



Farm to Child Care Partners

Farm to Child Care (F2CC) in Wake County is a collaborative effort among several organizations, child care facilities and farmers. Three key partners are leading the way in developing the F2CC system in Wake County with funding from John Rex Endowment.

Wake County SmartStart

Wake County SmartStart (WCSS) is the John Rex Endowment grantee for F2CC in Wake County. WCSS partners with Cooperative Extension, Advocates for Health in Action (AHA), child care facilities, farmers and other procurement sources to implement the collaborative grant.

Wake County SmartStart's mission is to build the capacity of families and the community to prepare children for success in school and in life. Officially formed in 1996, Wake County SmartStart works to improve the quality, accessibility and affordability of child care, provide preventive health and early intervention services and offer family support services.

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Wake County Cooperative Extension

NC Cooperative Extension and many organizations and stakeholders are working with our communities to develop and expand local food systems across the state. Local Foods is a collaborative Flagship Program for the Cooperative Extension Program of NC A&T State University and the NC Cooperative Extension Service of NC State University.

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Advocates for Health in Action (AHA)

AHA is a diverse group of more than 60 organizations and interested individuals working to create a healthier Wake County by shaping policies, systems and environments that increase access to healthy foods and physical activity. Through collaborative partnerships, AHA works to shape policy and environments that ensure access to healthy foods and physical activity.

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