



2015-16 PARTNER LIST



Wake County SmartStart

Wake County SmartStart (WCSS) works to ensure children, birth to five, are prepared for success in school and in life.

In addition to programs directly managed by WCSS, 10 partner agencies also receive funding. Together, 11 local agencies provide services through 22 programs focused on the following goals:

- Children are in safe, supportive home environments.
- Children are in high quality care that contributes to positive child outcomes.
- Children are healthy and developmentally ready for school.
- Children and families are supported by a strong, diverse integrated early childhood system.

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WCSS Community Partners

Managing agencies in green – WCSS funded programs in blue

Catholic Charities

School Readiness Services for Hispanic Children & Families serves Hispanic families with young children in Wake County. It is a multifaceted program that builds early literacy skills, and provides screenings, information and referrals. **Phone:** 919-821-9750

Child Care Services Association (CCSA)

Administrator/Quality Development assists child care providers with the national accreditation process (NAEYC) through on-site technical consultation. CCSA also provides an Administrator Leadership Academy to enhance program administration capacity. **Phone:** 919-314-6853

Community Care of Wake and Johnston Counties

Assuring Better Child Health & Development Program (ABCD) provides on-site training, technical assistance, and materials to primary care medical practices in Wake County to integrate developmental screenings and referral procedures as part of preventive care for children.

Phone: 919-792-3622

The Family Resource Center of Raleigh

Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPPY) provides weekly home visits for parents with limited education and resources who have children ages three to five years old, as well as Parent Group Meetings focusing on school readiness. **Phone:** 919-755-6959

Lucy Daniels Center for Early Childhood

Social/Emotional Interventions for Young Children (SecurePath) is a mental health service for young children provided at the child's home or preschool. The program offers mental health assessments and interventions for children ages birth to five and their parents who need help with their child's social, emotional or developmental challenges. Services in English and Spanish. **Phone:** 919-677-1400

Motheread

Literacy Invites & Nurtures Kids Success (LINKS) provides training to child care teachers on literacy skills and effective teaching strategies to use in their classrooms. Teachers also learn how to involve parents in literacy activities at home. **Phone:** 919-781-2088

SAFEchild

The Nurturing Program for Spanish Speaking Families (Crianza Con Carino) serves Spanish speaking families with young children through family education sessions focused on the development of positive parenting practices. **Phone:** 919-743-6140

Telamon Corporation

The Family Literacy Program provides a parenting skills series and a home visitation program which focuses on literacy skills. **Phone:** 919-747-7855

Wake County Human Services

Child Care Health Consultant Program provides on-site health, safety, and nutrition consultation in child care facilities. In addition, Registered Nurses develop and implement care plans for children identified as having developmental concerns/delays or health care needs. **Phone:** 919-212-7572



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Wake County SmartStart also works with the community programs below through ongoing technical assistance and training consultation:

Natural Learning Initiative College of Design, NCSU

Preventing Obesity by Design – Wake* addresses the obesity epidemic in young children attending child care by transforming playgrounds into outdoor learning environments (OLEs) including active play areas with gardens for growing fruits and vegetables.

The John Rex Endowment

Transforming Places and Spaces for Children's Positive Mental Health* focuses on improving physical as well as social environments that contribute to children's positive mental health. WCSS collaborates with other agencies and organizations to examine policies and practices to support young children.

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Wake County Human Services (Continued)

The Child Care Subsidy Program provides financial assistance for child care to low income parents, families with children with special needs and homeless families. Parent Educators and Case Managers provide guidance to parents about quality care for their children.

Phone: 919-212-7000

Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) is a 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. **Phone:** 919-212-7210

Wake County Public School System (WCPSS)

WAKE Up and Read collaborates with community partners to improve access to books for families with young children and use of appropriate literacy strategies for caregivers.

Phone: 919-431-7725

Project Enlightenment (WCPSS)

Phone: 919-856-7774 for both programs listed below

Parents as Teachers Program (PAT) is an international early childhood parent education and family support program serving families through home visits until their child enters kindergarten. The program is designed to enhance child development and school achievement through parent education.

Supporting School Readiness works with children and their families prior to entry into kindergarten. Through facilitated playgroup sessions using the Second Step Early Learning Program, children learn skills for school success while parents/caregivers participate in separate group discussions on preparing their children for kindergarten. Services provided in English and Spanish.

Programs administered by Wake County SmartStart

Phone: 919-851-9550 for all listed programs below

Child Care Program Quality Supplements provides Quality Supplement payments to qualifying Wake County child care facilities to maintain existing program quality or incentivize improvement in program quality.

Community Outreach & Education works to distribute information and increase access to services for families of young children as well as raise awareness regarding the value of quality early care and education.

Farm to Child Care* connects local food resources to child care providers serving primarily low income families to facilitate incorporation of more locally grown fruits and vegetables within the child care facility.

Improving & Sustaining Quality Child Care provides on-site consultation to 1 to 5-star licensed child care centers and homes in Wake County. Services include on-site technical assistance, training, consultation, plan development, and professional development planning for child care providers.

NC Pre-Kindergarten Program works to provide high quality early educational experiences for four-year-olds who meet various criteria of need. The program is community-based, voluntary, and prepares four-year-olds for kindergarten.

Program Coordination & Evaluation staff members consult with stakeholders to assess community need and manage the WCSS proposal process. The program supports, evaluates and monitors WCSS funded partners and prepares reports to inform decisions made by the WCSS Board of Directors.

Reach Out and Read is part of a national model that builds on the relationship between parents and medical providers by making literacy support a standard part of regular pediatric check-ups.

Wake Connections* is a coordinated intake and referral system that connects families with high quality home-based programs through a simple online application. Participants are considered for multiple programs using a single application.

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