

Durham's Early Childhood System Framework

Science tells us that children's early experiences can create a strong or weak foundation for all future learning, behavior and health. The achievement gap begins well before kindergarten, with many children entering school without basic social, emotional and cognitive skills to perform in school. In Durham, the responsibility of school readiness is shared among an early childhood system that includes families, professionals and the community. A comprehensive continuum of early childhood programs and initiatives supports children and families to be strong and healthy.



Early Childhood Infrastructure

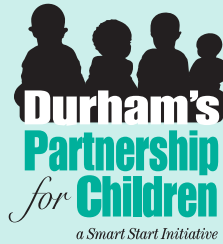
Administrative Leadership; Program Evaluation and Monitoring; Fiscal and Contract Management; Community Awareness; Research, Policy and Advocacy; Resource Development; and High-Quality Pre-Kindergarten (including More at Four, Title I and Head Start)

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Community Initiatives and Collaborative Projects

- Children's Savings Accounts
- Collaborative Fund Development
- Community Infant/Toddler Initiative
- Docs For Tots NC
- Early Childhood Faith Initiative
- Early Childhood Legacy Trust
- East Durham Children's Initiative
- Health Check Improvement Task Force
- Results Based Accountability (RBA) Children's Committee
- Smart Start in the Cart
- Transition To Kindergarten Initiative

Durham's Partnership for Children, a Smart Start Initiative (DPfC)



DPfC functions as the catalyst, convener and facilitator of Durham's early childhood system.

Mission

To mobilize and unify the Durham community to create and support innovative and successful collaborative approaches to serving the needs of children birth to 5 years of age and their families.

Partnership Board of Directors and Committees

- Executive Committee
- Allocations Committee
- Community Awareness & Development Committee
- Evaluation Committee
- Finance/Audit Committee
- Investment Committee
- School Readiness/More at Four Committee

Funded Partners

Child Health and Early Intervention

- Durham Inclusion Support Services
- Early Childhood Outreach Project (EChO)
- Hispanic/Latino Family Consultation Services
- Nutrition Consultation

Early Care and Education

- Child Care Quality Enhancement
- Child Care Quality Maintenance
- Choosing and Using Quality Child Care
- Durham Early Head Start (center-based)
- Grow A Teacher
- More at Four Pre-Kindergarten
- Smart Start Scholarship Program
- TEACH Early Childhood® AmeriCorps Program
- WAGES®

Family Support

- Durham Early Head Start (home-based)
- Family Support Program (El Centro Hispano)
- Healthy Families Durham
- Welcome Baby Family Resource Center