



Caswell County Partnership for Children Raising A Reader: FY 2024-2025 Program Requirements

The Caswell County Partnership for Children (CCPFC) is **accepting applications** to provide the Raising A Reader (RAR) program for the 2024-2025 school year. RAR is an early literacy program designed to serve young children in environments where poverty, language barriers, limited formal education for parents, and other challenges exist that can limit regular book sharing. This program helps families develop, practice, and maintain shared reading routines critical to early learning success. Through this program, children receive a Red Book Bag each week filled with high quality, culturally responsive books to take home, providing children and families access to over 100 books during the school year. Book rotation is supplemented with parent training that promotes effective book sharing, family literacy habits, and family language skills. Families are linked with their public and school libraries. At the end of the program, children receive a blue library bag with books and resources to keep in order to encourage library visits and to build their home libraries.

To be eligible to serve as a RAR site, program sites will be responsible for meeting the following requirements:

1. Work in a NC Division of Child Development and Early Education (**DCDEE**) **regulated program**, in a **public school classroom** or in an early literacy **community site** in **Caswell** County.
2. Work with children between the ages of **birth to 5 years**.
3. Serve some **low-income** children (includes children qualified for Head Start, NC Pre-K, and/or Subsidy Services).
4. Attend **two trainings**, one in Summer 2024 and one in Spring 2025, and participate in **two site visits**. *These trainings and visits will provide opportunities to increase knowledge of early literacy, introduce and reinforce core concepts of the program model, and provide support for successful program implementation.*
5. Create and carefully manage a family friendly book bag rotation system. Teach children and families how to take care of the books. **Book bag rotation should begin no later than the week of September 9, 2024**, occur every week during the school year and **continue through the week of May 12, 2025**. *Exceptions will be made for holidays and inclement weather; other exceptions require prior CCPFC approval.*
6. Provide **weekly shared reading sessions** using a **RAR book**. **Shared reading sessions should begin no later than the week of September 9, 2024**, occur every week during the school year and **continue through the week of May 12, 2025**. *Exceptions will be made for holidays and inclement weather; other exceptions require prior CCPFC approval.*
7. Provide at least **two family literacy activities** to develop parents' book sharing skills; may be offered in conjunction with another activity or family friendly event. **Advertise and promote family events** to encourage parent participation.
8. Participate in the **annual library event** that connects families with the local library and community literacy resources.
9. Complete a monthly report that tracks program enrollment, book bag rotations, shared reading sessions, family activities, and **submit report by the 5th of month** to communicate the impact of the program. Monitor condition of books and **request replacements when needed**.
10. Have each parent **complete a survey at the end of the year to tell us how the program has worked for their family**.
11. Include the following tag line and use the CCPFC and RAR logos, when possible, on program information and family activity invitations: ***Raising A Reader is brought to you by the Caswell County Partnership for Children through Smart Start funding.***
12. Complete the online application at <https://forms.gle/TfhP3wa9MQKprh8FA> by 5 pm on **Wednesday, May 15, 2024**.

Questions regarding RAR or the application? Contact CCPFC Executive Director at 336-694-1538 or ccp4child@esinc.net.

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