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## **MEDIA ALERT**

### **Durham County Group Visits Capital to Request Early Education Funding**

#### ***Part of Smart Start's Tuesdays for Tots Advocacy Initiative***

On **Tuesday May 20** child advocates, child care professionals, parents and business leaders from Durham County will travel to the **N.C. General Assembly** to participate in Smart Start's Tuesdays for Tots initiative. The above constituents will meet with Durham's legislative delegation to discuss the **challenges facing young children** and working families in Durham County on behalf of **Durham's Partnership for Children**.

**WHAT:** **Durham's Partnership for Children's Tuesdays for Tots Kick-Off.** Tuesdays for Tots is Smart Start's signature advocacy effort that takes place every year during the legislative session. On Tuesdays, Smart Start partnerships come to Raleigh for one-on-one meetings with legislators to educate lawmakers on Smart Start successes and discuss challenges facing young children and their families

**WHEN:** Tuesday May 20, 2008  
9:15 a.m. to 11:30 noon

**WHERE:** N.C. General Assembly  
300 N Salisbury St  
Raleigh, NC 27603

**WHO:** Durham's Partnership for Children and 40 Durham residents, which includes parents, business people, program managers and early childhood teachers will be visiting the Durham County delegation.

#### **About Durham's Partnership for Children**

Durham's Partnership for Children was founded in 1994 and first funded in 1995 to administer the Smart Start grant in Durham County. Smart Start is North Carolina's nationally recognized initiative to ensure all children enter school healthy and ready to succeed. Smart Start helps working parents pay for childcare, improves the quality of childcare and provides health and family support services in every North Carolina County. The Partnership works with funded partners (affiliated organizations) 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 0-5 and their families." Durham's Partnership for Children also administers the Governor's More at Four Program in Durham County. For more information about Durham's Partnership for Children, visit [www.dpfc.net](http://www.dpfc.net) or call 919-403-6960, ext. 221

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