

Smart Start of New Hanover County

2020-2021

The staff and board of Smart Start of New Hanover County have the honor of working with and for families, caregivers, and early educators as they shape the hearts and minds of children in their critical first few years of life.

Smart Start Services that Support Families in Our Community:

Attachment Bio-Behavioral Catch-Up / Smart Start of New Hanover County,

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Attachment Bio-Behavioral Catch-Up is an intervention provided to caregivers with children ages 6 to 24-months. This 10-session, in-home program supports the enhancement of secure attachment between caregivers and children where that attachment may have been disrupted.

Child Care Advantage / New Hanover County Department of Social Services

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Through a state-level contract, Smart Start funds enhance the child care subsidy program which provides financial assistance with the cost of high quality child care to families who are working or attending school. Locally, the Smart Start subsidy program is titled "Child Care Advantage" and funds funnel directly through the NHC DSS.

Circle of Parents / Smart Start of New Hanover County,

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Through funding provided by NC Department of Social Services, weekly support group meetings are held for parents of children with special needs. These meetings provide opportunities for parents to engage with one another and take on leadership roles. Meals and child care are provided at each meeting.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library / Smart Start of New Hanover County

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Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a FREE program for families where each registered child will receive a book by mail at home each month. State funds have been allocated to ensure that families in every county of North Carolina have the opportunity to participate.

Parents as Teachers® / Smart Start of New Hanover County

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Parents as Teachers is a home visiting program which provides families and other primary caregivers with information on child development and parenting to promote child language, intellectual growth, and physical and social-emotional skills.

Positive Parenting Program / Smart Start of New Hanover County

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Positive Parenting Program (Triple P) is a prevention and intervention parenting education service for families utilizing seminars (Level 2), brief interaction opportunities (Level 2-Brief), and a series of group (Level 4 Group) or one-on-one sessions (Level 4 Standard). Families are introduced to strategies which include praising desired behaviors and providing a safe and engaging environment for their child(ren).

Reach Out and Read® / Smart Start of New Hanover County

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Medical care providers at participating medical practices in New Hanover County are trained in the national evidence-based model to deliver early literacy guidance to parents of children 6 months to 5 years of age. New books are given to each child during each well-child visit.

Young Parents Support Program / Communities in Schools of Cape Fear

Contact: Emmy Gibson / emmy@ciscapefear.org / 910-343-1901

The Young Parents Support Program provides services to young families using weekly support group meetings (Circle of Parents) and a home visiting curriculum (Partners for a Healthy Baby) to work toward strengthening family management, increasing positive communication, enhancing nurturing skills, and reinforcing the use of positive discipline.

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