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NC INTEGRATED CARE FOR KIDS

Integrated Care Round: Early Childhood

March 14th: 12:00 – 1:30PM

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Agenda

- Clappers!
- Durham's Partnership for Children
- Subsidies & Scholarships: CCSA
- CDSA: Early Intervention
- A Look Ahead: Upcoming events, & activities for kids

Clapper!

Crystal Quinn (CCPN)



Thank you, Crystal!!!

Tara:

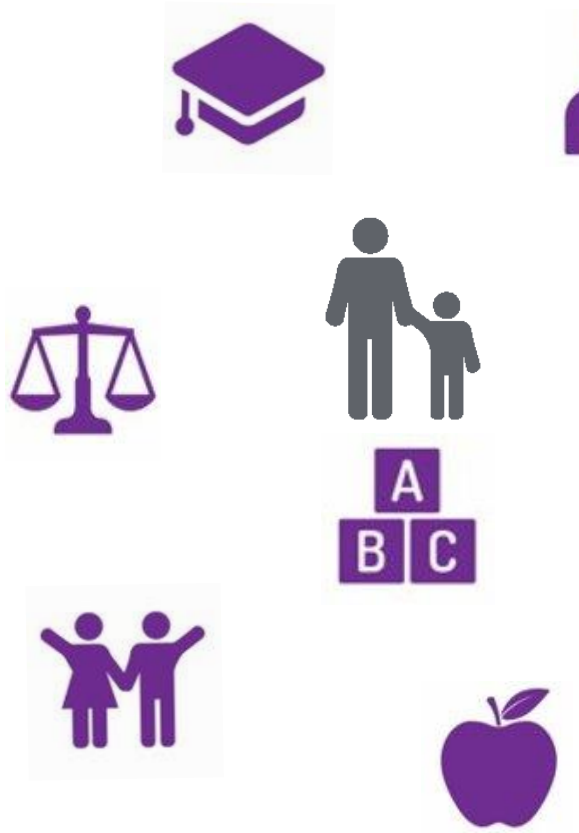
- *I am always impressed by the superb work you do!*
- *Your enthusiasm and dedication to the work are an inspiration to your teammates!*
- *I feel very lucky to have the chance to work with you!*
- *We owe a lot of the success of our InCK model to you!*



Why Early Childhood?

The first five years of a child's life are critical for growth and development. During this time, a child's experiences, health, and relationships have long-term effects.

During early childhood, children depend completely on their caregivers. Supporting young children can help not only them, but also their family and community!



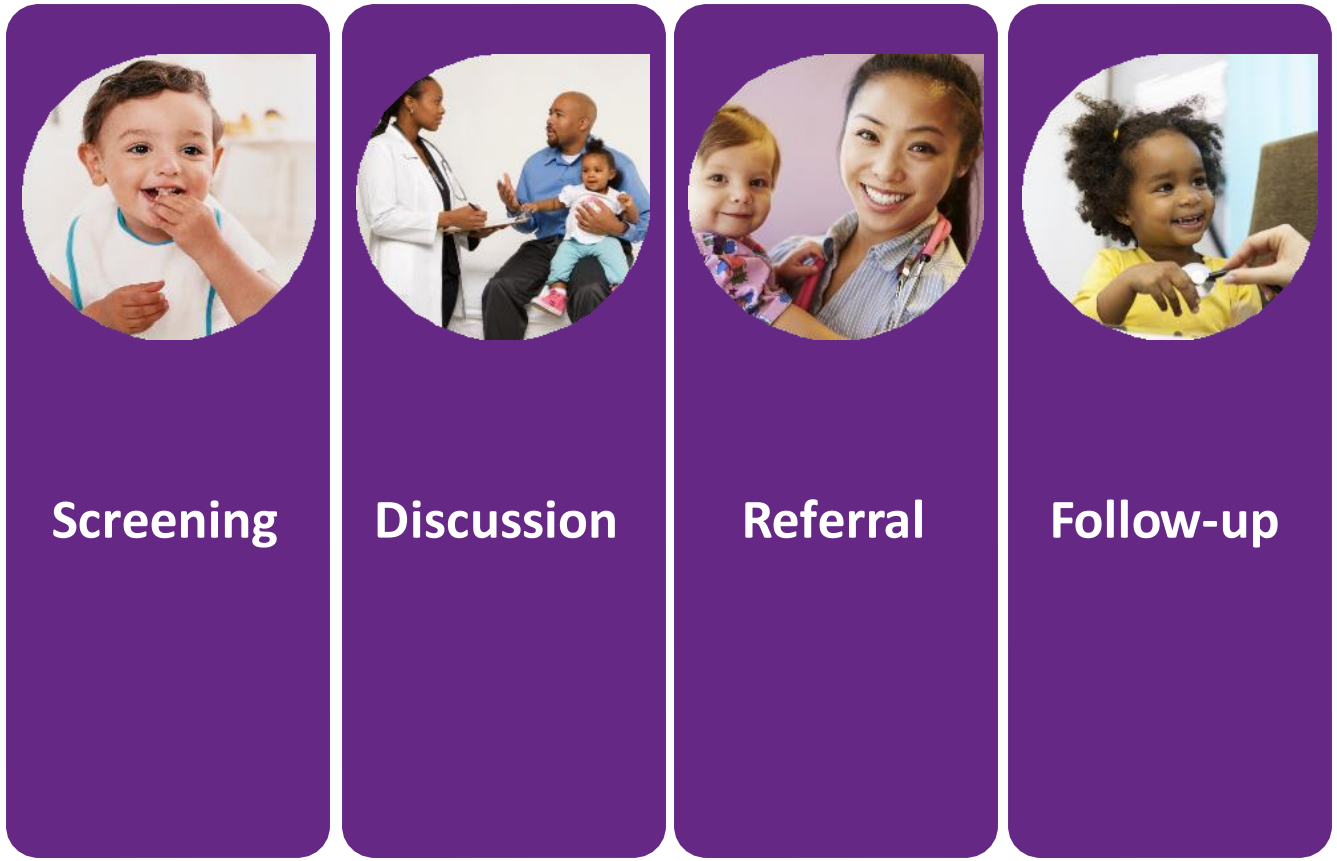
High quality early intervention programs for infants and children can reduce the chances of future problems with learning, behavior and health.

26% of children in NC under the age of 6 are in poverty.

Connecting children and families to early, high quality education and services, in addition to other concrete supports, provides a critical buffer against negative outcomes associated with poverty.

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Early Childhood Screening and Referral in Primary Care



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Durham's Partnership for Children



Expanding access to early education



Improving quality of child care



Supporting families



Mobilizing community partners

To ensure every child in Durham enters school ready to succeed, we lead community strategies for children birth to age 5 and their families that promote healthy development and learning and enhance access to high quality care.

Introduction:

Mj Ignacio is the Outreach Coordinator for Durham's Partnership for Children.

Her role within the Partnership is to go out into the communities around Durham County and promote the services at community events as well as plan different outreach strategies and events for families to attend.

She also runs the NCCARE360 referral data base and registers children for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library for Durham County.

She loves serving the Durham community and hopes to impact Early Childhood advocacy as well as connecting families who are in underserved communities to resources.



Smart Start

Smart Start is North Carolina's nationally-recognized initiative to ensure that every child reaches his or her potential and enters school healthy and ready to succeed. Smart Start seeks to advance a high quality, comprehensive, accountable system of care and education for every child beginning with a healthy birth.

- Improving children's early care and education programs so that they are safe, healthy and provide opportunities for children to learn skills they need for success in school.
- Providing parents with tools that support them in raising healthy, happy, successful children.
- Ensuring that children have access to preventive health care

The power of Smart Start is that it delivers outcomes by giving communities local control to determine the best approach to achieving them. Durham's Partnership for Children was established in 1994 and first funded in 1995.

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Each Child. Every Community.

Durham's Partnership for Children

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Smart Start Funded Partner Programs:

Child Care Referral Programs – CCSA

Book Babies – Book Harvest

Smart Start Scholarship Program - CCSA

WAGE$ - CCSA

Early Childhood Outreach Program (EChO) – Exchange Family Center

Healthy Families Durham- Center For Child & Family Health

Welcome Baby Resource Center – Durham County Cooperative Extension

Smart Start Child Care Scholarship Program - CCSA

Shaping Healthy Lives – CCSA

Strengthening Learning in Family Child Care (SLFCC) - CCSA

Rebuilding Capacity for Quality (RCQ)- CCSA

More Information regarding these programs will be on our website page:

Smart Start Funded Partners - Durham's Partnership for Children (dpfc.net)

Outline

- Overview
- Dolly Parton's Imagination Library
- Durham Early Head Start
- NC Pre-K
- Durham PreK
- Transition to Kindergarten
- Referrals/ NCCARE360
- Questions?

Overview

- Dolly Parton's Imagination Library
  - Children 0-5 years Old
- Durham Early Head Start
  - Expectant mothers
  - Children under the age of 3
- NC Pre-K
  - Must be 4 years old before August 31st of the current school year

Overview

- Durham PreK
  - ALL four-year-olds in Durham, must be four on or before August 31st of the current school year
- Transition to Kindergarten
  - All Families with rising kindergarteners





Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

How it works

- Families register for DPIL online or by filling out a registration form and returning it to Durham's Partnership for Children
- Children will receive one high-quality, developmentally-appropriate book each month until their fifth birthday
- There is NO COST or obligation to families

Who is eligible?

- All children birth to five who reside in North Carolina
- Durham's Partnership for Children maintains the database for Durham County



Durham's Partnership for Children

Durham Early Head Start

- Durham Early Head Start (DEHS) is a federally-funded, free, and comprehensive child development and family support program for low-income families
  - Expectant mothers
  - Children under the age of 3
- Families choose between home-based or center-based
- The Partnership oversees the daily operations of the program, maintaining enrollment, placement, and connecting families with resources
- The **Center for Child & Family Health** provides home visiting services; and local child care centers provide center-based care.



How to Apply?

- Apply for Durham Early Head Start at http://dpfc.net/our-work/durham-early-head-start/

- Or call Tanisha Brooks at
  (919) 403-6960 ext. 227

- Required Documents:
  - Proof of Child's Age
  - Proof of Address
  - Proof of Annual Income for the household



NC Pre-K

- NC Pre-K provides high-quality educational experiences to enhance school readiness for eligible four-year-olds in the state of NC
- In Durham County, Durham's Partnership for Children is the contract administrator, responsible for enrollment, placement, and technical assistance of the program
- Families applying for NC Pre-K are placed in classrooms in Durham Public Schools, Durham Head Start, and private child care centers
    - All private sites are required to have a 4- or 5-star rating from NC DCDEE

NC Pre-K

- Eligibility:
  - Must live in Durham County
  - Must be 4 years old on or before August 31st of the current school year
  - Income is 75% at or below State Median Level or 300% at or below the Federal Poverty Level
  - Other priority criteria
    - Complete list at https://www.durhamprek.org/why-prek/



Durham PreK

- Durham PreK is Durham County's investment in early childhood
- Built to enhance and expand the state funded NC Pre-K program, Durham PreK is open to all 4-year-olds in Durham County
- Eliminated income requirements of NC Pre-K and is **free** for families 400% at or below the Federal Poverty Level
    - Sliding Scale parent fee for families above 400% of the FPL
- Child Care Services Association is the contract administrator of Durham PreK, but the Partnership has a sub-contract to support with enrollment, placement, and outreach for Durham PreK



Durham PreK

- The Durham PreK Application allows families to complete **one** application to be considered for slots in private child care sites, Durham Head Start, and Durham Public School classrooms

- Who is eligible?
  - ALL four-year-olds in Durham, must be four on or before August 31st of the current school year
  - Must be a resident of Durham County



How to Apply?

- Application for the 2024-2025 school year is available online at https://www.durhamprek.org/families/enrollment/
  - Families should call **1-833-PREK-EDU** for assistance with completing the application or with any questions
- Required documents
  - Proof of Birth
  - Proof of Address
  - Proof of Monthly Income – one month's worth for entire household
  - Proof of Annual Income

Transition to Kindergarten

- The Transition to Kindergarten (TTK) Initiative, a collaboration between Durham Public Schools and Durham's Partnership for Children, builds connections that prepare parents, children, and schools for a successful transition to kindergarten.
- In the spring (March to April), we will host our Blast off to Kindergarten Dinners
- This summer, we will host our **Popsicles on the Playground** Events
    - Look for updates on our social media!



Referrals

There are two ways to refer families to the Partnership

1. **Referral Page on the DPfC website**
    - www.dpfc.net
    - Families can self-refer or be referred from another agency
1. **NCCARE360**
    - Any practice who is a part of the NCCARE360 database can refer their patients to us
    - Mj Ignacio is in charge of maintaining the NCCARE360 database for the Partnership
    - Mj connects families with the appropriate staff member and program application

Questions? And upcoming events!

Please enter any questions you have in the chat or unmute yourself to ask your question!

Rollup and Enroll Application Event

March 16th @ Durham Tech

- 11am-2pm

April 20th @ DPS Staff Development Center

- 10am-1pm



Thank you for your time!

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Welcome, Ana Claros-Sanchez!

Childcare Consumer Education & Referral Manager I



Referral Services & Resources

A nine county collaboration between

CHILD CARE SERVICES Association

Durham, Orange, Wake

Smart Start

Alamance, Caswell, Person
Franklin-Granville-Vance
Partnerships *for* Children

…ensuring affordable, accessible, high-quality child care

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Child Care Referral Central (CCRC)

- Regional collaborative between CCSA and the Alamance, Caswell, Person and Franklin-Granville-Vance Partnerships for Children.
- Customized child care referrals for all families seeking care for children from birth to age 12
- Information about the NC licensing system, Quality indicators, community resources and financial assistance
- All services are Free
- English, Spanish or any language via an interpretation service



Referral Database
WorkLife Systems (WLS)

Free listing for child care programs
Housing over 1500 programs in 9 county area
Maintaining over 30 data points on each program

All Types of Programs!

- Child Care Centers
- Family Child Care Homes
- Summer/Track-out Camps
- Preschools
- School-age Programs
- Head Start
- NC PreK
- Public School PreK



Child Care Referral Central

How it Works!

- Referral Specialists **listen** to the family's child care preferences and conduct a **custom search**. They are there to help the family take the process one step at a time.
- **Consumer education** about choosing quality care that includes quality indicators, licensing standards, accreditations, and steps to take during a search.
- **Detailed printout,** listing programs that are matched by criteria like: quality ratings, type of care, location, tuition rates and more.
- Assistance to view child care provider licensing files for **compliance history**
- Provide a parent packet with **tools**, such as checklists to help families feel confident through the search process.



Enhanced Referrals

Some families may qualify for additional enhanced services

- Confirmed age-appropriate vacancies in high quality programs.
- Offer to accompany or transport the family to at least three child care programs. Specialists model questions to ask and point out indicators that are signs of quality.
- For families who do not speak English well, a counselor will assist with translation during visits and the enrollment process.
- Follow up calls to offer on-going proactive support until their child care selection is finalized and child is enrolled.



Financial Assistance Resources

- ❑ CCSA Scholarships - Children 0-5 years old (UNC-CH 0-12*)
- ❑ DSS- Child Care Subsidy (Vouchers Program) 0 - 12 years-old
- ❑ Early Head Start - 0 - 3 years-old & Head Start - 3-4 year-olds
- ❑ NCPreK - (Durham PreK, DPS, Head Start and NCPreK) 4 year-olds
- ❑ CCSA Scholarships - Children 0-5 years old (UNC-CH 0-12*)
- ❑ Discounts Offered by Providers



Child Care Referral Central

Accessing and Referring to CCRC

Families needing help finding child care and resources can contact us by:

- Visiting us at 1201 South Briggs Ave, Suite 200, Durham, NC 27703
- Calling 1-855 (EarlyEd) 1-855-327-5933
- Using our Online Referral Search
- Emailing: Referral@childcareservices.org



Our Referral Team



Stay in Touch!

Presenters: ***Ana Claros***

Email: AnaC@childcareservices.org

Contact: **855-EARLY-ED (855-327-5933)**

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NCDHHS





Welcome, Dr. Rachel Corbitt!

Director of Durham's Children's Developmental Services Agency (CDSA)

EARLY INTERVENTION IN NORTH CAROLINA

NC INFANT/TODDLER PROGRAM: *THE GATEWAY TO SERVICES*

EARLY INTERVENTION LEGISLATION



- The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) was created in 1986 to enhance the development of infant and toddlers with disabilities, as well as minimize potential developmental delay.

- In doing so, we reduce educational costs by minimizing the need for special education services. This was federal legislation that provide funding to each State to ensure available services to Infant and Toddlers aged birth to three with developmental delays and/or medical conditions that are likely to lead to a developmental delay. (nectac, 2011)

Why is Early Intervention important?

For CHILDREN

- Portal of Service Entry for children with special health care needs and their families.
- Where child first experiences play as learning.
- Where child first feels a sense of accomplishment.
- Where the foundation& building blocks of learning begin.

For FAMILIES

- Where parents learn how to navigate through the system of services, and advocate on behalf of their child.
- Where parents learn to become their child's first teacher.
- Where parents gain the knowledge about the system of services in NC.
- Where parents gain confidence that they can raise this special child.

THE NC INFANT/TODDLER PROGRAM



What population is served?

Children birth to three years old.

Children with a diagnosed developmental delay

Ex: delay in motor skills, social/emotional skills, speech/language skills, cognitive skills.

Children with established conditions

Ex: prematurity, Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy.

Children's Developmental Services Agencies (CDSA)

Currently there are 16 CDSA's to serve each of the 100 NC counties

Referrals can come from anyone.

Most often Referrals come from:

- Discharge Planners
- Pediatricians
- Care Management for At-Risk Children (CMARC)
- Parents

How is a child made eligible?

- Child evaluated by a Clinical Team of at least two credentialed professionals (LCSW, PT, OT, SLP)
- EI Service Coordination is assigned.
- Child presents with a delay in two or more areas of development.
- Five areas of development are:
  - gross motor skills
  - fine motor skills
  - speech/language skills
  - social/emotional skills
  - cognitive skills
- If eligible, the TEAM develops the Individualized Family Services Plan (IFSP).
- Once the IFSP is developed, the team determines the types of services that the child needs.
- The plan is fluid and can be adjusted as the child shows improvement and achieves goals.



Types of Service Providers?

Service Providers could include the following:

- Service Coordinator (mandatory)
- PT, OT, Speech, Feeding Therapists
- Developmental Therapists
- Nutritionists
- Medical Staff



Transition of Services begins at 27 months to PART B of IDEA/EC Preschool Services.



National Resources & Data

- NECTAC -The National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (NECTAC) serve as the U.S. Office of Special Education Programs' national resource for states on implementing the early childhood provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).



North Carolina State Resources & Data

The **UNC Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute** transforms the lives of children and families through interdisciplinary research, evaluation, implementation, technical assistance, and outreach.

Additional Resources include:

- North Carolina Interagency Coordinating Council-NCICC
- Local Interagency Coordinating Councils-LICC

References

National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center

www.beearly.nc.gov

Services & Referral Flow of CMARC & CDSA

Community Partners

CDSA (0 – 3)

Children's Developmental Services Agency (aka Infant-Toddler Program)

- Children who exhibit dev. delays or have established conditions
- Provides service coordination, therapies, family support, special instruction, and assistive technology
- Supports transitions to preschool programs

CMARC (0 – 5)

Care Management for At-Risk Children

- Children with special health care needs
- Children exposed to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES)
- Children who've been exposed to substance use
- Children in the neonatal intensive care unit who need assistance as they transition back to the community.

A Look Ahead

For more events in the 5 NC InCK Counties, check out our NC InCK Webpage and Facebook. Also, explore our new NC InCK training page for archived ICRs, takeaways, and shared resources.

Integrated Care Rounds: Serving Immigrant Families
Thursday, April 11th: 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

***Help us tailor this ICR to your needs! Be on the lookout for a planning survey in your inbox.**

Please contact Josie Hatley (anna.hatley@duke.edu) if you need the invitation for the ICR/Echo series.

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Upcoming Events

- Roll Up & Enroll with Durham Partnership for Children
  - Saturday, March 16th 11am – 2pm (Durham Tech)
  - Saturday, April 20th 10am – 1pm (DPS Staff Development Cen.)

- Pre-K Applications are open NOW!
- Kindergarten Enrollments are open NOW!

- Kindergarten Readiness Forum w/ Franklin Granville Vance Smart Start
  - Saturday, May 4th 10am – 12:30pm via Zoom
  - Amy Oakes | aoakes@FGVsmartstart.org | K Transitions Coordinator
  - Learn about collaborating with teachers, routines/transitions, underlying behavioral issues & how to support early literacy at home!

Appendix

Pre-K Applications are Open Now

Why Pre-K:

Pre-K prepares children academically for later school success and offers opportunities to build important social-emotional skills

NC InCK Area Pre-K Application Links and Deadlines

District and Application Links	Date
Alamance (Overview|English|Spanish)	Applications open through June 13, 2024
Chapel Hill/Carrboro (Overview|English|Spanish)	Applications open during open enrollment, through mid-March 2024. *applications will be accepted after open enrollment & children will be placed as spaces become available
Durham (Overview|Application|EnglishChecklist|SpanishChecklist)	Applications open through May 12, 2024
Granville (Overview|English|Spanish)	Applications open through June 30, 2024
Orange County (Overview|English|Spanish)	Applications open now and will be accepted on a rolling basis for the 24-25 SY. Families that submit applications by early to mid-April should be notified about the application status by the end of May.
Vance County (English|Spanish)	Registration will begin March 11 – 27, 2024. Applications will be accepted throughout the 24-25 SY

Pre-K Applications: Eligibility Criteria

District	Additional Eligibility (If applicable)
Alamance	Meet 1 or more of the following guidelines: • Income is at or below 75% SMI • Eligible military family • Identified disability/developmental needs • Child/family with limited English skills • Child living w/ foster family, LG or relative
Chapel Hill/ Carrboro	Meet state medical and vaccination requirements Meets state income requirements
Durham	Meets state income requirements
Granville	Meets state income requirements
Orange	Meet household income requirements
Vance	Meet household income requirements

General Eligibility:

All Children **must live in the District** in which they are applying

AND

Be either already 4 or will turn 4 by August 31st, 2024.

DOB Range: September 1, 2019 - August 31, 2020

Pre-K Applications: Materials Needed

All Children and Families Must Submit:

- A Completed, **signed** application
- Proof of residency
- Proof of Income
- Form of identification and proof of age for the child

District	Materials Needed	
Alamance	• Proof of age/birth • Current immunization record	If Applicable: • *Military member's leave and earning statement*
Chapel Hill/ Carrboro	• Past 12 months Income Proof • Proof of age/birth • Medicaid or health insurance card • Parent Photo ID	If Applicable: • *Custody documents (if applicable)* • *SNAP benefits (if applicable)* • *Subsidy voucher (if applicable)*
Durham	• All sources of monthly and annual Income • Proof of age	• Additional documents may be required by individual programs such as: • Durham's Partnership for Children/NC Pre-K requires Declaration of child's citizenship (this does NOT affect eligibility) • Durham Public Schools Pre-Kindergarten Program requires a Developmental Screening • Head Start requires Annual Income (i.e. Tax form)
Granville	• Proof of residence form w/ supporting documents (ex. rental agreement; utility bill) • Proof of income form w/ supporting documents (ex. W-2, current pay stub) • Birth certificate	
Orange	• Copy of birth certificate • Guardian proof of ID	If Applicable: • Documentation of child's chronic health condition and/or documentation of parent's military service
Vance	• Once child is accepted, guardian will submit the following: immunization record; health assessment completed within 30 days	If Applicable: • *Each guardian w/ no source of income must complete a statement regarding no income and list source of support for family* • Proof of Medicaid (for Head Start locations)

Primary Types of Child Care Subsidies

Subsidy	Cost to Families	Ages	Length of Care	Centers	Eligibility
NC's Subsidized Child Care Assistance Program (SCCA, aka "vouchers") (Apply via Local Social Services Day Care Supervisor/Coordinator)	10% of child care costs based on gross monthly income	0-5 and all children with special needs 6-12 yrs	Full-day	Families must choose a 3-, 4-, or 5-star licensed center. Search for centers using this link	Families are eligible if one or more (situational criteria) apply: • Working or attempting to find work • In School or Job Training • Child is receiving child protective services • Child needs care to support Child Welfare Services or family is experiencing a crisis • Child has developmental needs AND they meet the Financial Criteria (see here)
NC Pre-Kindergarten (NC-Pre-K) (Apply via County Partnership for Children)	Free (+Additional Services)	4 years (Must be 4 by August 31st)	6 1/2 hours (part-day)	NC Pre-K classrooms can be found here	Priority given to children who: • Are from low-income families; • Have not been in child care; • Have special needs; • Are from a home where little or no English is spoken; • Have at least one active-duty military parent
Head Start (HS) (Apply at HS Program)	Free (+Additional Services)	3-5 Years	Part-Day*	Locate Centers here	Household income at or below the poverty level Families are eligible regardless of income if: Receive public assistance (TANF, SSI, or SNAP); those with children in foster care; experiencing homelessness.
Early Head Start (EHS) (Apply at EHS program)	Free (+Additional Services)	Birth-3 years	Part-Day*	Locate Centers here	See above; pregnant women and families with young children

*For full-time care, families can combine with funding from NC's Subsidized Child Care Assistance Program to cover parts of the day or year that HS and EHS don't cover. Families can also consider Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership (EHS-CCP)Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership (EHS-CCP) for such care

Additional Funding Sources: Tax Credits; Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership (EHS-CCP); Program Discounts, Scholarships and Sliding Fee Scales; Employer Assistance/Flexible Spending Accounts. If a child is in foster care, county DSS offices may have additional funds.