

Pre-K and Smart Start Budget and Children Served

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NC PRE-K

Mission	Increase learning and healthy development of children	School readiness
Target Population	All Children in North Carolina from birth to age 5	Income eligible four-year-olds
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning and funding to: • Raise the quality of early care and education • Support North Carolina families • Promote early literacy • Advance child health and nutrition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning and funding to: • Serve children who are not getting the educational preparation they need before starting school • Create a standard, statewide Pre-K program
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varies by Activity • Local partnerships have flexibility for some activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income eligible at 75% of State median Income • Eligible without regard to income: some military families; children with Limited English Proficiency, IEP, some health conditions, or educational need identified by screening.

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Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide technical assistance to child care centers to improve quality • Improve the quality of early childhood teachers • Provide parent education and resources • Provide access to health services for children • increase accessibility/ affordability of quality child care through child care subsidies to low income families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide academic Pre-K • Set uniform, state standards for Pre-K, including curriculum, teacher credentials and class size • Help Pre-K teachers improve credentials
Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Umbrella statewide initiative with broad range of activities operated on a county-wide basis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targeted statewide program with narrow focus
Funding & Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonprofit organization at state and local levels • Public/private partnership • State and private funding • Local decision-making to address local needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State program with state funding, plus other sources of funding contributed according to local decisions • Standard program; local decision-making about location of pre-k classrooms; all classrooms meet state standards

Smart Start Appropriated Budget

	State	Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)	Total
FY 2008-09	\$ 209.7	\$ -	\$ 209.7
FY 2009-10	\$ 193.7	\$ -	\$ 193.7
FY 2010-11	\$ 188.3	\$ -	\$ 188.3
FY 2011-12	\$ 150.7	\$ -	\$ 150.7
FY 2012-13	\$ 143.6	\$ 7.0	\$ 150.6
FY 2013-14	\$ 140.0	\$ 7.0	\$ 147.0

S.L. 2012-142 replaced \$7 million in state funding for \$7 million in CCDF block grant funding with no reduction in total funding.

The Department of Health and Human Services allocated \$3.6 million of the \$5 million non-profit reduction in S.L. 2011-145 to Smart Start. This is reflected in 2013-14.

Note: The total does not include the local match.

Smart Start Match Requirements

- Match requirements were increased for FY 2013-14 and 2014-15

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
In-Kind	3%	3%	3%	4%
Cash	10%	10%	11%	11%
Total	13%	13%	14%	15%

- In-kind donated resources that are counted toward the total required match can be equal to no more than the percentage listed for the applicable fiscal year.
- Failure to obtain the match by June 30th of each year results in a dollar-for-dollar reduction in the appropriation for the Program for a subsequent fiscal year.

Smart Start Services and Number Served

Quality of Care & Access	FY 2008-2009	FY 2009-2010	FY 2010-2011	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013
Child Care Programs receiving support to improve or maintain the quality of care	3,879	2,933	2,804	2,575	2,558
Children receiving subsidy assistance from Smart Start. (Average monthly)	14,917	14,157	13,157	11,351	11,246
Teachers receiving and education-based salary supplement	11,674	10,733	10,019	7,193	6,351
Teachers participating in Smart Start-funded programs that help them to study early education at the college level	6,790	6,011	5,053	4,014	2,911

Source: Smart Start Annual reports and North Carolina Partnership for Children.

Source for children receiving subsidy assistance: Division of Child Development and Early Education Monthly Child Care Statistical reports.

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Supporting Parents	FY 2008-2009	FY 2009-2010	FY 2010-2011	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013
Families participating in ongoing parenting programs	9,303	6,099	6,189	3,930	3,684
Parents receiving assistance through the evidence-based Parents as Teachers program.	Not available	5,718	6,257	4,146	3,723
Child Health and Nutrition					
Children with special needs or at-risk for developmental delay receiving Smart Start health-related enhanced services	7,270	6,169	6,365	5,850	5,720
Child Care facilities receiving child health consultation services	4,315	3,351	3,383	2,303	2,447
Children that participated in Shape NC initiatives	Program started in FY 2010-11	Program started in FY 2010-11	483	1,044	946

Source: Smart Start Annual reports and North Carolina Partnership for Children.

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Promoting Early Literacy	FY 2008-2009	FY 2009-2010	FY 2010-2011	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013
Parents participating in early literacy programs	16,304	16,178	17,685	25,614	31,513
Classrooms participating in the Raising a Reader program	63	345	425	373	555
Children participating in the Reach Out and Read program	Program started in FY 2011-12	Program started in FY 2011-12	Program started in FY 2011-12	9,109	20,557
Medical offices participating in the Reach Out and Reach program	Program started in FY 2011-12	Program started in FY 2011-12	Program started in FY 2011-12	39 offices in 20 counties	51 offices in 22 counties

Source: Smart Start Annual reports and North Carolina Partnership for Children.

History of Pre-K/ More at Four

- S.L. 2001-424 established More at Four with an initial appropriation of \$6 million
- Target four-year-olds at risk of kindergarten failure
- Required the use of a proven curriculum
- Established standards for minimum teacher qualifications

History of Pre-K/ More at Four

- S.L. 2011-145 transferred the More At Four Program from the Department of Public Instruction into the Division of Child Development and Early Education
- Program was renamed NC Pre-K
- S.L. 2012-142 created a pilot program that provides funding on a per classroom basis.

Pre-K Slot Costs

Facility Type	FY 2012-13	FY 2013-14
Private Child Care - Lead Teacher with Birth-Kindergarten License	\$ 650	\$ 650
Private Child Care - Lead Teacher with 4-Year Degree without Birth-Kindergarten License	\$ 600	\$ 600
Public Schools	Up to \$473	Up to \$473
Head Start	Up to \$300	Up to \$400

Source: Division of Child Development and Early Education

NC Pre-K Program Data for 2013-14

- Number of sites: 1175
- Number of Classrooms: 1989

Children Served by Facility Type (October 2013)		
Head Start	3,067	11.7%
Head Start administered by public school	630	2.4%
Private For-profit child care center	7,214	27.5%
Private Non-profit child care center	2,129	8.1%
Public School	13,197	50.3%
Total	26,237	100.0%

Source: Division of Child Development and Early Education, NC Pre-K Program Data for 2013-14, October 28, 2013

Pre-K Funding History and Number Served

	State	Lottery	TANF	Total	Number of Funded Slots
FY 2008-09	\$ 86.0	\$ 84.6	\$ -	\$ 170.6	33,798
FY 2009-10	\$ 53.0	\$ 84.6	\$ 28.0	\$ 165.6	31,197
FY 2010-11	\$ 35.8	\$ 79.6	\$ 45.0	\$ 160.4	30,767
FY 2011-12	\$ 65.0	\$ 63.1	\$ -	\$ 128.1	24,836
FY 2012-13	\$ 65.0	\$ 63.1	\$ -	\$ 128.1	24,664
FY 2013-14	\$ 65.0	\$ 75.5	\$ -	\$ 140.5	26,617

One-time funding:

- In SFY 11-12, a total of \$9.1 million in state funding was spent for one-time expansion of NC Pre-K. This added 1,982 slots, bringing the totals to \$137.2 million in state funding and 26,818 children served.
- In SFY 12-13, a total of \$12.4 million in state funding was spent for one-time expansion of NC Pre-K. This added 4,908 partial year slots, bringing the totals to \$140.5 million in state funding and 29,572 children served.