

Wilkes Community Partnership for Children

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Ranger Chad Eller visits
Wilkes Family Central



2010-2011 Annual Report

What has happened in Wilkes County since Smart Start began in 1993

In 1998, Smart Start announced a matching grant to start up the Children's Dental Clinic, within months all funds were matched through the Health Foundation, Kate B. Reynolds and local contributions. 5 dentists are now on board and a new mobile dental health unit. Over 500 young children (0-5) have dental care a year at reduced or free rates who would have otherwise had untreated caries.

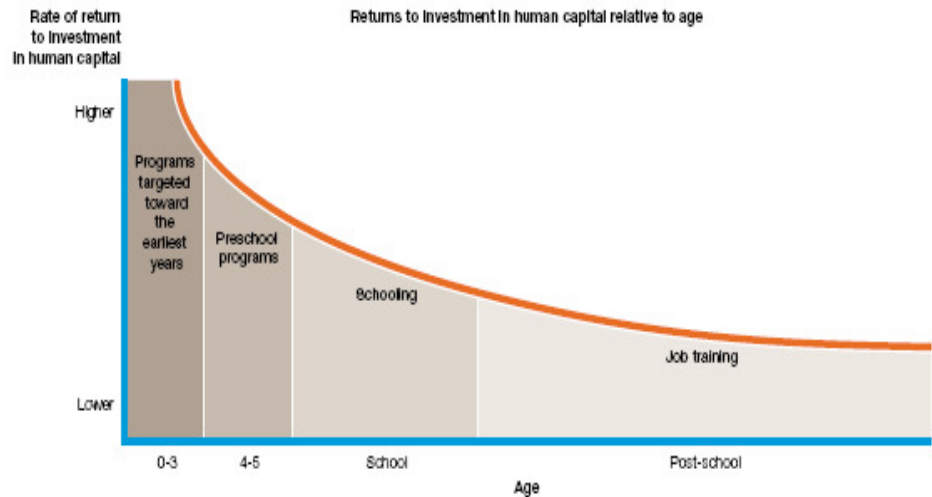
In 1994, Smart Start help fund the MESH (Mobile Expanded School Health) Unit. In 2009 a larger unit is now serving 1,300 students a year. Early prenatal care for high school students has increased dramatically.



Despite funding cuts, Wilkes Partnership still implements impressive services to children

Our budget may have declined, but our successes continue to grow! There are approximately 5,000 children ages birth to 5 of Wilkes County's population of 63,000.

Unfortunately, starting behind often means staying behind. And that's where Partnership services come into play. Wilkes' allocation of over \$1 million last year was invested in health, family support, early care and education programs for children.



The Partnership is proud to fund programs that promote high-quality child care with not only subsidy, but with funding of program enhancement and teacher education programs. Each year more child care facilities achieve a higher quality rating and more child care teachers earn early childhood college-level education and training.

Increase of employed low income families, need childcare

Since 1994 hundreds of children have received high quality childcare each year, enabling their parents to be employed.

In Wilkes County over 900 children are served each month (over 400 are served with Smart Start funds) have received subsidized childcare.

Over 50% families with children in receive financial help.



Spotlight: Child Care Teachers

Wilkes County has a high rate of qualified teachers in childcare over 65% of children attend high (4-5 stars) quality childcare.

Childcare Resource and Referral assists all centers and 85% of family child care homes in high Quality Childcare.

Approximately, 200 teachers take classes, receive mentoring and get technical assistance each year.

Family Literacy

Wilkes Family Central Agencies

Wilkes Community College (Continuing Education, Career Readiness), Department of Social Services, Goodwill, Legal Aide, Wilkes Literacy, Child Abuse Prevention Team, HOLA, St Paul's Crisis Assistance, Recovery Education Center, Cooperative Extension, Probation and Parole.



In 2010-2011 over 400 people participated in Wilkes Family Central.

In 1995, Wilkes Family Resource Center was one of 11 programs chosen to receive a National Literacy Award. By the Secretary of Education.

In July 2010, the site has moved to Lincoln Heights Career Center and is now called Wilkes Family Central at Lincoln Heights.

Families are able to attend classes that rebuild their lives emotionally and academically to gain life skills for successful employment, with the help of onsite childcare, transportation, and other support services.

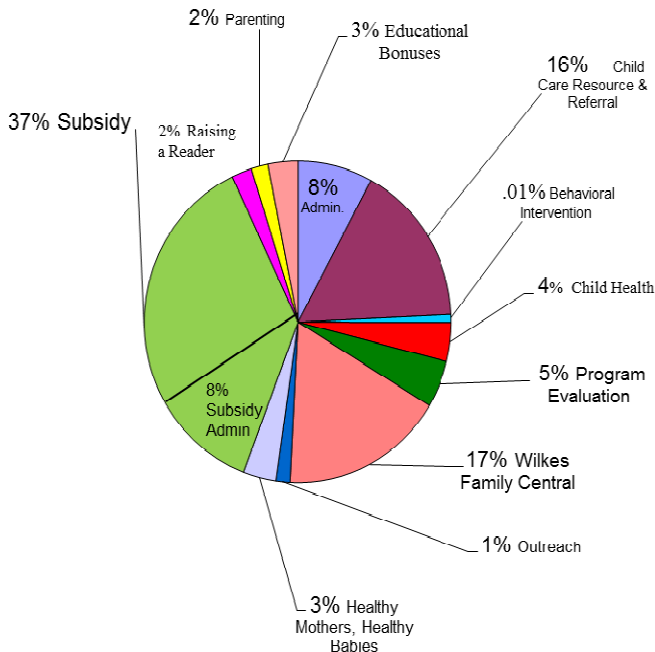
NEW this Year!

Art Room
Afterschool (Teen Room)
Recovery Education
Clothes Closet
Parent Room for family visitation

Wilkes Community College
Basic Skills/Adult High School (evening classes)
Freedom from Smoking
Smart Recovery for Pregnant Moms
Probation and Parole (Cognitive Behavioral Intervention)

Family Lunch (Cook Smart)
Smart Bucks (Transportation)
Family Navigation
Crisis Assistance (St. Paul's)

2010-2011 Smart Start Budget



Reach Out and Read



4, 473 books were given to children through the Reach Out and Read Program.

Wilkes County has been involved in a federal initiative called Reach Out and Read for over 10 years. Each year thousands of children receive a free book when visiting the doctor for a well check. Wilkes County has received national attention for its ability to connect families and reading through Reach Out and Read.

What is Wilkes County Smart Start doing that is evidence based/informed?

Nurturing Parents/Families

- 184 families participated in the program for both Incredible Years and Nurturing Families with all participants who complete pre/post test (25) indicate a gain in parenting skills

In 2011-2012, Recovery Education Center (New River) becomes a Direct Service Provider

Raising a Reader

- 12 schools and 22 classrooms participated in the program.
- 240 children completed the Raising a Reader program with 271 parents attended literacy workshops.

In 2011-2012, a evidence based program grant for North Carolina Partnership for Children will be able to fund Raising a Reader in on every NCPReK classroom (25).

Literacy Outreach

- 4,473 books were distributed to pediatric offices through Reach Out and Read
- 3,421 surveys were collected to help parents access additional services as requested.
- 49 families participated in Mother Read classes
- 188 teachers and 174 parents used the Lending Library

In 2011-2012, outreach (welcome baby baskets) and literacy programs of Reach Out and Read and Read to Me will combined.

Prenatal Services– Health Department is Direct Service Provider

- 23 non-English speaking parents participated in prenatal classes
- 41 high risk parents attended prenatal classes at Wilkes Regional Medical Center
- 293 Welcome Baby visits were made to new mothers. Smart Start paid for 57 non Medicaid visits.
- 54 car seats and certification of installation were given away for completion of prenatal classes

Child Care Health Consultant

- 15/15 Center participated in Nutrition and Physical Activity Assessment (Color Me Healthy and Be Active Kids),
- Preschool Outdoor Environment Measurement Scale assessment of 7 church preschools
- 12 centers and 25 family child care homes participated in the Child Care Health assessments (not Head Start and public schools)
- 76 direct teaching staff participated in health related training

Child Care Programs

Quality Improvement, Quality Maintenance, Professional Development, Childcare Resource and Referral, and Mentoring.

- 20 teachers earned 3 semester Hours in Early Childhood Education
- 65 educational bonuses were given
- 28 teachers received Mentoring
- 813 parents received an enhanced childcare referral
- 215 teachers participated in child care training and technical assistance
- Over 400 children received Smart Start subsidy

Wilkes Family Central

- 249 adults participated in Adult High School and English as a Second Language classes
- 161 total children were served at Wilkes Family Central
- 88 children were assessed by the developmental continuum and made developmental gains