



Caswell County Partnership for Children

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Raising A Reader: Program Requirements FY 2020-21

The Caswell County Partnership for Children (CCPFC) is accepting applications until **Thursday, April 9, 2020** at 4pm from interested early education and literacy professionals to provide the Raising A Reader® (RAR) program for the 2020-21 School Year. RAR is an evidence informed early literacy program designed to serve young children, from birth-Kindergarten, in environments where poverty, language barriers, limited formal education for parents, and other issues create challenges to regular book sharing. The program helps young children improve literacy development by providing rotating bags of 4 high quality books to children enrolled in early care and education programs and at early literacy community sites and offering early literacy workshops for parents. These practices, taken together, are designed to improve reading readiness outcomes for young children.

RAR Program Requirements:

To be eligible to serve as a RAR site, early education and literacy professionals will be responsible for implementing the program with fidelity and meeting ALL of the following requirements:

1. Work in a Division of Child Development & Early Education (DCDEE) **regulated** facility, 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 implementer **trainings** in Summer 2020 and Spring 2021 and participate in site visits. *These trainings and visits will provide educators with new strategies, support, and relevant research.* The initial training will provide the skills and early literacy materials educators need to successfully implement the program with a high degree of comfort and model fidelity. NC DCDEE contact hours may be provided for literacy content trainings.
5. Provide at least **two family activities** with early literacy content to develop parents' book sharing skills; may be offered in conjunction with another activity or family friendly event. **Advertise and promote family events** to ensure parent participation.
6. Create and carefully manage a family friendly book bag check-out system and care of the books. **Book bag rotation should begin no later than the week of September 14, 2020**, occur every week during the school year and continue through the week of May 17, 2021. *Exceptions will be made for holidays and inclement weather only; any other exception requires prior CCPFC approval.*
7. Rotate bright red bags with **four** high quality, developmentally appropriate books into children's homes on a weekly basis. Teach care of the materials so book bag kits last 3- 5 years. Monitor condition of books and **request replacements when needed**.
8. Provide **weekly shared reading sessions** using a **RAR book**. **Shared reading sessions should begin no later than the week of September 14, 2020**, occur every week during the school year and continue through the week of May 17, 2021. *Exceptions will be made for holidays and inclement weather only; any other exception requires prior CCPFC approval.*
9. Promote and participate in the **annual library event** that connects families with the local library, provides library card applications, and other community literacy resources.
10. **Conduct parent surveys for every child participating in the program at the end of the year.**
11. Track book bag rotations, shared reading sessions, changes in enrollment, parent participation, promotion & implementation of family activities, parent surveys and **submit report by the 5th of month** to help track progress and measure the impact of the program.
12. Include the following public awareness statement and use official logos when possible on outreach materials & flyers: *Raising A Reader is brought to you by the Caswell County Partnership for Children through Smart Start funding.*
13. By **4 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2020**, complete and return signed original application to the CCPFC Office:
Mail: Caswell County Partnership for Children PO Box 664, Yanceyville, NC 27379
Deliver: Caswell County Partnership for Children 1084 NC Highway 86, Yanceyville, NC 27379

Questions regarding RAR or the application?

Contact **Sandra Hudspeth**, Executive Director at 336-694-1538 or ccp4child@esinc.net.



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Raising A Reader: Site Application FY 2020-21

Site Name: _____

Complete the chart for each Participating Classroom/Program at the Site:

Classroom or Program Name (i.e. Infant, Toddler, Pre-K)	Age(s) of Children in Classroom/Program	# of children in Classroom/Program	Check the funding source(s) that support this classroom/program
1.			Head Start: ____ Pre-K: ____ Subsidy: ____ Other: ____
2.			Head Start: ____ Pre-K: ____ Subsidy: ____ Other: ____

Provide information for all staff responsible for Program Implementation:

Classroom #1:		
Lead Implementer Name: _____	Title: _____	Email: _____
Other Staff Name: _____	Title: _____	Email: _____
Other Staff Name: _____	Title: _____	Email: _____
Classroom #2:		
Lead Implementer Name: _____	Title: _____	Email: _____
Other Staff Name: _____	Title: _____	Email: _____
Other Staff Name: _____	Title: _____	Email: _____

Implementation Calendar:

- 1) **All staff responsible for implementing the program will attend a training.** Please rank your preference, 1 through 3, for the following tentative dates so we may find a common date across sites for the first training for all staff responsible for implementing program (Lead Implementers, directors and other staff). If there are times and dates you are NOT available, please put an "X" in that spot.

	10 am-12 pm	2:00- 4:00 pm
Monday, August 3rd		
Tuesday, August 4th		
Thursday, August 6th		
Friday, August 7th		

- 2) **1st Family Event: Tentative Orientation Date:** _____ Need support leading workshop or setting agenda
*Parent orientation is required before book bag rotation may begin.

3) **Book Bag Rotation Start Date:** _____ (latest is week of September 14, 2020)

4) **Shared Reading Start Date:** _____ (latest is week of September 14, 2020)

My signature below verifies the following:

- I have read the program requirements that outline the role and responsibilities of participating Early Education and Literacy Professional(s); and
- I agree to implement the program with fidelity and follow all the requirements.

Site Administrator/Director Signature, Date

Lead Implementer Signature, Date
Classroom/Program #1

Lead Implementer Signature, Date
Classroom/Program #2