



Head Start



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MEDIA ALERT

Durham Pre-K Blitz Open Application Day—March 20, 2010
Applications will be processed on a first come, first serve basis

Durham's Partnership for Children, a Smart Start Initiative announced Thursday that Durham pre-kindergarten programs (More at Four, Durham Public Schools and Head Start) will hold an open application day.

Durham's pre-k program staff will be available so that multiple families may walk-in and apply for the program that provides high quality experiences to enhance kindergarten readiness for at-risk 4-year-olds.

Durham's pre-kindergarten programs are community-based, voluntary, and designed to prepare 4-year-olds for kindergarten with a focused curriculum that enhances children's development physically, socially, emotionally, mentally, which includes language, communication, cognitive, general knowledge and approaches to learning.

Applicants must provide a copy of the child's birth certificate, immunization record, proof of Durham County residency (utility bill, lease or mortgage contract), proof of all household income (2009 W-2 and 1 month of household income), documentation of child's chronic health conditions (if applicable), child's Medicaid card (if applicable).

WHAT: More at Four Open Application Day

- Interviews and applications will be taken on a first come, first serve basis.
- Applicants must bring necessary documentation. For more information on a complete list of documents, visit www.dpfc.net/MoreatFour.aspx

WHEN: Saturday, March 20, 2010

WHERE: Jim and Carolyn Hunt Child Care Resource Center, 1201 S. Briggs Ave. Durham, NC 27703

LOGISTICS: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Children must be 4 years old by August 31, 2010 (born between September 1, 2005 and August 31, 2006) to be eligible for these pre-k programs.

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About Durham's Partnership for Children

Durham's Partnership for Children celebrates 15 years 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 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 and mobilizing 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 Program in Durham County serving more than 400 children and the new Early Head Start Grant which will serve 120 Durham infants and toddlers beginning in the Spring of 2010. For more information about the Partnership, visit www.dpfc.net or call 919-403-6960, ext 221.