



Helping All Children Turn Five Ready to Thrive!



Greetings,

In the spirit of Family Engagement Month this November, we find inspiration in the invaluable contributions families make to the developmental journey of their young children.

This month, we are thrilled to share a significant achievement in completing the *Home Visiting of Mecklenburg County Landscape Analysis*. The commitment, dedication, and unwavering support of our community partners have been instrumental in the success of this collaborative effort.

The findings in the report highlight the crucial role Home Visiting plays in the well-being of families within the prenatal to five space. Through our partnerships, we've reached a remarkable milestone since the inception of Smart Start's Home Visiting plan in 2021.

As we celebrate this achievement, we recognize that it's not just an end but a beginning. The report signals the need for continued support from the community and its leaders. Your involvement will be pivotal as we strive to translate these findings into impactful actions that will benefit our children and families.

The full report can be accessed <u>here</u>, while a concise executive summary is available <u>here</u>. Thank you once again for your unwavering support, dedication, and expertise. We eagerly anticipate continuing this collaborative journey with each one of you.

The Smart Start of Mecklenburg County team



Click here to watch a brief interview with Veronica Kirkland, Home Visiting Expansion Coordinator and to learn more about Smart Start's Home Visiting Expansion Plan.



We're here to connect you to opportunities to help the 80,000 children ages pre-natal to five in Mecklenburg County. See below for (3) ways to get involved and help expand our reach.



Your donations transform the lives of young children every day. We ensure your investment makes the greatest impact on our community.



Use your voice to take a stand for children by sharing through your community groups, business partners, social media posts or emails to legislators.



Your time can be spent in fun, meaningful ways that ultimately improve the outcome of your youngest citizens.

We mobilize resources, forge partnerships, and support families to improve early childhood health, education, and development - all to help ensure children are prepared for kindergarten. Click the links to learn more about our community partners, programs and recent news.

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