

# Smart Start of New Hanover County

## Highlights Report / FY 22-23

*Smart Start of New Hanover County provides hands-on support, training, and information to parents, caregivers, and early educators to help ensure children ages 0-5 have the supports they need to thrive.*



### Increasing the Quality of Early Childhood Care & Education

#### Coaching, workshops, and classroom support for childcare teachers and administrators

- Teachers and childcare administrators attended **116** early childhood trainings and workshops led by Smart Start staff.
- **73** Child care facilities, family child care homes, and half day programs received on-site coaching and/or technical assistance aimed at improving classroom environment and education quality.
- **75** Child care teachers received **984** supportive visits to help address challenging behaviors in their classrooms and/or inclusion of children with special needs.
- **50** Teachers from **30** child care sites used Resource Room services and/or borrowed educational kits and classroom materials from our Lending Library.

Programs: Behavior & Inclusion Support, Child Care Resource & Referral, Curriculum & Assessment (Grantee: NHC Schools), and Professional Development Connections.

### Family Support & Early Literacy

#### Strengthening families by helping individuals improve their parenting skills, connect to peer supports, and better understand their child's developmental, social-emotional, and educational needs

- **44** Parents/caregivers participated in **271** home visits made by trained parent educators.
- **115** Parents and caregivers participated in a parenting support group, workshop, or one-on-one learning session.
- **6911** Children, ages 0-5, received at least one book from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library at no cost to their families.

Programs: Circle of Parents (For parents of children with special needs), Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, Parents as Teachers, Positive Parenting Program/Triple P, Reach Out and Read, and Young Parent Support/Baby Steps (Grantee: Communities in Schools).

### Community Outreach, Education, & Advocacy

#### Connecting parents and educators to resources, sharing relevant information with the community, and advocating on behalf of young children

- The Resource Room is an information and referral source for families seeking child care, child development, and/or parenting advice. Smart Start staff connected **244** families to **394** community resources and services.
- **195** Parents/caregivers visited and played with their children in our Resource Room.
- **1530** Kindergarten Registration Packets were prepared by staff and sent to **60** childcare centers for parents/caregivers with children entering kindergarten.

Programs: Child Care Resource and Referral, Childcare Subsidy Program, Community Outreach & Education, & SSNHC Resource Room and Lending Library.



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