

WHAT WE DO

- ▶ Assure that high quality child care is available for families in our service area.
- ▶ Assure healthcare is available for children birth to five.
- ▶ Ensure that parents are supported and strengthened in their role as their children's primary caregivers.
- ▶ Bring together all the people involved in a young child's life-families, teachers, doctors, caregivers, social workers, and many others-to ensure every child has all they need for healthy growth and development.

The Partnership for Children of Lincoln & Gaston Counties administers North Carolina's Smart Start funds for programs that benefit children ages birth to five years and their families; is a catalyst for bringing different groups together for the sake of children, and educates the community on the critical needs of young children and helps develop solutions to those needs.



Smart Start is North Carolina's nationally recognized early childhood initiative to ensure that young children enter school healthy and prepared for success. This public-private initiative provides early childhood funding to local Partnerships throughout North Carolina's 100 counties. The Partnership for Children of Lincoln & Gaston Counties provides services through programs operating in partnership with governmental and non-profit groups to improve the health and education of children ages birth through five.



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WHO WE ARE

The Partnership for Children of Lincoln & Gaston Counties is a nonprofit organization that provides services for local families and children through Smart Start, North Carolina's award-winning early childhood initiative.

OUR MISSION

To lead, advocate, and collaborate with others to insure the well-being of children ages birth to five.

OUR VISION

Communities where children, ages birth to five, reach their health, developmental, and educational potential and grow to be thriving adults



THRIVE to Five... and Beyond!



Teach ✦ Health ✦ Read ✦ Inform ✦ Voice ✦ Engage



FAMILY SUPPORT

We offer family-focused programs to improve parenting, promote parent involvement and impact the environment in which parenting takes place. Children who have positive relationships with their parents have better health and social skills. In addition, children with parents who read to them have a better chance of succeeding in school.



TEACHER EDUCATION

We help child care providers create effective, early learning programs by offering professional development, technical assistance, and funding. To promote high-quality environments, we encourage childcare professionals to complete college classes by providing them with additional trainings, academic advising and financial support.



HEALTH PROMOTION

We work to improve outcomes for children by increasing access to healthcare and by working with providers, health departments, families, and communities to improve the healthcare systems that serve the needs of young children.



CHILD CARE QUALITY

Forty years of early education research show preschool programs that help children are those with highly skilled teachers, stimulating materials, age-appropriate activities, and safe environments. We are helping our children develop the social, emotional, and academic foundations that will serve them throughout life.



ADVOCACY

It takes engaged communities to improve lives for all citizens. Our youngest children need leadership committed to investing in their future. Today's children are our future leaders, parents and workers. Our state's prosperity depends on their health and growth.