

## our investments

Invested \$1.33 Million In Community Programs

<b>Child Care Quality</b>
\$433,833 (32.5%)
<b>Family Support</b>
\$76,169 (5.7%)
<b>Child Care Affordability/Availability</b>
\$588,220 (44.1%)
<b>Outreach/Evaluation</b>
\$127,706 (9.6%)
<b>Administration</b>
\$108,090 (8.1%)

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Report to the Community 2023-2024

**3,643**  
preschool-aged children in Stanly County (5.7% of the total population)

**23**  
child care centers enroll 1099 preschool children

**7**  
family child care homes enroll 26 preschool children

**221**  
child care staff

**31%**  
of children below school age are enrolled in licensed child care

**19.4%**  
of children under age 5 live below the federal poverty level

**51.5%**  
of 3rd graders scored at or above 3rd grade reading level

Reaching out to families with children ages birth through five.

a partner in the smart start network



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### our vision

All Stanly County children enter school ready to succeed in life.

### our mission

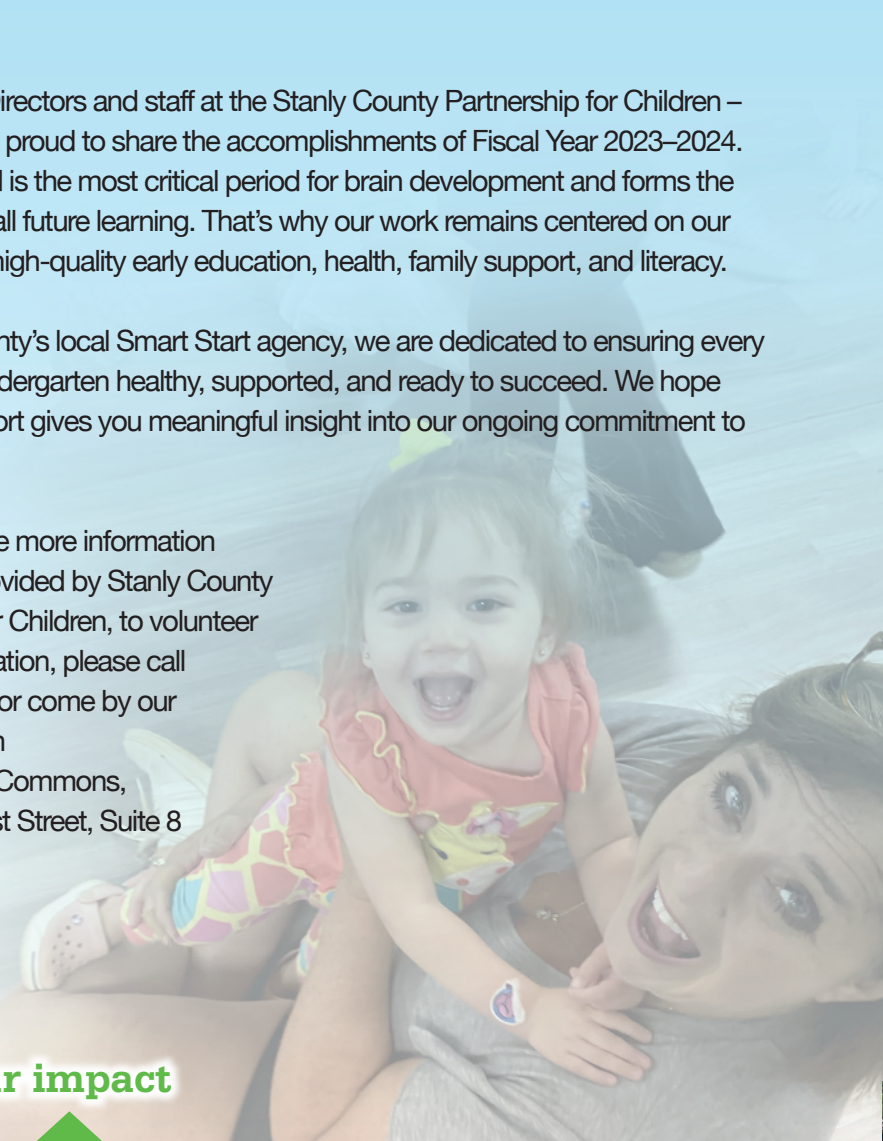
Stanly County Partnership for Children is a non-profit organization supporting the development of children and families through community based programs focusing on health, family support services and quality early education.

The Board of Directors and staff at the Stanly County Partnership for Children – Smart Start are proud to share the accomplishments of Fiscal Year 2023–2024. Early childhood is the most critical period for brain development and forms the foundation for all future learning. That’s why our work remains centered on our core services: high-quality early education, health, family support, and literacy.

As Stanly County’s local Smart Start agency, we are dedicated to ensuring every child enters kindergarten healthy, supported, and ready to succeed. We hope this annual report gives you meaningful insight into our ongoing commitment to this mission.

If you would like more information on services provided by Stanly County Partnership For Children, to volunteer or make a donation, please call 704-982-2038 or come by our office located in Stanly County Commons, 1000 North First Street, Suite 8 Albemarle, NC.

### our impact



### Early Care Availability and Affordability

Provides financial assistance with child care costs for eligible families.  
Programs Funded: Child Care Subsidy and Subsidy Administration, and Quality Stars Program (QSP)

**148**

Children (ages 0-5) receiving Smart Start child care subsidies out of a total of 476 children (ages 0-12) receiving subsidies

**352**

Children impacted by additional supplements to 12 child care facilities participating in QSP and maintaining 4 and 5 star rating

### program impact

100% of subsidized children were enrolled in regulated, licensed care. Of those, 97% are enrolled in 4 and 5 star facilities during 2023.

### Early Care and Education Quality

Improves the quality of care for young children in local child care facilities, Head Start Programs, public school and church preschools.

Programs Funded: Outreach Health-Child Care Health Consultant (CCHC), Child Care Services, Early Childhood Resource Center (ECRC), NC Pre-K Coordination, and WAGES

**31**

Child care facilities received technical assistance and training (CCS and Outreach Health)

**682**

Technical assistance on-site visits conducted with child care providers. Additionally 1652 consultations were provided at the Partnership and via phone/email.

**30**

Training events offered to 206 participating child care providers

**17**

Facilities were members of the Early Childhood Resource Center

**183**

Number of teachers, family home providers and directors received salary supplements (through QSP) 61 providers who received WAGES salary supplements

### program impact

There was a 19% turnover rate of Stanly county WAGES participants compared to 25% for all child care providers statewide.

### Family Education, Support and Literacy

Provides families with education, information, resources and support so their children can have the best start in life. Programs Funded: Raising a Reader (RAR), Dolly Parton Imagination Library (DPIL), Kaleidoscope Playgroups, Community Outreach, Program Coordination

**274**

Children received weekly take home Raising a Reader book bags in 8 child care centers.

**2945**

Children received DPIL books

**25,594**

Books distributed through DPIL

**58**

Adult caregivers and their children participated in Kaleidoscope playgroups.

### program impact

The percentage of parents reporting reading to their preschool aged children at least 3 times per week increased from 47% to 87% after participating in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program.



### More Children Attending High Quality Care

**2001**  
**26%**

%age of children enrolled in 4 or 5 star facilities

**2024**  
**88%**



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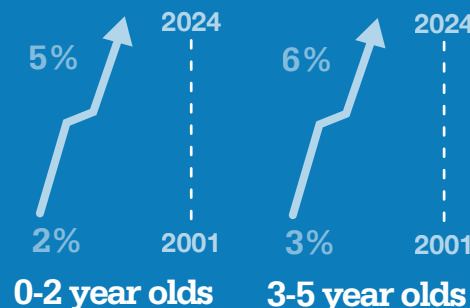


### More Children Succeeding in School

Third graders have higher standardized scores and lower special education placement rates in those counties that had received relatively more funding for Smart Start when these children were younger. This is according to research by Duke University, which found that **investments in Smart Start generate broad education benefits.**



### More Children Screened & Identified for Early Intervention



Number of Children: **273**  
Number of Sites: **8**  
Number of classrooms: **15**

The NC Pre-K program is designed to provide high-quality educational experiences to enhance school readiness for eligible four-year-old children. Children are prepared in all five of the developmental domains that are critical to children’s overall well-being and success in reading and math as they enter school.

Approaches to Play and Learning  
Emotional and Social Development  
Health and Physical Development  
Language Development and Communication  
Cognitive Development