

Resources For Families, Early Education Professionals, and Child Care Professionals in Forsyth County



A Directory of Early Childhood Services
in Our Community

Child Care Resources

The Department of Social Services (DSS) provides child care assistance with payments to child care providers for families with children ages birth through twelve who meet income eligibility requirements. Parents pay a portion of child care expenses based on the number of family members and gross family income.

Contact: Department of Social Services (336) 703-3805 Web site: www.co.forsyth.nc.us/DSS

Work Family Resource Center (WFRC) offers resource and referral information for parents looking for child care. WFRC collects information from child care programs in Forsyth County, including hours and days of operation, cost, location, child-staff ratios, and licensing information. This information is used to help parents make well-informed child care decisions.

Contact: Work Family Resource Center (336) 761-5100 Web site: www.ccr.org

Work Family Resource Center administers the Smart Start of Forsyth County child care subsidy program which pays a portion of child care expenses for families with children ages birth to five who do not qualify for child care subsidies through DSS. They also administer emergency child care subsidies that help pay child care costs for a short period during a family emergency.

Contact: Work Family Resource Center (336) 761-5100 Web site: www.ccr.org

Classroom Enhancement Resources

The Children's Museum of Winston-Salem offers exhibits and educational programs designed to develop creative thinking, strengthen language skills, and encourage a child's natural curiosity. For children ages birth to twelve.

Contact: The Children's Museum (336) 723-9111 Web site: www.childrensmuseumofws.org

The Children's Theatre presents educational programs and plays for children, families, and the community. Call for dates and details.

Contact: Children's Theatre (336) 725 4531 Web site: www.childrenstheatre.org

The Forsyth County Public Library provides special events, story times, summer reading programs, homework assistance, and more. Children's Outreach offers services to children unlikely to use the traditional library facility and services. They also offer six to eight training sessions for child care professionals on the art of story sharing.

Contact: Forsyth County Public Library (336) 703-2665 Web site: www.forsythlibrary.org

The Sawtooth Center for Visual Art is an arts resource center that offers programs and classes for youth beginning at age 3 through adult. They offer preschool programs on site or at child care centers for a fee. Some scholarships available.

Contact: Sawtooth Center for Visual Art (336) 723-7395 Web site: www.sawtooth.org

SciWorks is a hands-on museum designed for children to explore the world of science through displays, programs, special events, etc. Call for cost and details.

Contact: SciWorks (336) 767-6730 Web site: www.sciworks.org

The Wake Forest Museum of Anthropology presents exhibits from the Americas, Africa, Asia and Oceania. Tours and curriculum-based programs for children, workshops for teachers, and classes are available as well as free tours and programs for children. After school classes and summer programs are available for a fee.

Contact: Museum of Anthropology (336) 758-5282 Web site: www.wfu.edu/MOA

The Winston-Salem Symphony is a community symphony that provides a variety of performances and programs. They offer Fun With Fiddles for young children, a string quartet program that provides a musical learning experience for children ages 3 and older. Call for cost.

Contact: Winston-Salem Symphony (336) 725-1035 Web site: www.wssymphony.org

Diversity/Cultural Resources

Creative Diversity is a one-stop global shop for multicultural materials and educational resources. They provide training and technical assistance for developing global environments.

Contact: Creative Diversity (888) 802-9431 Web site: www.creativediversity.com

Wake Forest University offers Growing Wings, a skills-based cultural competency training to preschool and early education and care professionals. Call for further information.

Contact: Wake Forest University (336) 758-6065

General Resources

211 is a free, confidential 24-hour information and resource telephone line to find answers about health and human services in Forsyth, Guilford, Davie, Randolph and Rockingham Counties.

Contact: 211 Web site: www.NC211.org

First Line is a telephone information and referral service of the Forsyth County Public Library. They also publish a directory of community resources that includes a wide variety of human service agencies and organizations that offer help, services, and information to residents of Forsyth County.

Contact: First Line (336) 748-3288

Higher Education Resources

Forsyth Technical Community College (FTCC) offers early childhood credentials such as an Early Childhood Education and Administrative certificate as well as an Associates Degree in Early Childhood.

Contact: FTCC (336) 771-4836 Web site: www.forsyth.tec.nc.us

Salem College offers a Bachelor's Degree Birth-Kindergarten License and/or a Master's of Arts in Teaching with Birth-Kindergarten Licensure. Those that have a Bachelor's Degree and a current teaching license can earn a Preschool Add-On License.

Contact: Salem College (336) 917-5494 Web site: www.salem.com

Winston Salem State University (WSSU) offers a Bachelor of Science Degree in Birth to Kindergarten Education.

Contact: WSSU (336) 750-2692 Web site: www.wssu.edu

Membership/Professional Organizations

Piedmont Association for the Education of Young Children (P.A.E.Y.C) is the local affiliate group of the North Carolina Association for the Education of Young Children (NC-AEYC) that is dedicated to promoting the professional growth of its members, increasing community among early childhood educators, and working toward attainment of the standards of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and the North Carolina Division of Public Instruction.

Contact: P.A.E.Y.C. (336) 345-5890

North Carolina Day Care Association (NCDA) is a statewide membership organization that works to improve the quality of child care in North Carolina through legislation, policies, and advocacy.

Contact: NCDA (704) 857-7503

Professional Development Resources

Child Care Services Association offers T.E.A.C.H., a statewide program that provides educational scholarships for teachers, directors, and family child care providers statewide.

Contact: Child Care Services (919) 967-3272 Web site: www.childcareservices.org

Smart Start of Forsyth County (SSFC) offers an early childhood education scholarship program. Scholarships are awarded for one academic year with an annual review. Students can earn an Early Childhood Certificate, Administrative Certificate, Early Childhood Associate Degree, Birth-Kindergarten Education Bachelor's Degree, Pre-K Certificate, or a Birth-Kindergarten Education Masters Degree.

Contact: SSFC (336) 714-4361 Web site: www.smartstart-fc.org

Smart Start of Forsyth County (SSFC) offers a salary supplement program twice a year for child care providers while they continue their education. Amounts are based on level of education beginning with the NC Early Child Care Certificate through Masters Degree in Early Childhood Education.

Contact: SSFC (336) 714-4361 Web site: www.smartstart-fc.org

Smart Start of Forsyth County (SSFC) offers Technical Assistance Services (TAS) for early childhood educators, child care providers, and/or any professional who works with children ages birth to five. TAS provides professional development, training, classroom and center resources, support, consultation, technical and financial assistance.

Contact: SSFC (336) 725-6011 Web site: www.smartstart-fc.org

Work Family Resource Center offers start-up information, consultation, and technical assistance for family home child care providers.

Contact: Work Family Resource Center (336) 761-5100 Web site: www.crr.org

Quality Improvement Resources

Smart Start of Forsyth County offers a Quality Improvement Program which assists participating child care centers in evaluating the quality of their classrooms using the Environmental Rating Scale. Teachers, with the help of a classroom specialist, can develop and implement a classroom improvement plan.

Contact: SSFC (336) 714-4345 Web site: www.smartstart-fc.org

Work Family Resource Center offers the Continuum of Professional Development to family home child care providers to improve the quality of their program with on site technical assistance utilizing the Family Day Care Rating Scale and financial incentives.

Contact: Work Family Resource Center (336) 761-5100 Web site: www.crr.org

Resources For Health Services

The Forsyth County Department of Public Health (FCDPH) offers a Preschool Dental Hygiene Program with preventative, educational, and clinical dental screenings, referral, and follow up for preschoolers.

Contact: FCDPH (336) 703-3376 Web site: www.co.forsyth.nc.us/publichealth

The Forsyth County Department of Social Services provides health coverage through Health Check (Medicaid) for children and youth through age 20 and for parents or caregivers of children who are 18 or younger. Family income can range from below poverty level up to 185% of the poverty level depending on the child's age.

Contact: Department of Social Services (336) 703-3802 Web site: www.co.forsyth.nc.us/DSS

North Carolina Health Choice for Children is a health insurance program for children through age 18 whose family income exceeds maximum for Health Check (Medicaid) and who are not covered by private health insurance.

Family income must be at or below 200% of the poverty level.

Contact: Department of Social Services (336) 703-3803 Web site: www.co.forsyth.nc.us/DSS
(800) 422-4658

Prevent Blindness of North Carolina offers free photo-refractive vision screening to preschoolers, ages two to five, at early education and child care facilities, and in the community. Follow up exams and glasses are provided free of charge to families with financial need.

Contact: Prevent Blindness NC (919) 755-5044 Web site: www.preventblindness.org/nc

Resources for Families

Children's Protective Services accepts and investigates reports about children up to 18 who are suspected of being abused and/or neglected.

Contact: Department of Social Services (336) 703-2287 Web site: www.co.forsyth.nc.us/DSS

Exchange/Scan offers Welcome Baby which provides support and education to first-time parents in an effort to help adapt to a new child.

Contact: Exchange/Scan (336) 725-BABY Web site: www.exchangescan.org
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Goodwill Industries of Northwest North Carolina provides Project S.T.E.P. (Skills to Enhance Parenting) a program that includes parenting classes and learning luncheons for individuals who are pregnant or parents of children ages birth to five.

Contact: Goodwill Industries (336) 724-3621 Web site: www.goodwillnwc.org

Imprints for Families offers intensive parenting education and support services to parents with children ages birth to five. They support parents as their child's first and best teachers, so that their child is ready to learn when he or she arrives at kindergarten.

Contact: Imprints (336) 722-6296 Web site: www.imprintsforfamilies.org

The North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service (NCCES) offers an expanded food and nutrition education program that provides pregnant teens, young mothers and Hispanic mothers with young children nutrition education to promote healthier pregnancies and reduce infant mortality.

Contact: NCCES (336) 703-2850 Web site: <http://forsyth.ces.ncsu.edu>

Resources for Social/Emotional Support

Family Services provides parent/child and family counseling. Sliding fee for services.

Contact: Family Services (336) 722-8173 Web site: www.familyservices.org

Winston-Salem Children's Developmental Services Agency (CDSA) provides an early intervention program that services children with development delays from birth to age 3. CDSA offers free evaluations.

Contact: CDSA (336) 716-4551 Web site: www.wfubmc.edu/psychiatry/services

Youth Opportunities offers a half-day preschool that serves children ages three to six with behavioral management issues. Transportation along with outpatient parent/child and family counseling for children are provided up to age 18. Sliding fee scale.

Contact: Youth Opportunities (336) 748-4133 Web site: www.youthopp.org

Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center houses the Child Guidance Clinic, a United Way supported program (a part of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine) that provides outpatient mental health services for youth up to age 18 and their families. Sliding fee scale based on income.

Contact: Child Guidance Clinic (336) 716-4551 Web site: www.wfubmc.edu/psychiatry/services

The Children's Center for the Physically Disabled, a developmental day center, administers the Help Empower Loving Parents (HELP) project to provide family support for parents with children at risk for developmental delay from birth to five.

Contact: The Children's Center (336) 727-2440 Web site: <http://web2k.wsfcs.k12.nc.us/ccenter>

Statewide Services

North Carolina Division of Child Development monitors licensed early education and care facilities. They are also a resource for parents.

Contact: Division of Child Development (800) 859-0829 Web site: dhhs.state.nc.us/ded

North Carolina Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development is a group of representatives from several early childhood education organizations that work together to facilitate and coordinate initiatives and provide leadership for a comprehensive early childhood education professional development system for North Carolina.

Contact: NC Institute (919) 662-4499 Web site: www.ncchildcare.org

Self Help administers a special loan program for child care providers created by the NC Division of Child Development. They offer loans, technical assistance, and consultations.

Contact: Self Help (336) 478-2600 Web site: www.self-help.org

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