

Smart Start Names New President

Former Early Childhood Educator and Attorney Named as New President



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The North Carolina Partnership for Children (NCPC), the organization that leads Smart Start across the state, announced today that Amy Stephens Cabbage has been named the new President for Smart Start.

“NCPC is extremely excited to bring Amy onboard. Her record of leadership and experience in driving quality improvement initiatives for early childhood programs will be of great benefit to the children of North Carolina. Amy will bring a new perspective and energy level that will usher in a new era for Smart Start,” said Charles Bowman, Chairman of the Board of NCPC.

“Smart Start is a national model of a statewide system of comprehensive early childhood support for families, developed by local communities who know best how to harness their resources to meet the goal that every child starts kindergarten on a path of healthy development and ready to learn. I am honored to join Smart Start and look forward to partnering with NCPC staff, local partnerships, the business community, state government, and others to provide the vision and leadership needed to move this vital program forward for our children and families who depend on Smart Start now and for future generations,” Ms. Cabbage said.

Ms. Cabbage started out her career in early childhood education as a teacher after completing her undergraduate degree from Brown University. She went on to get her JD at Northeastern University School of Law and an MS in Leadership and Policy in Early Care and Education from Wheelock College.

She worked as a National Head Start Fellow for the federal Administration for Children and Families (ACF), as well as at the National Center for Research on Early Childhood Education. Throughout Amy’s career, she has been an active member of affiliates of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

Ms. Cabbage is joining Smart Start from Teachstone, a Charlottesville, VA, organization focused on empowering life-changing teaching for every child through classroom observations and professional development in early childhood programs and K-12 schools. Amy is an avid soccer player, runner, and mother of three, whose husband has worked and lived in Charlotte since 2018.