partnership for Children is to bring together families, churches, businesses and government to provide children and their families the programs and services necessary to assure that children of all ages will be healthy and able to reach their fullest potential.

The Caswell County Partnership for Children is the local Smart Start agency.

The Partnership administers funds from the state legislature to support programs to benefit children from birth to five, as well as their families.

Smart Start funds improve the quality of child care, make child care more affordable and accessible, provide access to health services and offer family support.

What is Smart Start?

Smart Start is North Carolina's nationally recognized and award-winning early childhood initiative designed to ensure that young children enter school healthy and ready to succeed.

Smart Start is a public-private initiative that provides early education funding to all 100 of counties in NC. Smart Start funds are administered at the local level through local nonprofit organizations called Local Partnerships. The North Carolina Partnership for Children (NCPC) is the statewide nonprofit organization that oversees and provides technical assistance to local partnerships.

What Smart Start programs are currently funded in Caswell County?

Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R)

Provides daily referrals and technical assistance to child care providers and families, training for child care providers (including an Annual Recognition Event), lending library services, outreach and public awareness pertaining to child care related issues, collecting data on local child care needs and services, and advocacy for quality programs and policies affecting children.

Child Care Quality Enhancement Project

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Provides child care facilities intensive on-site technical assistance for staff, mentoring, and a grant for materials.

Community Outreach and Awareness Program

Increases public awareness of available services for young children and community education regarding early child care and education.

Educational/Training Incentives

Provides bonuses to providers that remain employed in the same facility and/or pursue higher education.

Educational Scholarships

Offers financial assistance for child care providers to continue college level education in early childhood and improve their knowledge and skills, which in turn increases the quality of child care services.

Expanded Resources for Child Care Through Bonuses

Provides bonuses to licensed child care facilities that maintain operating hours of 6:30am-6pm, or expand their hours to include shift/weekend care to accommodate working families' schedules.

Expansion of Child Care Subsidy

Provides additional funds to help more families afford quality child care. Also provides bonuses to child care facilities with three, four or five star rated licenses.

Evaluation

Creates and revises tools to report and measure data, collect data when possible and develop reporting method.

Program Coordinator

Coordinates the policies, procedures and daily practices of Smart Start service delivery.

Other Caswell County Partnership for Children programs include the Support Our Students (SOS) After School Program for 4th and 5th graders, the Teen Outreach Program (TOP) for 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th graders, and the Parenting Class, for parents of all ages.

For more information please contact Caswell County Partnership for Children at (336) 694-1538 or visit our website at www.caswellchildren.org.