

# Smart Start of New Hanover County

The early years of childhood are critical.....there are only 2,000 days between the time a baby is born and when that child begins Kindergarten, and the experiences during that time have a lasting impact on later learning, health, and success. Smart Start brings together all the people in a child's life to ensure every child has all they need for health growth and development.

Below are the 2018-2019 services Smart Start of New Hanover County (SSNHC) is offering:

## FOR EARLY EDUCATORS:

### **Behavior and Inclusion Support, Smart Start of New Hanover County**

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Materials provided by the *Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations of Early Learning (CSEFEL)* are utilized within the early childhood workforce to improve outcomes for young children, to promote inclusive and supportive environments, and to prevent the expulsion of children in child care.

### **Child Care Resource & Referral, Smart Start of New Hanover County**

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Child Care Resource & Referral supports both families with young children and early childhood educators through a broad array of services including help finding child care and technical assistance and training aimed at improving and maintaining quality early learning environments. A Resource Room with educational materials and equipment for loan is available.

### **Curriculum & Assessment / New Hanover County Schools**

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NHC Schools provides support to NC Pre-Kindergarten and Head Start classrooms through the purchase and implementation of a unified curriculum (Creative Curriculum 5<sup>th</sup> Edition), an on-line assessment system (Teaching Strategies Gold), professional development (provided from Teaching Strategies LLC), and coaching by a trained team.

### **Professional Development Connections / Smart Start of New Hanover County**

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Professional Development Connections offers bonuses to early childhood professionals working in star-rated facilities who have attained certain educational milestones and to child care centers who have achieved at least five of seven education points on their license.

## FOR SYSTEMS-BUILDING:

### **Community Outreach and Education / Smart Start of New Hanover County**

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SSNHC works to provide a comprehensive public engagement campaign designed to increase community awareness of early childhood issues and build support for Smart Start of New Hanover County and its programs. This is done through press releases, the use of social media, planning and coordinating with partners, and participation in community events.

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