



2011-12 Partner List



What is Wake County SmartStart?

Wake County SmartStart works to ensure that children, birth to 5, are successful in school and in life. To that end, Wake County SmartStart convenes stakeholders to assess local needs; funds local programs; ensures accountability and leverages resources to support young children and families.

Wake County SmartStart prioritizes community needs and provides funding to projects that focus on the following areas: 1) kindergarten readiness; 2) available and accessible quality child care, and; 3) safe and supportive home environments.

For the 2011-2012 fiscal year, Wake County SmartStart is funding 10 partner agencies managing 15 community programs, including N.C. Prekindergarten, previously known as More at Four. Programs benefit thousands of children, birth to 5, in Wake County.

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CHILD CARE HEALTH CONSULTANT PROGRAM, WAKE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES

- The Child Care Health Consultant Program promotes the healthy development of children and reduction of illness and injury in child care settings. Consultants provide on-site health, safety, nutrition and physical activity training; breastfeeding support activities; immunization audits; development of health care plans for children with special health needs; and provision of health education materials for families. The program targets eligible child care facilities for nutrition and physical activity intervention by using the Nutrition and Physical Activity Self-Assessment in Child Care (NAP SACC) program.
- **Phone:** 919-212-7572

CHILD CARE SUBSIDY SERVICE, WAKE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES

- The Child Care Subsidy Program provides financial assistance for child care to parents earning less than 75 percent of the state median income, families with children with special needs and homeless families. Parent educators and case managers provide information in person and by phone about quality child care, star licensing, child development, community resources and referrals prior to subsidy certification / recertification and upon request.
- **Phone:** 919-773-7590

CHOOSING AND USING HIGH QUALITY CHILD CARE PROJECT, CHILD CARE SERVICES ASSOCIATION

- The Choosing and Using High Quality Child Care Project provides child care referral services to Wake County families seeking child care for children birth through five. The intensity of services offered to each family varies based on the amount of assistance needed.
- **Phone:** 919-967-3272

LITERACY INVITES AND NURTURES KIDS SUCCESS (L.I.N.K.S.), MOTHEREAD, INC.

- In the L.I.N.K.S. initiative, child care teachers learn literacy skills and effective teaching strategies to use in their classrooms as well as how to involve parents in literacy activities at home. Improving classroom literacy practice enhances child care quality and develops children's emergent literacy skills.
- **Phone:** 919-781-2088

N.C. PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM, WAKE COUNTY SMARTSTART

- Wake County SmartStart administers the N.C. Prekindergarten Program, previously known as More at Four. The Prekindergarten program works to provide high quality early educational experiences for 4-year-olds who are not attending preschool for various reasons. The program is community-based, voluntary, and designed to prepare 4-year-olds for kindergarten. The program follows the Wake County Public School calendar and runs 6.5 hours a day, 180 days a year.
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NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP (NFP), WAKE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES

- NFP is a statewide, evidence-based community health care program that empowers low-income, first time mothers to become confident parents and strong women by partnering them with nurse home visitors. This trusted relationship instills a level of confidence in the first-time moms that will help them guide them and their children to successful futures. NFP is a national model, drawing its strength from an extensive body of research conducted over more than 30 years, and is being funded in N.C. by multiple sources, including Wake County SmartStart. The Wake County program receives strong national support. The components of this activity are determined and monitored by the NFP National Service Office.
- **Phone:** 919-250-4636

PARENTS AS TEACHERS HOME PROGRAM, PROJECT ENLIGHTENMENT, WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- Parents as Teachers (PAT) is an international early childhood parent education and family support program serving families throughout pregnancy until their child enters kindergarten, usually age five. The program is designed to enhance child development and school achievement through parent education. Interactions include: personal visits, group meetings, annual developmental screenings and functional assessments and referrals to community resources to families on an as needed basis.
- **Phone:** 919-856-2925

PROGRAM COORDINATION AND EVALUATION, WAKE COUNTY SMARTSTART

- In an effort to build the capacity of communities and families to prepare children for success in school and in life, Program Coordination and Evaluation experts work with community stakeholders to develop activities to achieve the goals, objectives and outcomes. Staff provides support, expertise and oversees other roles such as preparing community needs assessments, managing the Request for Proposal processes and participating in the development of staff funding recommendations. Staff also work with partners to develop annual evaluation plans and track implementation and outcomes for all funded activities; conduct partner site visits to assess progress toward program goals; participate in strategic planning; gather and analyze relevant data; and report findings to the North Carolina Partnership for Children (NCPC) and others as required and/or requested.
- **Phone:** 919-851-9550

PROJECT CATCH (COMMUNITY ACTION TARGETING CHILDREN WHO ARE HISPANIC), THE SALVATION ARMY

- Project CATCH works with children in Wake County, birth through five, who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. The program works to implement a system of care for homeless families with children and youth residing in any one of the nine Wake County Salvation Army homeless service programs. Project CATCH, which may serve as a national model, receives funding from multiple sources, including the John Rex Endowment and Wake County SmartStart.
- **Phone:** 919-834-6733

QUALITY ENHANCEMENT AND MAINTENANCE FOR CHILD CARE FACILITIES, WAKE COUNTY SMARTSTART

- The Quality Enhancement Initiative provides on-site consultation to one to three star licensed facilities in Wake County. Services offered include on-site technical assistance, training, consultation, plan development, and professional development for child care providers through consultation. The Quality Maintenance Initiative provides on-site consultation to four to five star licensed facilities including technical assistance, training, consultation, plan development, and professional development referrals for child care providers.
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SCHOOL READINESS SERVICES FOR HISPANIC CHILDREN, CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF RALEIGH

- The School Readiness Services for Hispanic Children program serves Hispanic families with children, birth to five, in Wake County. It is a multifaceted program that includes: Dialogic Reading to build language and literacy in early childhood, readiness for kindergarten workshops for parents of four and five-year-olds, school preparedness sessions for parents, developmental screenings, information and referrals.
- **Phone:** 919-873-0094

SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL INTERVENTIONS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN, LUCY DANIELS CENTER FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD

- The Social/Emotional Interventions for Young Children program, also known as SecurePath, is a comprehensive mental health service for young children in Wake County provided at the child's home or preschool. SecurePath staff offers mental health assessments, interventions, and therapy for children ages birth to five and their parents who need help with their child's social, emotional, or developmental challenges. Services are provided in English and Spanish. Services are provide free-of-charge to children age five and younger, who have not yet started kindergarten. SecurePath focuses its resources on children and families who do not have insurance coverage or are receiving Medicaid.
- **Phone:** 919-677-1400

SUPPORTING SCHOOL READINESS, PROJECT ENLIGHTENMENT, WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- The Supporting School Readiness program works with children and their families in the year prior to entry into kindergarten. The program also works with child care facilities, family child care homes, and elementary schools as they prepare for the transition into kindergarten. Services are provided in English and Spanish.
- **Phone:** 919-856-2925

TELAMON CORPORATION N.C. FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM, TELAMON CORPORATION

- The Telamon Corporation Family Literacy Program has two components: a parenting skills series and a home visitation program which focuses on literacy skills. Professionals facilitate two 10-week parenting skills series and an interpersonal problem-solving skills program for parents with children birth to 5. Upon completion of the program, each family receives literacy-related materials to encourage continued implementation of literacy-related practices.
- **Phone:** 919-747-7853

THE NURTURING PROGRAM FOR SPANISH SPEAKING FAMILIES (CRIZANZA CON CARINO), SAFECHILD, INC.

- The Nurturing Program serves Spanish speaking families in Wake County with children birth to five-years-old and who need secondary prevention of child abuse and neglect. This 12 to 24-week family education program blends child-rearing information with social supports to strengthen Spanish-speaking families. Culturally sensitive, bilingual volunteers facilitate parent and children's groups using a nationally recognized curriculum. The program is offered to urban and rural families who may be experiencing family violence. Parents and their children attend together but meet in separate groups.
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