From the Board Chair, Matt Britt

For nearly a quarter of a century, Smart Start of Forsyth County has enabled thousands of our youngest children to enter school and life developmentally prepared and healthy.

Our dedicated staff and community partners work diligently to ensure that families and care providers have the resources they need.

We are grateful for the support Smart Start receives from funders, donors, legislators, volunteers, and providers. You make it all possible!

It is an honor to serve an organization completely focused on creating a better future - one child at a time. Together, we are making smarter tomorrows start today.

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Community Impact
2018

Smart Start of Forsyth County, Inc.
Committed to helping children succeed, families thrive, and our community prosper.
Family Engagement

Child Care Scholarships and Emergency Assistance Scholarships
- 521 children received scholarships
- NC Pre-K
  - 683 children in 41 high-quality licensed preschool classrooms
Dolly Parton Imagination Library
- 9,050 children registered to receive monthly a book
Reach Out and Read
- 11,628 books "prescribed" by 8 pediatric offices
Partnership with Centers for Exceptional Children - Stepping Stones
- 18 families of children with disabilities received parenting and behavior management training
Partnership with Child Care Resource Center - Resource and Referral
- 533 families received child care referrals
Partnership with Imprints Cares - Parents as Teachers
- 1,880 home visits and 460 community referrals
Partnership with Parenting Path - Welcome Baby
- 57 parents received support services - including 17 teen mothers through 504 home visits

Provider Assistance

Educator Scholarships
- 148 early childhood teachers received scholarships
  - 17 completed a Certificate or Administrative Certificate, an Associates degree, or a Bachelors degree in Early Childhood
Technical Assistance Services
- 41 child care centers helped to maintain high-quality designation or enhance quality rating
Professional Development Trainings
- 252 teachers participated in 30 trainings
  - 15 educators received personalized mentoring or coaching
Leadership Matters Institute
- 20 child care center directors in the 2-year cohort
Touchpoints Training
- 50 care providers participated in 2 3-day trainings with 12 associated reflective practices
Partnership with Child Care Resource Center - Stars and Beyond
- 24 family child care homes received assistance to either maintain high-quality designation or enhance quality rating
- 255 early childhood educators participated in trainings

Community Collaboration

Community Initiatives
- 4 initiatives convened, including NC Pathways to Reading, the Birth-3rd Grade Action Network, and Help Me Grow
- 9 participated in, including Forsyth Family Voices and The Forsyth Promise
Community Events
- 5 sponsored, including the Raising Forsyth Breakfast, Hispanic League Fiesta, and Bookmarks Festival
- 24 participated in, including Christmas for the City and the Triad Minority and Women’s Business Expo
Community Meetings
- 39 hosted, including parent and community focus groups
- 138 attended
Community Outreach
- 11,186 parents or guardians connected with Smart Start
- 8,279 books distributed
Community Discussions
- 316 community stakeholders engaged
Volunteer Opportunities
- 208 volunteers donated 1,569 hours to various activities
Social Media
- 1,213 followers on Facebook and Twitter

Accomplishments during 2017-2018 by SSFC & Our Partners