

HOME BASED FAMILY THERAPY:

Through funding from Carteret Smart Start, the program 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.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION:

The program ensures accountability for Carteret Smart Start services through evaluation and monitoring.

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 to childcare centers and family childcare homes, counsels parents on childcare options, and collects data concerning childcare throughout the county. CCR&R maintains a resource library at the Smart Start office that is available to both providers and the community

DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION

LIBRARY: The Dolly Parton Imagination Library is a book gifting program for children from birth to age five. The mission of the program is to foster a love of reading in preschool children, and ensure that every child born has books, regardless of their family's income. Children receive an age-appropriate book each month up to their 5th birthday.



Carteret Smart Start is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to inspiring, supporting and advocating for young children and their families in the areas of health, education and childcare. You can help the Partnership and Smart Start by:

- ❖ Being an advocate for Smart Start by communicating directly with a legislator.
- ❖ Donating books or supplies to our programs.
- ❖ Volunteering your time and talents for special events.
- ❖ Becoming a sponsor for one of our special events.
- ❖ Making a tax-deductible donation to:
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Thank you!



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Carteret Smart Start 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 not only make sense for children and families, but are also 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 our county, Carteret Smart Start is developing the high quality early childhood programs that can make dramatic differences in the life of a child.

Following is a brief description of the programs currently being offered by Carteret Smart Start 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.

DSS SUBSIDY: The Carteret County Department of Social Services helps working families subsidize the cost of childcare, placing children in childcare centers/Family Childcare Homes that have earned 4 stars or above.

EARLY EDUCATION OUTREACH: Early Education Outreach offers a literacy based part-day preschool serving children 0-3 years of age. The preschool experience provides hands-on learning opportunities for both children and parents. It is a time that parents can learn the importance of play in a young child's development. Parents can also network and form support groups with other parents in similar situations.

BABY STEPS: This in-home family support and parent empowerment program utilizes a strength-based approach while providing education, support and additional resource information to families with children ages prenatal through 3 years old.

REACH OUT AND READ: Reach Out and Read works cooperatively with local pediatricians to “prescribe” reading to young children and families during well-child visits. In addition to children receiving books, parents receive information on early literacy and the importance of reading aloud.

NC PRE-K (formerly MORE AT FOUR) The program, through funding from the Carteret Smart Start, provides high quality early education to at-risk 4-year olds in public school and private childcare facilities.

RATIO REDUCTION: Carteret Smart Start subsidizes centers to offset the cost of reducing child/staff ratios. The program pays a monthly subsidy per child to participating 4 and 5-star centers and family childcare homes.

Each Child. Every Community.

