

Why North Carolina Needs a Pre-K Program

Of the **119,559** four-year-olds in North Carolina (State Data Center—July 2004 projections based on 2000 Census):

- There are an estimated **53,502** children who are deemed at-risk based on family income.
- There are approximately **35,164** children who are currently served in some way through public schools, Head Start, or subsidy to private child care, leaving at least **7,813** at-risk children unserved in any capacity. Additionally, too many of the served children are not in settings that will prepare them for success in schools.



Working together, we can build a brighter future for our children and for Wayne County



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North Carolina's free pre-school program for at-risk 4-year olds

Small Class Sizes



High Quality Facilities



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What is NC Pre-K?

The *North Carolina Pre-Kindergarten Program* is a state-funded community-based, voluntary pre-kindergarten initiative designed to prepare eligible at-risk four-year-old children in North Carolina for success in school.

To be eligible, children must be 4 years of age on or before August 31. Families must meet at-risk criteria as determined by the state. Participation in the program voluntary.

NC Pre-K programs must meet high quality standards

Teachers

All lead teachers must have Birth-Kindergarten Licensure or a four-year degree and be working toward B-K licensure. Assistant teachers must have (or be working toward) the Child Development Associate Credential or an Early Childhood Education/Child Development Associate Degree.

Small Class Size/Hours

Maximum class size is 18 children. Each classroom has a teacher and a teacher assistant (ratio of 9 children to 1 adult). Each classroom operates for six and a half hours a day. Hours are determined by facilities.

High Quality Facilities

Each facility must have a 4 or 5-star state license. Three star facilities have a limited time to upgrade their license.

Curricula

State approved curricula are used in the classrooms. They meet all the domains of learning set by the State Governor's Office. These include:

1. Approaches toward learning
2. Cognition and general knowledge
3. Health and physical development
4. Language development and communication
5. Social and emotional development



Classrooms are located in Child Care facilities, Head Start facilities and Public School Classrooms

These are sites located in Wayne County:

Goldsboro Area

- Bright Beginnings Christian Center (*offers extended day care*)
- Eastern Wayne Elementary School
- Happy Days Day Care & Pre-school (*offers extended day care*)
- Meadow Lane Elementary
- North Drive Elementary School
- Royall Avenue Head Start (*offers extended day care*)
- School Street Elementary
- Small World Child Care (*offers extended day care*)
- Small Word Child Care, Too! (*offers extended day care*)
- Rosewood Elementary School
- Tommy's Road Elementary

Pikeville/Fremont Area

- Fremont STARS Elementary School
- Northeast Elementary School

Mt. Olive Area

- Carver Elementary School
- Carver Head Start (*offers extended day care*)

Dudley Area

- Brogden Primary School
- Wee Are the World Child Care (*offers extended day care*)

Seven Springs/Southeast Wayne County

- Spring Creek Elementary School

