



## **Are you thinking about opening a childcare center?**

While Wake County SmartStart works closely with established and licensed child care centers, we are unable to offer assistance to individuals who are considering opening a child care center or home. If you are considering opening a child care center or home, the [North Carolina Division of Child Development](#) is available to provide assistance. The Division has also put together a publication entitled [Basic Information for Potential Providers](#) where you will find information designed to help you as you consider whether or not to open a child care center. The publication provides information in licensing requirements, child to staff ratios, teacher training and education, budget guides and much more.

You can also contact the North Carolina Division of Child Development at (800) 859-0829 (in-state calls only) or (919) 662-4499.