



Wake County SmartStart Announcement of Request for Proposals (RFP) FY 2017-2020

Wake County SmartStart (WCSS) is working to ensure every child in Wake County, birth to 5 years, is prepared for success in school and in life. WCSS extends an invitation to the community to submit proposals for FY 2017-18. Contracts may be renewable for an additional two years depending on funding availability, community need and agency performance. Proposals must address at least one of the following goal areas identified by the WCSS Board of Directors:

Children are in safe, supportive home environments

Children are in high quality child care that contributes to positive child outcomes

Children are healthy and developmentally ready for school

Children and families are supported by a strong, diverse, connected and integrated early childhood system that promotes results

WCSS will hold Bidders' Conferences in January to provide detailed information about the application process, as well as program, budget and reporting requirements. Although participation is not mandatory, attendance at one of the Bidders' Conferences is strongly encouraged. The meetings will be held at the WCSS offices:

4901 Waters Edge Drive, Suite 101, Raleigh NC 27606

Directions to WCSS offices are available on the WCSS website at www.wakesmartstart.org/contact/.

Please click on the following link for registration and additional information about the Bidders' Conferences:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FY17-20BiddersConference>

The RFPs submission process and all proposal documents will be reviewed thoroughly at this meeting. Documents will also be available to preview on our website www.wakesmartstart.org on **Monday, January 9th**.

Bids are due no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Thursday, March 9. Late applications will **NOT** be accepted. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact:

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