



Caswell's Kids

Caswell County Partnership for Children

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Caswell County Partnership for Children recognized for fiscal accountability & successful programs for young children

Caswell County Partnership for Children has a clean bill of financial health, according to the Office of the State Auditor. The audit of 2001-2002 Smart Start activities indicates the Partnership is in financial compliance and has sound internal controls.

"We have received clean audits since we opened our doors in 1998 and we are quite proud of each one," said Pat Warren, Board President of the Caswell County Partnership for Children. "We have a dedicated board of directors who oversees our fiscal management and who is determined to remain good stewards of all the funds that we secure. However, we must give the majority of the credit to our executive director, Sandra Hudspeth, and to her staff for the clean audits that we have received."

In addition, the Partnership was presented with a Certificate of Excellence in recognition of its commitment to financial accountability and integrity, along with a one-time monetary award to further its services for the children of Caswell County.

"I want to commend the Caswell County Partnership for Children staff and board for its continual dedication to providing the best services for the county's young children and families while maintaining a strong focus on fiscal responsibility," said Joyce Baffi, Vice President of the North Carolina Partnership for Children, Smart Start's state oversight agency. "Across North Carolina, Smart Start is ensuring young children arrive at

school healthy and ready to succeed and that success is evident in Caswell County."

Since Caswell County Partnership for Children began, more than 2000 families have been provided local Child Care Resource and Referral, and more than 100 families each year have received assistance with child care costs. The Partnership has improved the quality of child care, as well as access to high quality child care for all families. Over 100 new child care spaces have been created in licensed child care facilities, with 11 child care facilities receiving quality improvement grants to upgrade their facilities.

Smart Start, a public-private initiative to help all North Carolina children enter school healthy and ready to learn, was started in 1993 and has:

- dramatically increased the number of child care centers
- created thousands of child care spaces
- helped thousands of children get health and vision screenings
- trained child care teachers
- helped moms and dads get parent education

For more information about the Caswell County Partnership for Children or Smart Start programs offered throughout the county, contact Sandra Hudspeth or Carrie King at (336) 694-1538.

Help Your Child Learn...Limit TV

Parents should be aware that even the better programs on TV won't make your kids smarter or help with school performance.

The US Department of Education found that children earn lower grades when they watch more than 10 hours of TV in a week. In North Carolina, 25% of the children watch six hours or more in just one day.

Watching television limits children's time for learning through playing, which can have a negative impact on the development of intelligence, critical learning skills and imagination. The constant visual stimulation and noise hinders the growth of longer attention spans, and can be potentially damaging to the development of learning abilities, social skills, and physical and emotional development.

Television has also been linked to promoting violent behavior in children. On average, children watch about 12,000 violent acts on TV each year.

Parents can help children develop positive, alternative activities. Children need to discover their own strengths and weaknesses and find what they like to do, whether it's read, sing, draw, dance or climb a tree.

To help maintain control of the TV in your home:

- Eat meals together with the television off.
- Involve children in reading, games, music or sports.
- Do not put a TV in a child's room or permit unsupervised access to television.
- Help children select specific programs to watch, and turn off the TV when the program ends.
- Videotape age-appropriate programs for children to view on a schedule that you choose.

For more information visit www.LimiTV.org.

Ms. Becky Reads



Thanks to Ms. Becky Dellinger at
Gunn Memorial Library for
recommending some of her favorites!

ABUELA

by Arthur Dorros (*pre-school*)

I AM NOT GOING

TO SCHOOL TODAY!

by Robie H. Harris (*school-age*)

HARRY'S HOME

by Catherine Anholt (*school-age*)

HOMEMADE LOVE

by Bell Hooks (*pre-school*)

LEO THE LATE BLOOMER

by Robert Kraus (*classic!*)

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Restaurant/Bakery, Beach, Career
Center, Firefighter, Science & Nature*)

... may be checked out for up to 6 weeks.

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What does your child need to be ready for kindergarten?

If you aren't sure if your child is ready to start kindergarten you can use the following checklist to see what skills may still need more attention. You can make the activities fun as your child learns the necessary skills. Each child does not need to have mastered everything before starting kindergarten, but these skills will help your child succeed in kindergarten.

Academic skills that may help:

- Recognizes shapes (square, circle, triangle, rectangle) — this can be learned by pointing out these shapes on trips around town
- Can sort items by color, shape and size — have your child help you out in the kitchen sorting items, let them sort buttons and other items
- Can identify six parts of his/her body — sing the song “Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes”
- Counts from 1 to 10 — have them count the silverware as they set the table, count the socks coming out of the dryer, etc.
- Understands words (up, down, in, out, behind, and over) — play a game where you clap your hands up high, down low, behind your back, in front, etc.
- Recognizes five colors — ask your child what color clothes they are wearing, what color are the cars passing, etc.
- Tries to write his/her name— does not need to do so at this time but should be interested in learning
- Recognizes his/her written name — label your child's room or toy box with their name

Social Skills are an important part of being successful in school:

- Uses words instead of being physical when angry

- Speaks clearly so others can understand
- Plays with other children
- Follows simple directions
- Expresses feelings and needs
- Goes to bathroom by him/herself
- Waits his/her turn and shares
- Talks in sentences
- Asks questions about things around him/her — demonstrates curiosity
- Enjoys having books read to him/her — does not need to be able to read by themselves

- Can spend extended periods of time away from parents

Fine Motor Skills — provide puzzles, crayons, etc.

- Can put together a 10 or 12 piece puzzle
- Holds scissors correctly
- Holds a pencil or crayon correctly

Gross Motor Skills — give your child plenty of time to play

- Runs, jumps and skips
- Walks backward
- Walks up and down stairs



Welcome New Board Members!

Donald Coltrane

Jackson Elliott

Betty Gentry

Mayor Dan Printz

Fran Showalter

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You can help the children of Caswell County!

Donations are tax-deductible and can be designated for specific programs or provided without designation.

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____

_____ I wish to remain anonymous.

My donation is non-designated. ___ My donation is designated for: _____

Call (336) 694-1538 for further information on the programs offered by the Caswell County Partnership for Children.

Make checks payable to Caswell County Partnership for Children and mail to PO Box 664, Yanceyville, NC 27379.

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It's easy! Go to FoodLion.com and register your MVP card.

Check the website under Fundraising for more details.

...supporting Caswell County Partnership for Children.



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Mission Statement:

The mission of the Caswell County Partnership for Children is to bring together families, churches, businesses and government to assure that children and their families have the programs and services necessary to reach their fullest potential and assure that all children will arrive at school healthy and ready to succeed.