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Agency Honors Teachers in Improvement Program

WINSTON-SALEM, NC—Last week Smart Start of Forsyth County (SSFC) honored the teachers at child care facilities currently enrolled in their Quality Improvement Program. The program is designed to improve the quality of child care through guidance and technical assistance to child care facilities in Forsyth County.

All licensed child care facilities in North Carolina are rated on a one to five-star scale by the State. In order to participate in the Improvement program, a center must be committed to increasing its star level.

Staff at SSFC organized an appreciation tea to thank all of the facilities for their participation in the Quality Improvement Program. The participants got a chance to socialize with other facilities and win prizes, provided by Smart Start's Community Outreach division.

"It's important to recognize those that are striving to make improvements," said Chuck Kraft, executive director of Smart Start of Forsyth County. "It takes a lot of effort and hard work to meet the State's standards and we appreciate when facilities go above and beyond to give our young children the best learning experiences possible," Kraft says.

The facilities in the Quality Improvement Program have access to the expertise of several staff at Smart Start of Forsyth County.

Smart Start of Forsyth County is an organization that administers programs to improve the quality, affordability, and accessibility of child care, as well as provide access to health services and necessary family support to the community. For more information on Smart Start programs call 725-6011 or visit the Web site at www.smartstart-fc.org.

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