



## Smart Start Training

### College Connections

Find out the who, what, where, and how's of the college enrollment process. Community College applications, registration forms, transcript requests, etc. will be provided. We will help you fill out the paperwork necessary to enroll in a Fall/Spring semester class. We will discuss where to turn when you need help paying tuition and completing coursework during the semester.

**Instructor:** Randall Hardgrove, Smart Start

**Date:** Monday, July 11th/ 6:30-8:00pm (1.5 credit hours)

**Cost:** \$5      **Location:** Smart Start of NHC

### Fuzzy Slippers

Are you interested in taking college courses in the comfort of your own home? Whether you are a new computer user or a regular "net surfer", this interactive workshop is designed to take the fear out of on-line coursework. Participants will learn the basics of computer use and how to get around on on-line courses. We will demonstrate how to download, save, and submit on-line assignments as well as how to navigate class discussion boards. If you have a laptop you can bring, please do so. Otherwise, we will share and learn together on a Smart Start laptop. Fuzzy slippers optional.

**Instructor:** Nikki Bascome, Smart Start

**Date:** Tuesday, July 19th/ 6:30-8:30pm (2 credit hours)

**Cost:** \$5      **Location:** Smart Start of NHC

### FCCERS-R Review

This workshop is designed for family child care providers who are already familiar with the environment rating scales. Preparing for an official Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale assessment will be discussed.

**Instructor:** Nikki Bascome, Smart Start

**Date:** Tuesday, August 2nd/ 6:30-8:30pm (2 credit hours)

**Cost:** \$5      **Location:** Smart Start of NHC

### What About Me?

Feel unappreciated? Overwhelmed? Want to come together with other early childhood professionals to find out how to cope with some of these feelings? This group experience will allow discussion about frustrations and what might be done to overcome some of these negative experiences when doing one of the most important jobs in the world- loving and nurturing children. This support group will meet for 3 one-hour sessions (for a total of 3 hours) to identify, develop, and enhance our individual strengths and solutions to the problems we face in the classroom or the child care environment.

**Instructor:** Mebane Boyd, Smart Start

**Date:** Mondays, August 8th, 15th AND 22nd/  
6:30-7:30pm (3 credit hours)

**Cost:** \$5 (for entire series)

**Location:** Smart Start of NHC

### ECERS-R Review

This workshop is designed for preschool teachers and directors who are already familiar with the environment rating scales. Preparing for an official Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale assessment will be discussed.

**Instructor:** Natalie Pond & Cherie Styles, Smart Start

**Date:** Tuesday, August 9th/ 6:30-8:30pm (2 credit hours)

**Cost:** \$5      **Location:** Smart Start of NHC

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### ITS SIDS

Participation in this workshop meets ITS-SIDS training requirements. An overview of SIDS, identification of SIDS risk factors, and descriptions of ways to reduce the risk of SIDS in child care will be provided.

**Instructor:** Nikki Bascome, Smart Start

**Date:** Tuesday, August 16th/ 6:30-8:30pm (2 credit hours)

**Cost:** \$5      **Location:** Smart Start of NHC

### Emergency Preparedness & Response in Child Care

This training helps the participant to understand the benefits of *Planning, Preparing, and Practicing* for emergencies, as well as the importance of *Responding to and Recovering* from an emergency or disaster. Participants will learn how to complete their own emergency plan tailored to the facility's needs. Child care providers will receive 4.5 credits for the 4.5 hour classroom training. An additional 4.5 credits will be awarded upon completion of the facility's individual emergency plan.

**Limit of 2 participants per facility.**

**Instructor:** Stephanie Harris & Shereen Pickett, Smart Start

**Date:** Wednesday, August 17th/ 8:30am-1:00pm

(4.5 credit hours)

**Cost:** \$5

**Location:** Smart Start of NHC

### Family Style Meals

Participants will learn how to incorporate family-style meals into their child care classroom or family child care home. Mealtime in child care can be an active learning time and offers opportunities for discovery, trial and error, and child-initiated behavior.

**Instructor:** Krista Turner, Smart Start

**Date:** Thursday, September 1st/ 6:30-8:00pm

(1.5 credit hours)

**Cost:** \$5

**Location:** Smart Start of NHC

### ITERS-R Review

This workshop is designed for early infant-toddler teachers and directors who are already familiar with the environment rating scales. Preparing for an official Infant-Toddler Environment Rating Scale assessment will be discussed.

**Instructor:** Randall Hardgrove, Smart Start

**Date:** Thursday, September 15th/6:30-8:30pm

(2 credit hours)

**Cost:** \$5

**Location:** Smart Start of NHC

### B-K Information Session

Are you interested in pursuing a bachelor's degree in Education of Young Children and/or Birth through Kindergarten licensure? Come find out what UNC-Wilmington has to offer you!

**Instructor:** Dr. Hengameh Kermani, UNCW

**Date:** Tuesday, September 20th/ 6:30-8:00pm

(1.5 credit hours)

**Cost:** \$5

**Location:** Smart Start of NHC

### Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect

This workshop covers what every child care provider should know about the signs and symptoms of child abuse and neglect, the reporting process, and strategies for prevention.

**Instructor:** Beth Bowen & Shereen Pickett, Smart Start

**Date:** Thursday, September 22nd/6:30-9:00pm

(2.5 credit hours)

**Cost:** \$5

**Location:** Smart Start of NHC



Do you have children in your care with EpiPens?

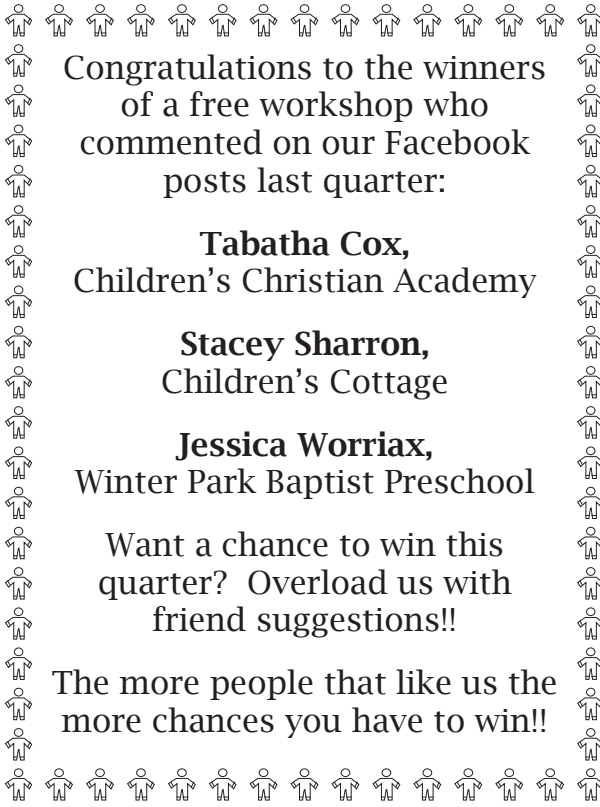
Do you need more information on EpiPen use?



If so, stop by the Smart Start of New Hanover County office at 3001 Wrightsville Avenue to pick up a free EpiPen training video provided by Dey Pharma.

Did you turn in your Smart Start **PUZZLES** Center survey yet???

*Information collected about your child care business will be entered into a database and will be shared with families looking for child care in NHC. Call Natalie Pond or Krista Turner at 815-3731 with questions.*



Congratulations to the winners of a free workshop who commented on our Facebook posts last quarter:

**Tabatha Cox,**  
Children's Christian Academy

**Stacey Sharron,**  
Children's Cottage

**Jessica Worriax,**  
Winter Park Baptist Preschool

Want a chance to win this quarter? Overload us with friend suggestions!!

The more people that like us the more chances you have to win!!

Mark Your Calendars!

The North Carolina Association for the Education of Young Children (NCAeyc) Study Conference

September 15th-17th

Raleigh Convention Center  
For registration information call (800) 982-4406 or visit [www.ncaeyc.org](http://www.ncaeyc.org)

Help Us Spread the Word! *Check In* next time you stop in for a workshop or just visiting our PUZZLES Resource Room.



**Cape Fear Community College**  
Dates to Watch For:

**July 26th**

Web Registration ends for Fall Classes

**July 27th**

Summer Classes End

**July 28th**

Fall Tuition Due by 5:00pm

**August 10th**

Campus Registration Day for Fall Classes/Tuition Due Same Day

**August 15th**

Fall Semester classes begin

**December 9th**

Fall Semester classes end

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Smart Start of New Hanover County seeks to build bridges to develop, sustain, and enhance health, family support, and early education services for all children ages birth to five.

## Get Involved!

### Coastal Child Care Association

For more meeting information, email the association at [coastalchildcareassociation@yahoo.com](mailto:coastalchildcareassociation@yahoo.com)

or call Wanda Reynolds, President,

910-392-2364

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### Cape Fear Association for the Education of Young Children (Cfaeyc) meeting

Date: Monday, July 18th/6:30pm

Location: Halyburton Park  
4099 S. 17th St., Wilmington

Topic: Outdoor Activities  
(1.5 credit hours)

All early childhood professionals are welcome!

Free for members  
\$5 for non-members

\*Cfaeyc members who attend will have a chance to win the Bernie Baker Scholarship to the NCaeyc conference in Raleigh!