



**McDOWELL COUNTY PARTNERSHIP
FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, INC.**

In addition to Smart Start funding, the Partnership for Children holds fundraisers and seeks private grants to provide services to children of all ages and their families in McDowell County. The Partnership is a United Way member agency and participates in the State Employees Combined Campaign. Additional programs funded through private grants include:

Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP): An evidence-based, nurse home visiting program that improves the health, wellbeing and self-sufficiency of first-time, low-income parents and their children. This program is administered by the McDowell County Health Department, with support from the McDowell County Partnership for Children.

Wachovia Foundation: A grant to provide "Preparing Your Child for Kindergarten" parent education materials for parents of 3- and 4-year-olds not enrolled in child care programs.

Love & Logic: Provides simple and easy to use techniques to help parents have more fun and less stress while raising responsible kids of all ages. These free parenting classes for teens are held Monday evenings at the Partnership and are funded by the NC Department of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention/Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.

Healthy Smiles: A program funded by the McDowell County United Way, the McDowell County Chamber of Commerce, and private funds designed to help pay for immediate dental needs of children ages 0-18 who are not eligible for Medicaid.

Health Resources & Services Administration Dental Grant: The McDowell Hospital is partnering with Mission Children's Dental Program to provide dental screenings to children birth—5 in McDowell County. This program addresses the high number of children entering Kindergarten with untreated tooth decay. The Partnership for Children provides



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The mission of the McDowell County Partnership for Children and Families, Inc. is to partner with the community to meet the needs of all the children and families in McDowell County.



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**Providing Comprehensive
Early Education, Health, and
Parenting Programs for
Young Children and their
Families**



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*The McDowell County Partnership for Children and Families coordinates, plans, and funds local Smart Start programs for children ages birth through five and their families. Smart Start programs improve Child Care, provide **Health Services**, and offer **Family Support**.*



Child Care Resource & Referral: This program provides childcare referrals and information on topics such as quality child care, child development and parenting. Training opportunities are offered for childcare providers along with technical assistance. The Early Childhood Resource Center (ECRC) provides resources such as laminating, die cutting, and a lending library of early childhood equipment and materials. **For more information, contact the Child Care Resource and Referral Line at 652-0649, or ECRC at 659-8302.**

Part Day Preschool: Free, part-day preschool programs located within the North Cove and Glenwood Elementary Schools that serve children age 2-5 years old. The centers provide learning opportunities for children and build on the family's capacity to help their children enter school healthy and ready to learn. **For more information call North Cove Family Network at 460-3497 or 756-4342, Glenwood Family Resource Center at 460-3473.**

McSMILES: This part-time, mobile preschool program is based in school buses that have been fitted with the essential play centers to deliver age-appropriate preschool activities. McSmiles serves 3-5-year-olds in various locations throughout the county. The program is free. **For more information, contact the McSmiles Bus at 442-4534 or Eastfield Elementary School at 652-3730.**

Wait List Prevention: Provides financial resources for continuous, dependable childcare for income-eligible families in need. The program increases the number of families who are able to receive child care subsidy, thus preventing waiting lists. These families are able to remain in the workforce as a result. **For more information, contact the McDowell County Department of Social Services at 652-3355.**

Professional Development Supplement: A program for early education professionals designed to improve the quality of child care in McDowell County by focusing on increasing teacher and education levels. Childcare providers receive two stipends per year based on their education levels and years of experience. **For more information, contact Children's Services Network at 652-0637.**

Quality Support Bonus: Makes available quarterly bonuses to licensed early childhood programs that have demonstrated a commitment to quality care by ensuring higher teacher education and licensure

requirements. **For more information, contact Children's Services Network at 652-0637.**

Quality Bonus: This project will make available monthly bonuses to licensed early childhood programs based upon enrollment of subsidized children to early childhood programs that have demonstrated a commitment to quality care. **For more information, contact McDowell County Department of Social Services at 652-3355.**

First Steps: A home visiting program offered to ALL new moms who are not eligible for Medicaid home visitation programs. New parents receive a home visit from a Registered Nurse experienced in obstetrical care, newborn care, and lactation. **For more information, contact The McDowell Hospital at 659-5415.**

Healthy Start: An intensive home visitation program that serves children from birth to age three and their families. Home visits are made weekly by a trained Family Support Worker for support and instruction on positive parenting, bonding, child development, and home safety. **For more information, contact The McDowell Hospital at 659-5427.**

Family Resource Programs-Family Support: A Family Resource Program which addresses family literacy and parenting through parent support groups and parent-child activities. Programs include F.A.S.T., Family Reading Adventures, and Circle of Parents. **For more information call North Cove Family Network at 460-3497 or 756-4342, Glenwood source Cen-3473, or Old ily Resource Family Re-ter at 460-Fort Fam-Center at**

