

SmartStart, More at Four and Head Start at a glance

SmartStart

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Mission	School readiness	School readiness	School readiness
Target Population	All children birth to age five.	At-risk four-year-olds who have not been exposed to a child care setting.	Children ages 3 to 5 who are living below the poverty line in accordance with the Consumer Price Index (Sect. 645 of the Head Start Act). Early Head Start is for 0 to 3-year-olds (not in Wake).
Objectives	<p>Planning and funding to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Improve access to child care ● Improve the quality of child care ● Improve access to health services for young children. ● Improve family support services 	<p>Planning and funding to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Serve children who are not getting the educational preparation they need before starting school ● Create a standard, statewide pre-k program 	Federal funds allocated to individualized services in the areas of education and early childhood development; medical; dental; mental health; nutrition; and parent involvement.
Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provide technical assistance to child care centers to improve quality ● Provide opportunities for teachers in child care centers to improve their education in early childhood ● Provide parent education and resources ● Provide child care subsidies for low-income parents ● Provide access to health services for children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provide high quality pre-k ● Set uniform, state standards for pre-k, including curriculum, teacher credentials and class size ● Help pre-k teachers improve credentials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provide developmentally appropriate environments and curriculum designed to meet the individual needs of children and families served. ● Provide parent education programs to serve families. ● Provide screening and assesment for early identification of special needs. ● Provide evaluation and measurement of legislative outcomes for school readiness skills.
Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Umbrella statewide initiative with broad range of activities operated on a county-wide basis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Targeted statewide program with narrow focus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● National program focused on low-income communities.
Administration and Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nonprofit organization at state and local levels ● Public/private partnership ● State and private funding ● Local decision-making to address local needs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● State program ● State funding, plus other sources of funding contributed according to local decisions ● Standard program; local decision-making about location of pre-k classrooms; all classrooms meet state standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Federal Program ● Federal funding comes from Head Start Bureau, Department of Health and Human Services, The Administration for Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), The Administration for Children and Families (ACF). ● These funds are awarded to the ACF Regional Offices and the Head Start Bureau's American Indian - Alaskan Native and Migrant and Seasonal Program Branches. ● Head Start grantees must meet federal standards.

