

## Providing All The Children of Person County

### A Smart Start!!

#### Person County Vision Statement

The Person County Partnership for Children embraces the philosophy that the guiding spirit of our efforts begins and ends with the involvement of Person County families.

- We believe that well adjusted families lead children to develop high self-esteem, to become responsible citizens, to live well-balanced productive lives, and to reach their potential.
- We believe that all family members should have the freedom to dwell in a safe environment free from fear and poverty, and to lead lives of hope.
- We envision all families will have the opportunity to achieve economic self-sufficiency.
- We encourage employers to provide a work environment that allows parents to be involved in the lives of their children.

We, the Person County Partnership for Children, appreciating our diversity, covenant with one another to provide leadership, innovation, support, resources, and hope, to the best of our abilities to Person County families so that all may experience the dream and reality of a better tomorrow.



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## Person County Partnership for Children Child Care Resource and Referral

### Smart Start Funded Programs

**“All Person County Children Will  
Enter School Healthy  
And  
Prepared for Success”**



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## Smart Start Funded Programs



**VIP (Very Important Parents):** The VIP program provides parent educators to work with parents by demonstrating developmentally appropriate activities for children that stimulate learning in all areas. The parent educators make monthly home visits, organize parent support meetings, provide newsletters for families, make referrals to other agencies, and provide developmental, language, vision, and hearing screenings for children. Services are available to any family with a child age 0-5. **Contact: Cindy Hicks 599-2362.**

**Training for Parents and Providers:** Training is provided locally to parents and child care providers on issues related to child development, child care, and nutrition. **Contact: Maynell Harper PCPFC 599-3773/Nina Taylor/Tonya Williams PCPFC 599-3773.**

**Early Childhood Scholarship Program:** PCC offers a two year Associate's Degree program in Early Childhood Education. Scholarships are available through the PCC Foundation. **Contact: Beth Townsend PCC 599-1181.**

**More at Four:** Smart Start funds are used to help support the Governor's no-cost preschool program for four year olds. **Contact: Leighann Long 599-3773 ext. 27.**

**Head Start Enhancement:** With funding from Smart Start, the local Head Start program provides a high quality early childhood program to Children and families who meet financial guidelines. **Contact: Carla Oakley 599-7585.**

**Subsidy:** Funds are available through DSS to assist parents who qualify with the cost of child care and provides incentives to high quality centers and homes that serve subsidized children. **Contact: Pam Wood DSS 503-1165.**

**Childcare Professional Development Coordinator:** The coordinator provides support for child care providers who are in the process of attaining college-level degrees through technical support and instruction and attending Piedmont Community College. **Contact: Tisha Duncan 599-1181.**

**Subsidy Scholarships:** This is a one-time emergency assistance to families in crisis to maintain their child care placement for children ages 0-5 while they re-establish their normal routines. **Contact: Maynell Harper PCPFC 599-3773.**

**CCR&R:** Child Care Resource and Referral provides parents with information, counseling, & referrals for child care providers. Also, resources for selecting quality child care, recruiting child care providers, and offering technical assistance to established child care homes and centers. **Contact: Maynell Harper/Nina Taylor 599-3773.**

**Incentives for Quality (IQ):** This program provides financial support for licensed child care providers who complete early childhood classes at a college level and remain in the child care profession in Person County. **Contact: Maynell Harper 599-3773**

**Partners in Literacy:** Several programs are available to improve and promote literacy skills for children 0-5 and their families.

- **Parents as Teachers and Motherread/Fatheread** provide parents with new resources and skills to enhance their children's literacy. **Contact: Cindy Hicks 599-2362.**
- **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library:** Free books are provided to enrolled Person County children 0-5. **Contact: Becky Oliver 599-3773.**
- **ACE:** Adults & Children in Education provides Work First parents the opportunity to work towards their GED as well as parenting skills and opportunities to improve literacy skills through the Motherread program. **Contact: Barb Arel 599-7585, Debra Harlow 599-1181, Pam Wood 503-1165, or the Partnership Office 599-3773.**

- Community Services Team:** Team is composed of a registered nurse, early childhood specialist, and child mental health therapist. The professionals on this team provide training, consultation, and technical assistance to the staff of child care centers & homes in order to support the young children served. Screening, referral, and direct services are also provided.
- **CST Nurse:** The nurse provides Child Care Health Consultation to licensed day care facilities (centers & homes) to improve their health and safety practices. **Contact: Karla Peed 597-2204.**
  - **Child & Family Therapist:** A licensed mental health clinician provides child & family therapy and provides individual treatment for children ages 3-5 experiencing serious emotional or behavioral problems **Contact: Person Counseling Center 599-8366.**
  - **Early Childhood Specialist:** The EC Specialist helps identify children ages 0-5 with behavioral and/or therapeutic intervention needs. The specialist also evaluates needs and plans classroom strategies to alleviate behavioral difficulties that interfere with the learning process. **Contact: Michelle Whitt 597-2218.**



