

Smart Start of Forsyth County



BUILDING A FOUNDATION FOR SCHOOL READINESS

Community Report
July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006



Rodessa Mitchell

~ Leadership Matters ~

Letter from the 2005-2006 Board Chair

Greetings supporters and partners of Smart Start of Forsyth County!

As we enter our 12th year, I reflect on the progress that we have made in the arena of early childhood education and quality child care. For the past decade, Smart Start of Forsyth County has been committed to providing the services and support that improve the school-readiness of our children. We have also been committed to supporting those educators that work so hard to teach our children, but are often under-rewarded and indeed under-compensated.

It is important for all of us to keep in mind the economic impact that quality child care and early childhood education has on our community. It is our hope that the entire community will rally behind the work of Smart Start of Forsyth County and also make the commitment to support our efforts to provide the proper beginnings that our children deserve.

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**Our Leadership
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~ Impact: Reflection of our Commitment ~

The depth of Smart Start's impact is based upon how we fulfill our commitment to our constituency. Smart Start is committed to supporting child care providers and educators and providing them with opportunities to continue learning; Smart Start is committed to supporting quality child care centers and providing access to those centers to families without access; Smart Start is committed to supporting families and providing early learning and development experiences; Smart Start is committed to improving the health of our children ages birth to five and providing access to health services. As evidence of our commitment, here are some accomplishments from 2005-2006:

Support of Providers and Educators –

- o 96 educators received scholarships to continue their education
- o 431 educators received supplements for professional development
- o 292 new early childhood educators enrolled in Smart Start's Technical Assistance Center

Support of Quality Child Care –

- o Child care subsidies and emergency child care assistance increased by \$28,170
- o 355 children received subsidies for child care
- o 39 children received emergency child care assistance

Support of Families –

- o 2468 families received child care resource and referral services
- o 85 teen mothers graduated from high school, including 13 Latina mothers
- o 1322 parents received home visits and participated in parent education groups as a part of a Smart Start funded activity

Support of Health and Development –

- o 4667 children received oral health assessments at 118 sites
- o 6772 Hispanic pediatric patients at the Downtown Health Plaza received translation services
- o 500 children were screened for developmental delays

The greater these numbers are, the better prepared our children are when they begin kindergarten. We rely on our partners, our donors, and the community to continue to increase these numbers to ensure the success of our children, thereby ensuring the success of our community as a whole.

Providing Access to Quality Child Care

~ Spending: Making it all Happen ~

Smart Start of Forsyth County receives state Smart Start funding in order to create the partnerships it has with many organizations in Forsyth County. We also receive funds from corporations and individuals to achieve our goals.

| EDUCATION/CARE PROGRAMS | TOTAL |
|---|------------------|
| Subsidies for Children | 4,056,662 |
| Enrichment Programs for Children | 21,468 |
| Teacher Education/Training/Support | 907,782 |
| Child Care Enhancement Quality Programs | 1,379,696 |
| Resource and Referral | 62,310 |
| Total Education/Care Programs | 6,427,918 |

| FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES | |
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| Informational Materials for Parents | 240,184 |
| Family Education and Support Services | 232,787 |
| Total Family Support Services | 472,971 |

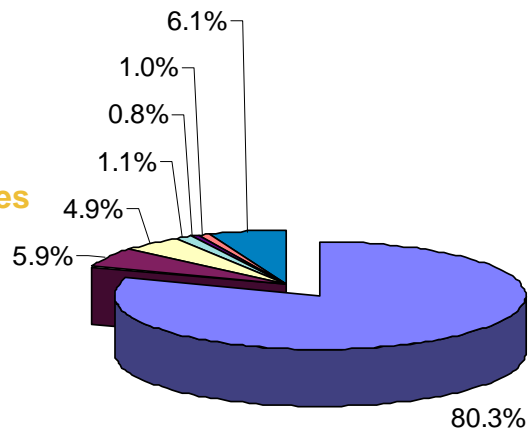
| HEALTH SERVICES | |
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| Special Needs Services | 76,775 |
| Dental Clinics/Screenings | 87,119 |
| Health Education/Other Health Services | 228,469 |
| Total Health Services | 392,363 |

| OTHER | |
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| Community Involvement/Conferences | 85,862 |
| Evaluation | 64,061 |
| Program Coordination | 77,105 |
| Partnership Administration | 486,595 |

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| TOTAL | 8,006,875 |
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- Education/Care Programs
- Partnership Administration
- Family Support Services
- Health Services
- Community Involvement/Conferences
- Program Coordination
- Evaluation

**2005 - 2006 Total Expenditures
\$8,006,875**



Supporting Educators

~ Our Partners In Success ~

Smart Start's partners apply to receive allocations from Smart Start on an annual basis. These allocations make it possible for our community organizations to succeed in providing quality early childhood experiences.

Catholic Social Services

Creative Learning Center

Downtown Health Plaza

Exchange/SCAN

Forsyth County Department of Social Services

Forsyth County Health Department

Forsyth Technical Community College

Imprints

North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service

The Children's Center for the Physically Handicapped

Work Family Resource Center

Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools

Smart Start of Forsyth County values the work done by our partners within the community. We also value the support we receive from individuals, corporations, and foundations. For a list of our 2005-2006 supporters, please contact our office at (336) 725-6011.

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