

Smart Start of New Hanover County

Below are the 2019-2020 services Smart Start of New Hanover County (SSNHC) is offering:

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. The experiences during that time have a lasting impact on later learning, health, and happiness.

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 publically –funded preschool programs, including NC Pre-K and Head Start classrooms, through the purchase and implementation of a unified curriculum, an on-line assessment system, professional development, 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.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Early Childhood Family Festival

Smart Start of NHC will host the annual **Early Childhood Family Festival** on November 2, 2019. This **FREE** event brings families and community members together to celebrate young children, with activities and vendors providing hands-on experiences for children ages 5 and under.

7th Annual Community Summit

This annual event brings together policymakers, County Commissioners, local leaders, City Council members, school board members, faith leaders, educators, and non-profit leaders to talk about our how our community on-going efforts to support young children. Date TBD.

2020 Breakfast for Children's Champions

The amount raised in sponsorships, gifts and pledges each year supports Smart Start of New Hanover County's work to increase the capacity of the adults who work with young children in their first 2000 days of life – from parents to pediatricians and social workers to early educators. Date TBD.

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