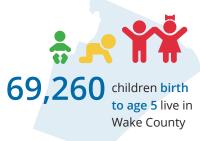


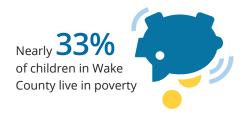
# FACT SHEET

Each Child. Every Community. Ready for School and Life.



How we prepare young children for Kindergarten impacts their future.





When children start behind, they often stay behind.





WCSS invests in programs that help children start Kindergarten ready to learn.

We focus on the essentials needed for a strong foundation in life:



By improving access to healthy foods and exercise at 19 Shape NC sites, reaching 1,282 children in child care.



By connecting families to needed resources through Wake Connections— an online referral system used by **72** programs to efficiently coordinate services.



By ensuring Kindergarten success that lasts—91% of Wake County's Pre-K graduates meet "ready for school" measures.

WCSS also works to improve our early childhood system of care and education.

Visit our website at www.wakesmartstart.org to learn about all of our programs and how we support young children and their success in school and life.

Thank you to our Investment Champions:













# PROGRAM INVESTMENTS by CATEGORY OF SERVICE

Program name | Managing agency

#### Supporting Families: \$1,529,474

- Language is the Key | Catholic Charities | \$76,538
- Nurse-Family Partnership | Wake County Human Services | \$82,500
- Parents as Teachers | Office of Early Learning, Wake County Public School System | \$621,456
- SecurePath | Lucy Daniels Center | \$450,000
- Crianza con Cariño | SAFEchild | \$84,526
- Hope at Home | Hope Services, LLC | \$109,454
- Wake Connections | Wake County Smart Start | \$105,000

#### **Improving Child Care Quality: \$6,461,158**

- Advancing School Readiness | Child Care Services Association | \$163,135
- Child Care Health Consultant Program | Wake County Human Services | \$462,759
- Child Care Subsidy Program | Wake County Human Services | \$5,583,458
- Improving and Sustaining Quality Child Care | Wake County Smart Start | \$251,806

#### **Healthy Initiatives: \$445,505**

- Shape NC: Healthy Starts for Young Children, an initiative of Smart Start and BCBSNC Foundation | Funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service, Social Innovation Fund, managed by Wake County Smart Start | \$183,570
- Healthy Starts for Infants and Toddlers: Shape NC | Wake County Smart Start | \$133,500
- Farm to Child Care | Funded by John Rex Endowment, managed by Wake County Smart Start | \$128,435

## Encouraging Healthy Development and School Readiness: \$14,407,185

- Dolly Parton's Imagination Library | Wake County Smart Start | \$52,500
- Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) | The Family Resource Center South Atlantic | \$321,726
- NC Pre-Kindergarten | Wake County Smart Start | \$13,965,690
- School Readiness Services for Hispanic Children & Families | Catholic Charities | \$67,269

### Strengthening the Early Childhood System of Care and Education: \$588,169

- Systems Improvement and Public Engagement | Wake County Smart Start | \$348,260
- Program Coordination and Evaluation | Wake County Smart Start | \$239,909

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Wake County Smart Start budget as of July 1, 2019. Fact sheet sources: Annie E. Casey Foundation, NC State Demographer, NC Department of Child Development and Early Education, NC Partnership for Children, NC Department of Public Instruction, Wake County Smart Start.