



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**Date: May 24, 2006**

**Contact:** Jeremy Evans  
**Phone:** 919-403-6960, [jeremy@dpfc.net](mailto:jeremy@dpfc.net)

---

## MEDIA ADVISORY + PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

### **Durham's Partnership for Children Hosts Annual Funded Partners Meeting**

Durham, NC - **Durham's Partnership for Children**, a Smart Start initiative supporting the needs of young children and their families, is very excited to celebrate and share a year's worth of successes with the Durham community. The "Annual Funded Partners Meeting" is a celebration that highlights the efforts of the 16 Smart-Start-funded agencies dedicated to supporting children and families across Durham County. The event will held on Tuesday May 30, 2006 from noon to 3 PM at Durham's Partnership for Children.

The event will feature heartwarming stories of success from all of these incredible agencies, including stories from the individual "More at Four" sites, which provide high quality child care to at-risk 4 year olds. Funded partners will not only share their stories, but also highlight the significant impact that Smart Start continues to have in this community. This event also underscores the Partnership's spirit of collaboration, which seek to tackle issues in early childhood in a uniquely holistic and systemic way. This dedication to collaboration is one of the main reasons that Smart Start has become a national model in early childhood.

We greatly encourage the media to come and document these amazing narratives. Smart Start impacts our community in so many ways - from parents who are able to return to work through child care subsidy, to kids gaining a love of learning, to Hispanic families learning English and valuable parenting skills – the impact is extensive and far-reaching. The success stories are not only worthy of the community's attention, but also the efforts of the numerous staff across the county that work tirelessly to improve the future of our community.

For more information, please contact Ruth Smullin at Durham's Partnership for Children at 919-403-6960 ext 229

###

#### *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.