



# Smart Start Professional Planning Services

## Fall 2010 Professional Development Incentive Fact Sheet

**Receive \$50 per semester credit hour!  
(For up to \$300.00)**

The *Professional Development Incentive* is available for teachers, directors, and family child care providers who are:

- working in a licensed facility serving children ages birth to five (employees serving only school-age children are not eligible).

*And*

- currently enrolled in at least one class included in an Early Childhood Degree program. Applicants must have declared their major as Early Childhood Associate or Bachelor Degree (or closely related degree such as Education of Young Children, Birth-Kindergarten Education, or Child Development).

*Note: This means that you are not in the special credit, certificate, or diploma program. If you are unsure of your status, please call your college's admissions office. Smart Start staff will verify enrollment status at the college to determine eligibility.*

*And*

- in good standing with Smart Start of New Hanover County (ex. no outstanding fees or resources).

Applicants must submit:

- a completed application
- a completed W-9 form
- a copy of class schedule

Recipients will be required to:

- maintain employment at the same facility throughout the semester (Smart Start staff will verify employment).
- submit a grade report or transcript by Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00pm.
- remain enrolled in the Early Childhood Degree program throughout the semester.

Additional Information:

- Incentives will be provided for each course completed with a grade of "C" or higher (up to 6 sch).
- Checks will be issued after the semester has ended and all documentation has been received.
- This incentive is for the Fall 2010 semester only. Interested participants must reapply each semester to be eligible. The number of recipients may vary each semester, depending on the amount of Smart Start funding available.
- Any individual receiving the T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship and/or participating in WAGE\$ is still eligible for the *Professional Development Incentive*.

***Due Date: Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 by 5:00pm***

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