



What is Wake County SmartStart?

[Wake County SmartStart](#) is a non-profit organization that works to ensure children birth to 5 in Wake County are prepared for success in school and in life. The organization focuses its efforts and funding in three areas of priority:

- quality child care is available and accessible
- children are safe, healthy and live in supportive environments
- children are ready for kindergarten

Wake County SmartStart provides funding to Wake County non-profits that work with children birth to 5 and their families, and provides technical assistance to Wake County child care centers and child care homes that are seeking to improve or maintain their star rating.