



EXPANSION OF OPERATIONS: The Newport Developmental Center provides a therapeutic day program for children with many disabilities as well as providing a licensed day care to typically developing children. Our goal is to provide accessible day care to as many families as possible and encourage the inclusion of typically developing children as enrollees in developmental day cares. By lengthening the hours of operation, working families are accommodated.

HEALTH BENEFITS FOR PROVIDERS: This program provides assistance with the cost of health insurance benefits for providers. It is available to both childcare centers and family childcare homes. Through the availability of health insurance, the turnover and absenteeism of providers is reduced, allowing for more continuity of care for the children.

HOME BASED FAMILY THERAPY: Better Beginnings, through funding from Carteret County Partnership for Children, provides home-based family therapy and case management to those children with risk factors that have been associated with the development of negative outcomes later in life.

INTENSE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: This program provides one-on-one support in the classrooms of childcare centers and family childcare homes. The T/A Specialist guides participating teachers on how to better plan, implement and evaluate activities.

PRE-K CLASSROOM AT MY SCHOOL: The Carteret County Partnership for Children assists in providing funds for a pre-kindergarten classroom at My School Child Care. Through experiences gained from these classes, at-risk children have the opportunity to become better prepared for success at school.

RATIO REDUCTION: The Carteret County Partnership for Children subsidizes centers to offset the cost of reducing child/staff ratios. In return for paying the extra teacher, we demand that ratios are kept at a much lower rate than mandated by the state, and that teachers pursue a higher level of education.

SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION /INTERVENTION: This activity provides prevention education for pre-school children provides community education and awareness program and trains professionals on the subject of child abuse, its prevalence, effects and prevention. Services for children and families, as well as education for children, parents and professionals, are free of charge. These services are provided by a licensed child and family therapist on staff at Carteret County Rape Crisis Program, through Carteret County Partnership for Children funding.

SUPPLEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: This project provides education-based salary supplements to under-paid teachers, directors, and family child care providers. To encourage consistency, installments based on half of the annual award are issued after each six-month period the participant completes in the same childcare program.

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The Carteret County Partnership for Children

is a nonprofit organization dedicated to assuring that all children in Carteret County will arrive at school healthy and ready to succeed. We are charged with developing programs to meet the challenges faced by families of young children. We are committed to creating a total environment that supports families and encourages all children zero to six to develop their full potential.

In the current climate of tight budgets and tough decisions, high quality early childhood programs are one of the few public investments that have been found to consistently provide a large positive return on investment for every dollar spent. Investments in early childhood don't just make sense for children and families; they are a sound fiscal decision for communities. High quality services offer important benefits across time, across generations and across systems.

Research has indicated that adults that have participated in quality early childhood programs as children earned more than their peers, were less likely to utilize welfare assistance, and almost three times as likely to own their own home. Further research shows that adolescents whose mothers participated in a home visiting program a decade earlier were 60% less likely to have run away, 55% less likely to have been arrested and 80% less likely to have been convicted of a crime than their peers.



In Carteret County, the Partnership for Children is developing the high quality early childhood programs that can make such a dramatic difference in the life of a child.

An example of the power of the programs we develop and fund is the case of the young mother who elected to participate in our breastfeeding support program while in the hospital giving birth. As is the policy of the program, a caseworker visited her on the second day that she was home. The worker noticed that the baby was severely jaundiced and convinced the mother to take her to the pediatrician. The pediatrician immediately hospitalized the baby and stated that in another six hours the infant would have died. He would not release the infant from the hospital until he was assured that the breastfeeding support worker would be making regular visits to the home.



Each of our programs has similar stories to tell. Following is a brief description of the programs currently being offered by the Carteret County Partnership for Children to meet the needs for all children residing in the county. If you would like more information on any of these programs please contact our office at (252)727-0440 or visit our website at www.carteretkids.org

Carteret County Partnership for Children is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to serving children birth through age 5.

BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT: The In-home Breastfeeding Support Group pairs mothers who want to breastfeed their newborns with well trained Breastfeeding Program Assistants who have breastfeeding experience. The Program Assistant is available for consultation 24 hours a day, and makes home visits when necessary. Cooperative Extension provides this program through funding from Carteret County Partnership for Children.

CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL: CCR&R provides training and technical support to licensed/legally operating childcare centers and homes. It coordinates training, provides individualized technical assistance, makes referrals, counsels parents on childcare options, and collects data concerning childcare throughout the county. CCR&R maintains a resource library at the Partnership office that is available to both providers and the community.

EARLY EDUCATION OUTREACH: The Partnership operates a mobile resource unit to start up playgroups in isolated areas of our community. These playgroups are targeted toward stay-at-home moms, dads, or grandparents who are providing informal care for children. Parents can network and form support groups with other parents in similar situations.

