

LOCAL DATA-INFORMED STRATEGIC PLANNING



STAKEHOLDER CONTACT INFORMATION

Below are resources for contact information to support building Local Data-Informed Strategic Planning teams. The list is not exhaustive.

TEAMS SHOULD CONSIST OF 8 TO 12 INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS. STAKEHOLDERS MAY INCLUDE:		
Smart Start Local Partnerships	Head Start and Early Head Start	Home Visiting
Early Intervention	School Districts	Business and Faith Communities
Child Care Resource and Referral	Private Child Care	Mental Health Agencies
NC Pre-K	Social Services	Community Services
Local Health Departments	Maternal And Child Health	Family Members and Caregivers
Philanthropic Organizations	Higher Education/Community College	Local Policymakers and Elected Officials

DIVISION OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND EARLY EDUCATION (DCDEE) – DCDEE’s mission is to ensure the health and safety of children in child care programs, promote quality child care by implementing evidence-based standards, and increase access to quality child care to families and children across NC. To ensure the health and safety of children in child care programs, DCDEE licenses, monitors, and provides technical assistance to child care programs, conducts comprehensive criminal background checks with all individuals who work in licensed or regulated child care programs and other social and human services programs, and supports the NC Child Care Commission, which has responsibility to create, amend or repeal rules to implement child care laws.

- [Lead Child Care Consultants](#) – supports implementation of NC’s Start Rated License System
- Subsidy Administration (see Social Services)
- [NC Pre-K Regional Consultants](#) and [Contract Administrators](#) – The NC Pre-K program is designed to provide high-quality educational experiences to enhance school readiness for eligible four-year-old children. Regional Consults provide support to the contract administrators in meeting NC Pre-K Program Requirements.
- [Child Care Health Consultants](#) – Child Care Health Consultants (CCHCs) are available to provide support to early care and education programs. CCHCs are health experts with education and experience in child and community health and child care and specialized training in child care health consultation.

NC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (NC DHHS) – DHHS manages the delivery of health- and human-related services for all North Carolinians, especially our most vulnerable citizens – children, elderly, disabled and low-income families. DHHS is divided into 30 divisions and offices including the Division of Child Development and Early Education.

- [Local Health Departments](#) – Local health departments work to improve the health of people and communities in North Carolina.
- [Social Services](#) or [Social Services \(printable list\)](#) – county administered social services providing resources and services to maximize family well-being, including subsidy administration.
- [Home Visiting \(MIECHV\)](#) – The home visiting program for pregnant women and families with young children offers information, guidance, risk assessment, and parenting support at home. The evidence-based models

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in this program are designed to improve child health and development, pregnancy outcomes, and parenting skills.

- [Nurse Family Partnership](#)
- [Healthy Families America](#)
- [Local Management Entities-Managed Care Organizations](#) – manage the care of beneficiaries who receive services for mental health, developmental disabilities, or substance use disorders.

EARLY INTERVENTION/CDSA – The North Carolina Early Intervention Branch (NCEI) is a part of the NC Division of Public Health. It is the lead agency for the N.C. Infant-Toddler Program (ITP). The Infant-Toddler Program provides supports and services for families and their children, birth to three who have special needs.

CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL – CCR&R provides services to families, child care providers, employers and communities that facilitate access to child care for families and improve the quality of child care.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, OFFICE OF EARLY LEARNING – The Office of Early Learning (OEL) includes the NC Early Learning Inventory, the [Preschool Exceptional Children’s Program](#), [Title I Preschool](#), and the Head Start State Collaboration Office. OEL collaborates, advocates, and provides an equitable and responsive system of supports to ensure NC’s children and families are successful contributors in school and life.

- [NC DPI OEL Regional Consultants](#) – provides support to school districts in the 8 school board regions.
- [School District Preschool Coordinators](#)

SMART START PARTNERSHIPS – Smart Start is a network of 75 nonprofit local partnerships led by The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc (NCPC). NCPC works to ensure strong fiscal and programmatic oversight and the local partnerships serve all 100 North Carolina counties and are an engaged and important part of local communities.

HEAD START AND EARLY HEAD START – The Office of Head Start (OHS) manages grant funding and oversees local agencies providing Head Start and Early Head Start services. Head Start and Early Head Start promotes the school readiness and development of children birth to five from low-income families through local programs. Head Start services are delivered in NC through 53 agencies, including community action agencies, school districts (14), and private non-profits, which tailor the federal program to the local needs of families in their service area.

HIGHER EDUCATION – Approved [Educator Preparation Programs](#) (EEP) offering Birth through Kindergarten certification programs.

ELECTED LEADERS could include [County Commissioners](#), School Board members, city councilors, mayors, among others.