

## What is the Randolph Partnership for Children?

In 1999, a group of Randolph County citizens made a commitment to create a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring that all children from birth to age 5 would develop to their full potential. The new organization was also tapped to administer North Carolina's nationally recognized Smart Start early childhood program for Randolph County.

The Randolph Partnership for Children works to fulfill its mission in a variety of ways through direct programs to the community, through collaborative efforts with the other agencies, as a catalyst for new initiatives, and by convening the community around health and wellness.



### The Partnership administers the Smart Start program for Randolph County

In Randolph County, Smart Start funds are helping develop and enhance child care.

#### High quality child care:

- Contributes to future economic growth;
- Supports businesses and their employees;
- Enables parents to work;
- Is a vital link in creating a highly-skilled workforce;
- Prepares children for success in school;
- Provides a nurturing environment for cognitive and social development.



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Randolph Partnership for Children is our community's lead organization for young children and their families. Our purpose is to ensure all children in Randolph County enter school healthy and ready to succeed.

The Partnership for Children is a United Way agency.



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Strong Futures.*



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# The Partnership In Our Community

## Child Care Provider Events

The Partnership offers trainings, workshops, networking opportunities and appreciation events for early childhood professionals throughout the year.

## Play Daze

The Partnership sponsors and hosts outdoor **Play Daze** events in Asheboro and Archdale each spring to celebrate children and emphasize that children learn best through play. Hundreds of children and adults participate in active play activities at a variety of play stations.



## The "Gift of Reading"

In collaboration with the Kiwanis Club of Asheboro, the Partnership delivers the "**Gift of Reading**" by distributing thousands of books to children in Randolph County. Books are passed out at local Christmas parades and events to help families share the joy of reading at home and establish a strong foundation for success in reading.



## Gala for the Children

Our signature fund raising event, proceeds from the **Gala for the Children** supports the vital work of the Partnership in the community. The theme of the event each year is based on a well-known children's book to emphasize our commitment to early literacy.



## Pinwheels for Prevention

Blue pinwheels — uplifting symbols of childhood — are planted by volunteers throughout the community in recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month, which is observed in April. Around 65 'gardens' are planted throughout Randolph County every spring.

# Programs Spotlight

## Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

As the local champion of **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library**, children enrolled in the program receive a beautiful, age-appropriate book in the mail each month until their fifth birthday. Ask us how your child(ren) can participate or how you can sponsor children in the program.



## Reach Out and Read

**Reach Out and Read** is an early literacy initiative in which pediatricians 'prescribe' age-appropriate children's books, guidance and encouragement to parents about reading to their child at each well child visit from 6 months to 5 years of age.

## Shape NC

**Shape NC** is an initiative of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation created to increase the number of children starting kindergarten at a healthy weight and ready to learn.



The Partnership is a regional hub for Shape NC, and is working with early childhood programs on the transformation of outdoor learning environments to promote the importance of

the natural environment in the daily experience of all children. With the help of community partners, resources and volunteers, curriculum is moving outside, and children are learning about and eating more fruits and vegetables and increasing active and imaginative play.

## NC Pre-K

The North Carolina Pre-Kindergarten (NC Pre-K) Program is designed to provide 4-year-old children, who may not otherwise be served, with a valuable educational experience. This part-day program provides young children with access to a specific curriculum and preschool experience to enhance their school readiness.

## Quality Enhancement Program

Through the Quality Enhancement Program, the Partnership provides evaluation, consultation, intensive technical assistance and training for child care facilities to increase their star-rated license. Specialists share their expertise in curriculum, developmentally appropriate practices, guidance and behavior, special needs, health and safety and parent involvement.

## Professional Development

The Partnership offers support, technical assistance, educational opportunities, and financial assistance to early childhood professionals. We advocate improving the educational levels of teachers and offer programs to increase wages and other benefits for teachers who go back to school.

## Parents as Teachers

Parents as Teachers (PAT) is an early childhood parent education and family support program that serves families until their child enters kindergarten. The program provides parents with child development information and parenting support.



## Expansion of Family Services

In partnership with Family Service of the Piedmont, we offer **The Incredible Years Parent Program**, which is an evidence-based program for our county's most at-risk families. The program is in response to an increased need to support children with social, emotional, and behavioral challenges by strengthening parenting skills and promoting children's academic, social and emotional skills.