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Amy Cubbage is the president of the North Carolina Partnership for Children (NCPC), leading Smart Start, North Carolina's comprehensive early childhood system. Smart Start is funded through a public/private partnership and consists of 75 local partnerships working in all 100 North Carolina counties to advance a high-quality, comprehensive, accountable system of care and education for each child beginning with a healthy birth.

Amy began her career as an early childhood teacher, following a family tradition of service to young children and families. She worked as a National Head Start Fellow for the federal Administration for Children and Families (ACF) and then consulted with early childhood education agencies on a range of topics, taught advocacy and leadership courses at both Wheelock College and Eastern Connecticut State University, and researched and wrote about early childhood education.

Throughout Amy's career, she has been an active board member of NAEYC affiliates. Beginning in 2008, Amy's work focused on the assessment and improvement of early childhood education programs, joining the National Center for Research on Early Childhood Education at the University of Virginia and then, in 2010, Teachstone. She served in various roles at Teachstone, managing teacher coaching, training, and professional development, as well as public policy, legal, and strategy work.

Amy completed her undergraduate study at Brown University and went on to complete a J.D. at Northeastern University and an M.S. in Leadership and Policy in Early Childhood Education from Wheelock College.

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