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Members of the Durham Police Department Motorcycle Unit to Visit Local More at Four Classroom

Durham, NC – On Friday, May 27, 2011 at 10 a.m. officers from the Durham Police Department will pay a special visit via motorcycle to Primary Colors Early Learning Center on Dixon Road. Fifteen children enrolled in one of Primary Colors' More at Four classrooms recently finished building their own motorcycle as part of a class project. Durham's Partnership for Children, the local agency that administers Durham County's More at Four program, organized the visit to showcase the impact of high-quality early learning environments and to highlight the ways in which members of local law enforcement support investment in early education as a critical strategy in crime reduction.

"The City of Durham and the Durham Police Department recognize the importance of early education programs like More at Four and the impact these programs have on a young person's success in life," said Kammie Michael, spokeswoman for the Durham Police Department. "High-quality preschool programs are one of the most fundamental crime prevention tools available. According to several studies, high school graduates are less likely to become involved in crime and more likely to become productive citizens."

WHAT: **Durham Police Department Visit to Primary Colors Early Learning Center.** Preschool teacher Jena Carter recently used the Project Approach as a teaching strategy in her More at Four classroom by engaging students around building a motorcycle. Durham Police from the motorcycle unit will visit the center's 4-year-old children and help make the connection between the class project and a real motorcycle.

WHEN: Friday, May 27, 2011, 10:00 am

WHERE: Primary Colors Early Learning Center
3008 Dixon Rd., Durham, NC 27707

WHO: Durham Police Department Motorcycle Unit
Jena Carter, Primary Colors Early Learning Center preschool teacher

About Durham's Partnership for Children - Making young children a priority.

Founded in 1994 and first funded in 1995 to administer the Smart Start grant in Durham County, the Partnership works as an independent, local nonprofit that serves young children birth to age 5 and their families under North Carolina's nationally recognized initiative to ensure all children enter school healthy and ready to succeed. For more than 15 years, the Partnership has helped working parents pay for child care, improve the quality of child care and provided health and family support services to thousands of Durham County families with young children. The Partnership works to achieve its mission *To mobilize and unify the Durham community to create and support innovative and successful approaches to serving the needs of children birth to age 5 and their families*, by working with funded partners, groups and organizations in Durham County to support and coordinate efforts impacting young children and their families. The Partnership also administers the More at Four Pre-Kindergarten Program in Durham County serving more than 400 children and the new Early Head Start Grant serving Durham infants and toddlers. For more information about the Partnership, visit www.dpfc.net or call 919-403-6960, ext. 219.