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Wake County SmartStart (WCSS)

Every child in Wake County deserves to start Kindergarten ready to learn and succeed.

WCSS invests in the essentials needed for a strong foundation:

- safe, supportive home environments
- high quality child care
- healthy development and school readiness
- a strong, diverse integrated early childhood system

WCSS works to ensure children, birth to five, are prepared for success in school and in life. Join us in supporting success for each child in every community.

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WCSS Funded Programs by Category of Service

Supporting Families

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. Managed by Wake County Human Services. **Phone: 919-212-7210**

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. Managed by Project Enlightenment, part of Wake County Public School System (WCPSS). **Phone: 919-856-7774**

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. Managed by Lucy Daniels Center for Early Childhood. **Phone: 919-677-1400**

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. Managed by SAFEchild. **Phone: 919-743-6140**

Improving Child Care Quality

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. Managed by Child Care Services Association (CCSA). **Phone: 919-314-6853**

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. Managed by Wake County Human Services. **Phone: 919-212-7572**

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. Managed by WCSS. **Phone: 919-851-9550**

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. Managed by Wake County Human Services. **Phone: 919-212-7000**

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. Managed by WCSS. **Phone: 919-851-9550**

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. Managed by WCSS. **Phone: 919-851-9550**

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. Managed by Motherhead. **Phone: 919-781-2088**



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In addition to programs directly managed by WCSS, 9 partner agencies also receive funding. Together, 10 local agencies provide services through 21 programs focused on improving the lives of young children:

- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh
- Child Care Services Association
- Community Care of Wake and Johnston Counties
- Family Resource Center South Atlantic
- Lucy Daniels Center for Early Childhood
- Motherhead
- SAFEchild
- Wake County Human Services
- Wake County Public School System
- Wake County SmartStart

Encouraging Healthy Development and School Readiness

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. Managed by Community Care of Wake and Johnston Counties. **Phone: 919-792-3622**

Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) 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. Managed by The Family Resource Center South Atlantic. **Phone: 919-834-9300**

NC Pre-Kindergarten 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 4-year-olds for kindergarten. Managed by WCSS. **Phone: 919-851-9550**

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. Managed by WCSS. **Phone: 919-851-9550**

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, provides screenings, information and referrals. Managed by Catholic Charities. **Phone: 919-821-9750**

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 group discussions on preparing their children for kindergarten. Services provided in English and Spanish. Managed by Project Enlightenment, part of Wake County Public School System (WCPSS). **Phone: 919-856-7774**

Strengthening the Early Childhood System of Care and Education

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. Managed by WCSS. **Phone: 919-851-9550**

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. Managed by WCSS. **Phone: 919-851-9550**

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. Managed by WCSS. **Phone: 919-851-9550**

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. Managed by Wake County Public School System (WCPSS). **Phone: 919-431-7725**

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

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. Managed by **Natural Learning Initiative College of Design, NCSU**.

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