



Head Start



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **PRE-K APPLICATION SIGN-UP SESSIONS OFFERED BEGINNING FEBRUARY 15**

***Scheduling application appointments for More at Four Program, Head Start, and Durham Public Schools Title I begins Feb. 8***

Durham—Beginning **February 8**, Durham's Partnership for Children's More at Four Program, Head Start, and Durham Public Schools Title I will be scheduling appointments with hundreds of families to apply 4-year-olds for a no cost pre-kindergarten program that provides high quality early education to enhance kindergarten readiness.

- 1) You may call **919-403-6950 ext. 6820** beginning February 8, 2010 to **set an appointment time between February 15 and March 31, 2010.**

**OR**

- 2) Come by one of the following Durham County Head Start offices beginning **Feb. 15, 2010**. A family counselor will assist parents in filling out the application.
  - 215 Seminary St. (across from McDonald's and the YMCA)
  - 1313 Halley St. (Lyon Park)
  - 908 Liberty St. (Leathers Meacham)

To qualify for the programs, Durham County families must meet income guidelines and children must turn 4-years-old by August 31, 2010 (born between October 17, 2005 and August 31, 2006) to be eligible for pre-k programs.

There are 12 private child care sites located throughout the county which participate in the More at Four Program. More at Four classrooms in Head Start and Durham Public Schools are based upon eligibility.

This pre-kindergarten initiative is community-based, voluntary, and designed to prepare 4-year-olds children across the county for kindergarten with a focused curriculum that enhances children's development physically, socially, emotionally, mentally, which includes language, communication, cognitive, general knowledge and approaches to learning.

Applicants must provide a copy of the child's birth certificate, immunization record, proof they reside in Durham County (utility bill, lease or mortgage contract), and proof of annual income (tax forms, check stub indicating hourly wage and number of hours worked). For more information on application appointments and a full list of required documentation, visit [www.dpfc.net/MoreatFour.aspx](http://www.dpfc.net/MoreatFour.aspx)

#### **About Durham's Partnership for Children**

**Durham's Partnership for Children celebrates 15 years making young children a priority.** Founded in 1994 and first funded in 1995 to administer the Smart Start grant in Durham County, the Partnership works as an independent, local nonprofit that serves young children birth to age 5 and their families under North Carolina's nationally recognized initiative to ensure all children enter school healthy and ready to succeed. For 15 years, the Partnership has helped working parents pay for child care, improve the quality of child care and provided health and family support services to thousands of Durham County families with young children. The Partnership works to achieve its mission: *To mobilize and unify the Durham community to create and support innovative and successful approaches to serving the needs of children birth to age 5 and their families*, by working with funded partners and mobilizing groups and organizations in Durham County to support and coordinate efforts impacting young children and their families. The Partnership also administers the More at Four Program in Durham County serving more than 430 children. For more information about Durham's Partnership for Children, visit [www.dpfc.net](http://www.dpfc.net) or call 919-403-6960, ext 221.

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