

EARLY INVESTMENTS: LIFETIME BENEFITS!



37,000 children birth to age 5 live in Guilford County



Over 500 children annually are on the NC Pre-K waiting list



More than half of children in Guilford County are not prepared to enter Kindergarten

OUR SMART START FUNDED PROGRAMS:

FAMILY SUPPORT

- **Family Literacy/Language Development – Reading Connections**
A family literacy activity for families with young children with some risk for low literacy skills.
- **Healthy Start – Family Services of the Piedmont**
Routinely scheduled parent education visits for families with children at risk for abuse, neglect or negative outcomes.
- **Juvenile Court Infant Toddler Initiative – UNCG Center for Youth, Families & Community Partnerships**
Support provided to families and court staff in cases of child abuse and neglect.
- **Learning Together Family Literacy Program– Guilford Child Development**
A family literacy activity for minority/immigrant families with young children that encourages and enables young children to participate in literacy experiences and supports parents in their ability to engage children in early literacy activities.
- **Parents as Teachers Guilford County – Parents as Teachers**
The provision of education on positive parenting practices through in-home visits, support groups and access to a referral network.
- **Reach Out and Read – Triad Adult and Pediatric Medicine, Inc.**
Pediatric practices distributing developmentally-appropriate children's books and educating parents on the importance of reading aloud to children.

CHILD CARE

- **Bringing Out the Best – UNCG Center for Youth, Families & Community Partnerships**
Services for childcare providers and families designed to support healthy social/emotional development in young children.
- **Child Care Health Consultants – Guilford Co. Dept. of Health & Human Services, Div. of Public Health**
Guidance provided to childcare providers by trained Child Care Health Consultants on how to create and maintain quality health and safety standards in childcare settings.
- **Child Care Subsidy – Guilford Co. Department of Social Services (DSS)**
Financial assistance to cover childcare expenses for parents or responsible adults to maintain employment, to participate in job training or educational programs that will lead to employment, to provide care to children in need of protection, to enhance the development of children, and to facilitate the reunification of families, aid families in crisis and prevent placement in children in foster care.

- **Education, Quality Improvement & Professional Development – UNCG**
Services provided to childcare providers designed to increase program quality and staff education through professional development support, guidance on program enhancement, peer coaching, community learning opportunities and workforce retention strategies.
- **Guiding Healthy Behaviors in Early Childhood – Partnership for Children of Guilford County**
Childhood obesity prevention through consultation, coaching and training for childcare providers in the areas of nutrition, physical activity and naturalized outdoor learning environments.
- **RCCR&R Single Portal of Entry – Guilford Child Development**
Technical assistance and training for childcare providers to provide awareness of and access to available early childhood services and resources.

PROGRAM SUPPORT

- **Awareness & Engagement – Partnership for Children of Guilford County**
The engagement of community partners and stakeholders across Guilford County for the purpose of improving ways in which programs, professionals, families and community members work together to improve coordination and access of services to children and families.

HEALTH

- **Guilford Family Connects – Guilford Co. Dept. of Health & Human Services, Division of Public Health**
Nurse home visits offered to families of newborns to provide support, education, and early identification and referral of health and safety concerns.
- **NICU Family Support – Family Support Network of Central Carolina, Inc.**
Enhanced support and education to families with infants admitted to the neonatal intensive care unit.
- **Adopt-A-Mom Program – Coalition on Infant Mortality**
Contracted physicians are paid a reduced rate of \$400 per patient to provide prenatal care to women who are Medicaid ineligible and lack private insurance.

NC PRE-K:

The NC Pre-K Program (formerly the More at Four Program) is North Carolina’s statewide pre-kindergarten initiative for eligible four-year-olds. The program serves nearly 30,000 children per year, and is overseen by the North Carolina Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE). NC Pre-K is a targeted pre-k program, with children eligible primarily based on age and family income.

- Guilford County is the largest NC Pre-K provider in NC
- Each year NC Pre-K receives over 3500 applications for 2100 openings
- There are 79 sites with a total of 146 classrooms. These classrooms are located in Guilford County Schools, Head Start sites and private child care locations.

COUNTY INITIATIVE

READY FOR SCHOOL/READY FOR LIFE

- An initiative to ensure that each child in Guilford County enters kindergarten on track and ready for what’s ahead. This collaborative effort is about building an innovative early childhood system that’s responsive to the needs of today’s families.



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