

# Smart Start Board Presentation: *What's Your Charge?*

# Goals and Objectives

- Understanding of the Smart Start Network and your role as a Board Member
- Overview of the Smart Start Accountability Plan
  - *Guiding principles of Smart Start Accountability Plan*
  - *Mandates, expectations, and responsibilities of Smart Start Board Members*
  - *Fiscal, program, and organizational requirements of Smart start agencies*





Smart Start Is  
Born!



# What is Smart Start?



## Smart Start Vision:

Advance a high quality, comprehensive, accountable system of care and education for each child beginning with a healthy birth.



## The Smart Start Network:

75 Independent, nonprofit organizations serving all 100 NC Counties. Smart Start was designed to give communities local control to determine the best approach to achieving outcomes for children and families.



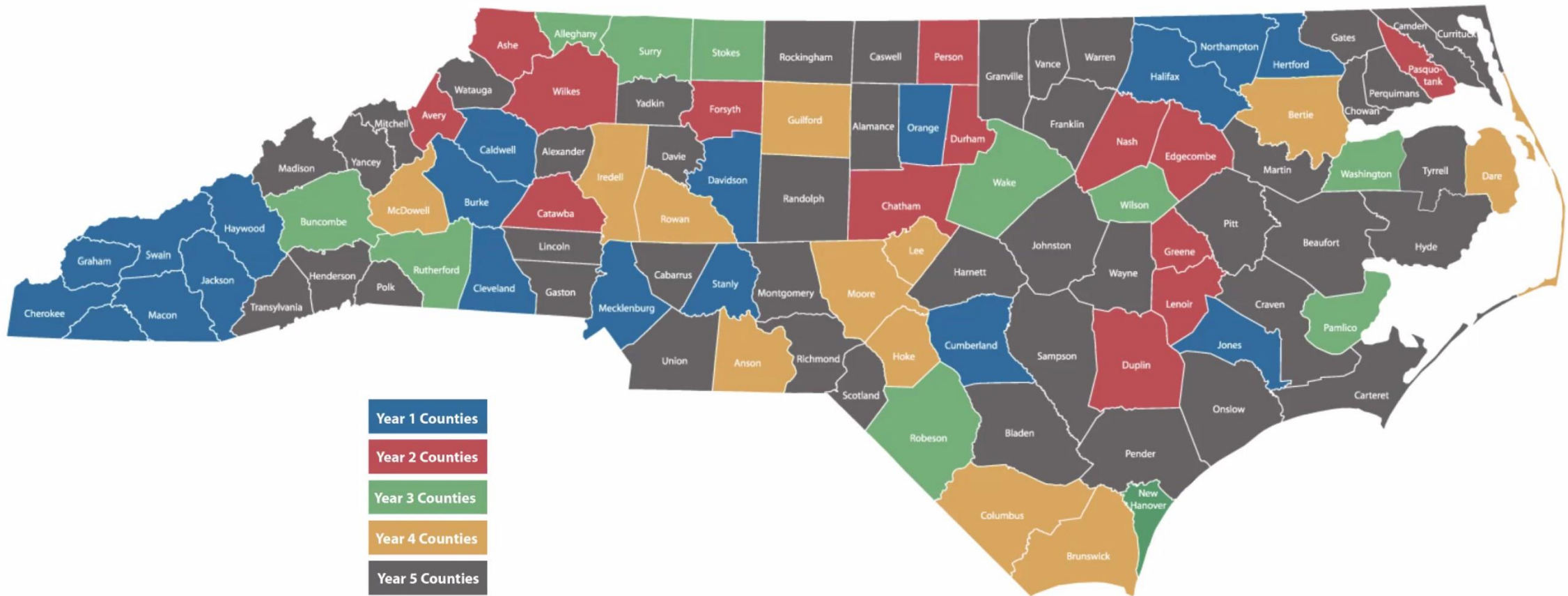
# North Carolina Partnership for Children (NCPC)

- Leverage the power of a state-wide network to increase outcomes for all children and families.
- Integrity for Smart Start programs and services.
- Stewardship for public money allocated to Smart Start and distributed across the state.

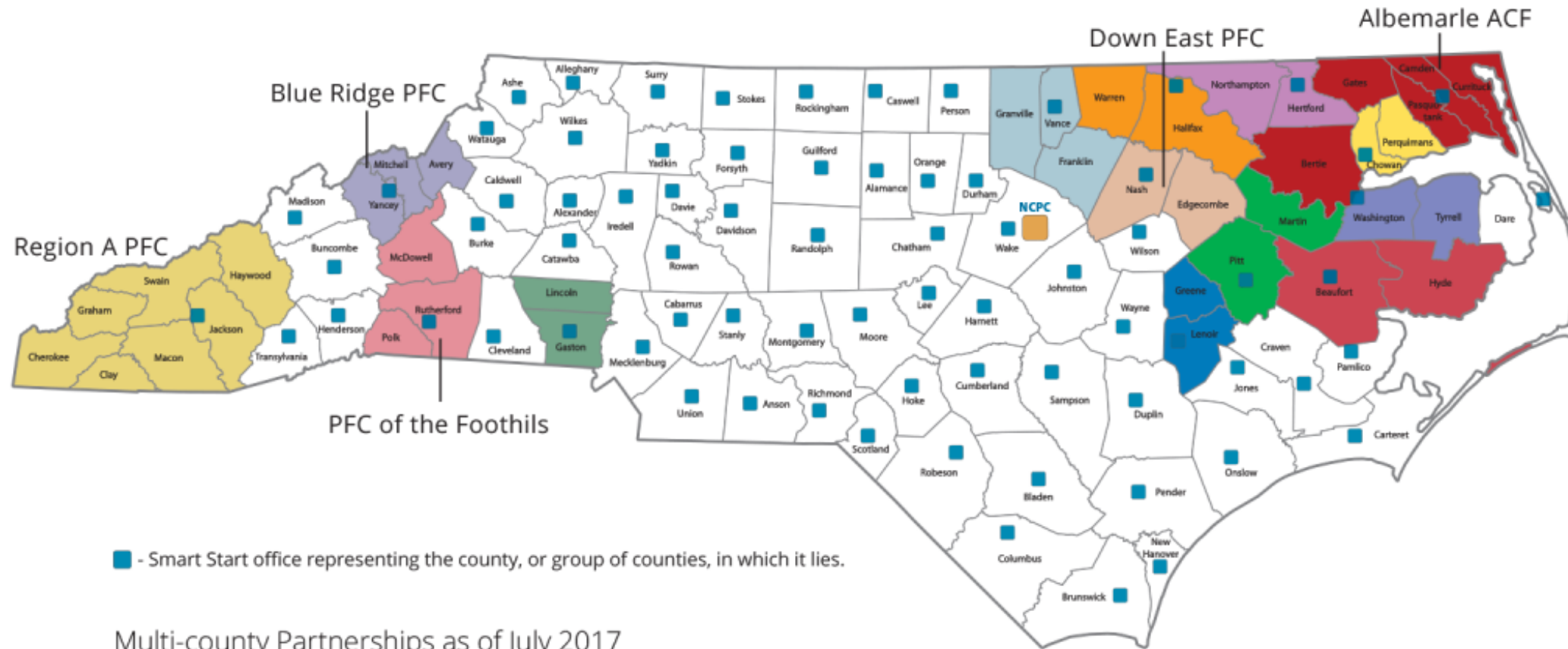




# Who are the Year One to Five Counties



# North Carolina Smart Start Network



## Multi-county Partnerships as of July 2017

Albemarle Alliance for Children and Families (Bertie/Camden/Currituck/Gates/Pasquotank)  
 Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children  
 Blue Ridge Partnership for Children  
 Chowan/Perquimans Smart Start Partnership  
 Down East Partnership for Children (Nash/Edgecombe)  
 Franklin-Granville-Vance Partnership for Children  
 Halifax-Warren Smart Start Partnership for Children

Hertford-Northampton Smart Start Partnership for Children  
 Lenoir/Greene County Partnership for Children  
 Martin/Pitt Partnership for Children  
 Partnership for Children of the Foothills  
 Partnership for Children of Lincoln/Gaston Counties  
 Region A Partnership for Children (Cherokee/Clay/Graham/Haywood/Jackson/Macon/Swain)  
 Tyrrell-Washington Partnership for Children

**NCGA**



**DCDEE  
VIA DHHS**



Admin budget for NCPC,  
audit, unified accounting  
system, network building

Local Partnerships  
funding, services



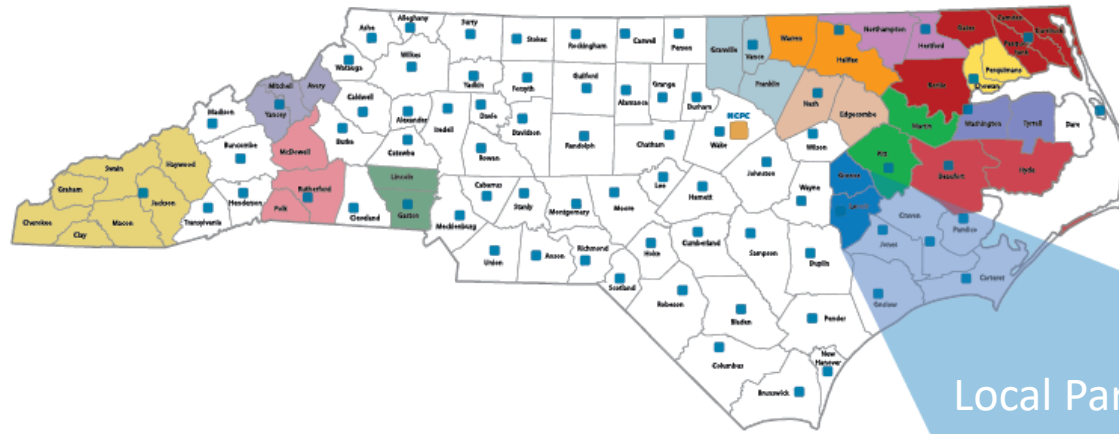
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# North Carolina Smart Start Accountability



Local Partnership

Federal funds



Smart Start state funds

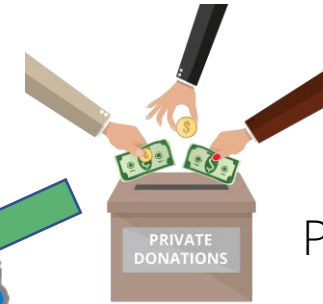


Local government funds



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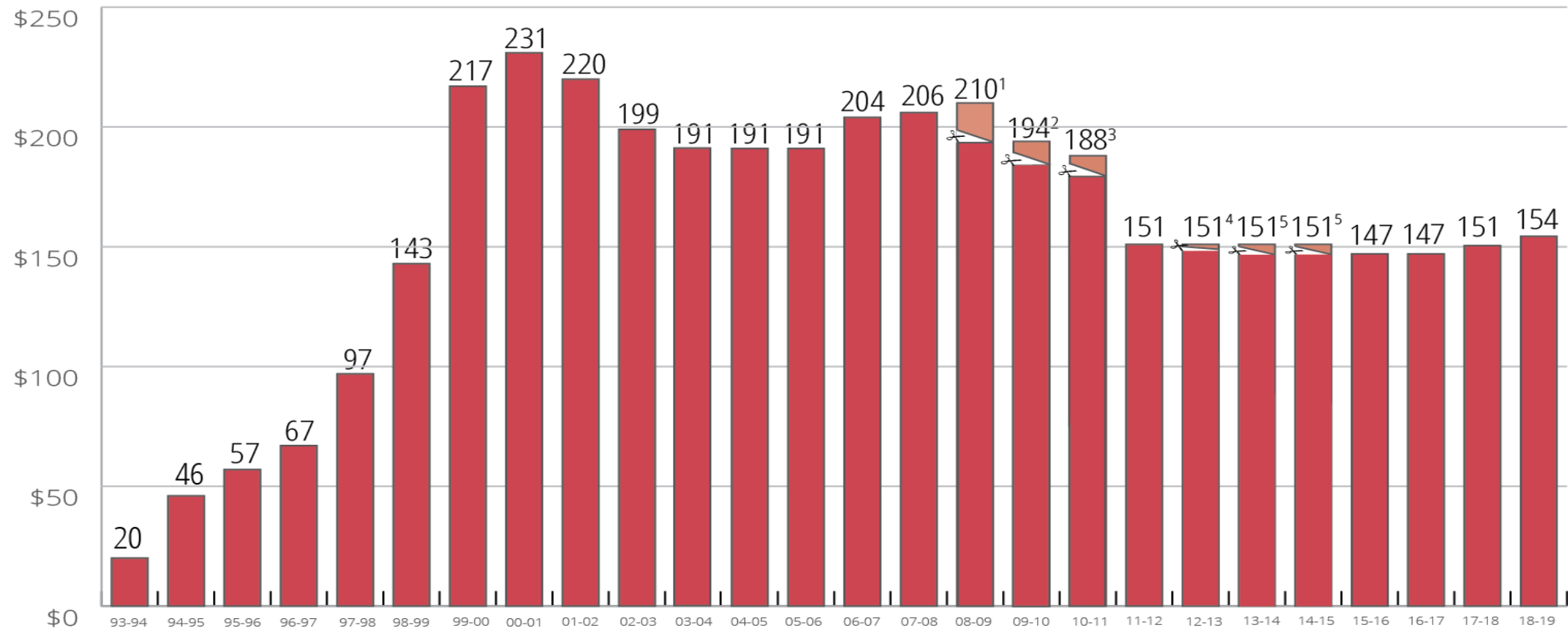


Private funds



Other state funds (NC PreK)

# North Carolina Smart Start Allocation History



<sup>1</sup> One-time budget reduction of \$16M reduced available 08-09 budget to \$194M

<sup>2</sup> One-time budget reduction of \$7M reduced available 09-10 budget to \$187M

<sup>3</sup> One-time budget reduction of \$6M reduced available 10-11 budget to \$182M

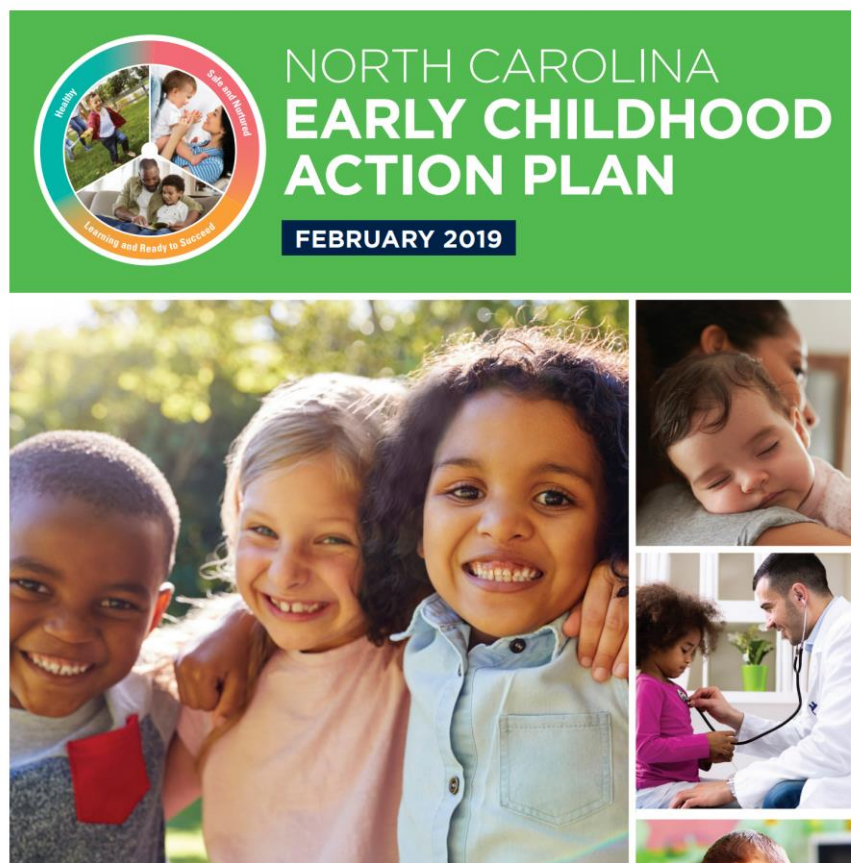
<sup>4</sup> One-time budget reduction of \$1M reduced available 12-13 budget to \$150M

<sup>5</sup> Recurring budget reduction of \$3.7M reduced available 13-15 budget to \$147.3M



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# North Carolina Early Childhood Action Plan



# Smart Start Network Leadership

## Local Partnership Advisory Committee (LPAC)

### NCPC Board of Directors

Appointed by elected officials or by virtue of their position, this board oversees NCPC's administration and implementation of Smart Start funds.

### North Carolina Partnership for Children (NCPC)

Provides both accountability measures and technical assistance to local partnerships.

### Local Partnership Board of Directors

Governs the local partnership by overseeing the administration and implementation of organizational vision and policy.

### Local Partnership Executive Director

Provides the day-to-day management of the organization to ensure it meets its vision.



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# Ten Board Governance Responsibilities

Determine mission  
& vision

Select an Executive  
Director (ED)

Support and  
evaluate the ED

Ensure effective  
strategic planning

Monitor and  
strengthen  
programs &  
services

Build a competent  
board of directors

Protect assets and  
provide financial  
oversight

Ensure financial  
resources

Ensure legal and  
ethical integrity

Enhance the  
organization's  
public standing

# Smart Start Accountability Plan Guiding Principles



## Improvement and Effectiveness

Use data to assess impact and make improvements.



## Equity

Use data to understand differences in children & inform activities to address gaps.



## Transparency and Clarity

Inform the public of the status of children in their communities and clearly define the expected standards.



## Inclusion and Fairness

NCPC and Local Partnerships work together to develop the accountability process and NCPC shall use corrective interventions deliberately and consistently.

# Smart Start Board Programmatic Requirements



Engage in a community needs assessment.



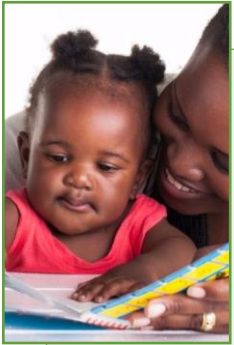
Use data to drive decisions for the organization.



# Smart Start Board Programmatic Requirements



# Smart Start Board Organizational & Community Leadership



Select board members in accordance with NCPC board composition requirements.



Achieve quorum when board action is needed. Avoid conflicts of interest.



Adhere to Open Meetings and Public Record Law.



No Smart Start funds used to influence legislation or carry on propaganda.

# Smart Start Board Organizational & Community Leadership





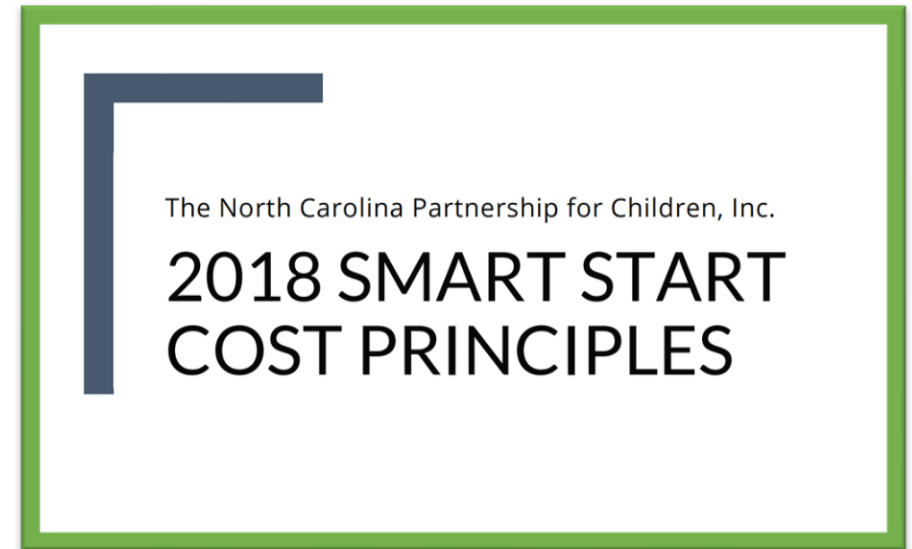
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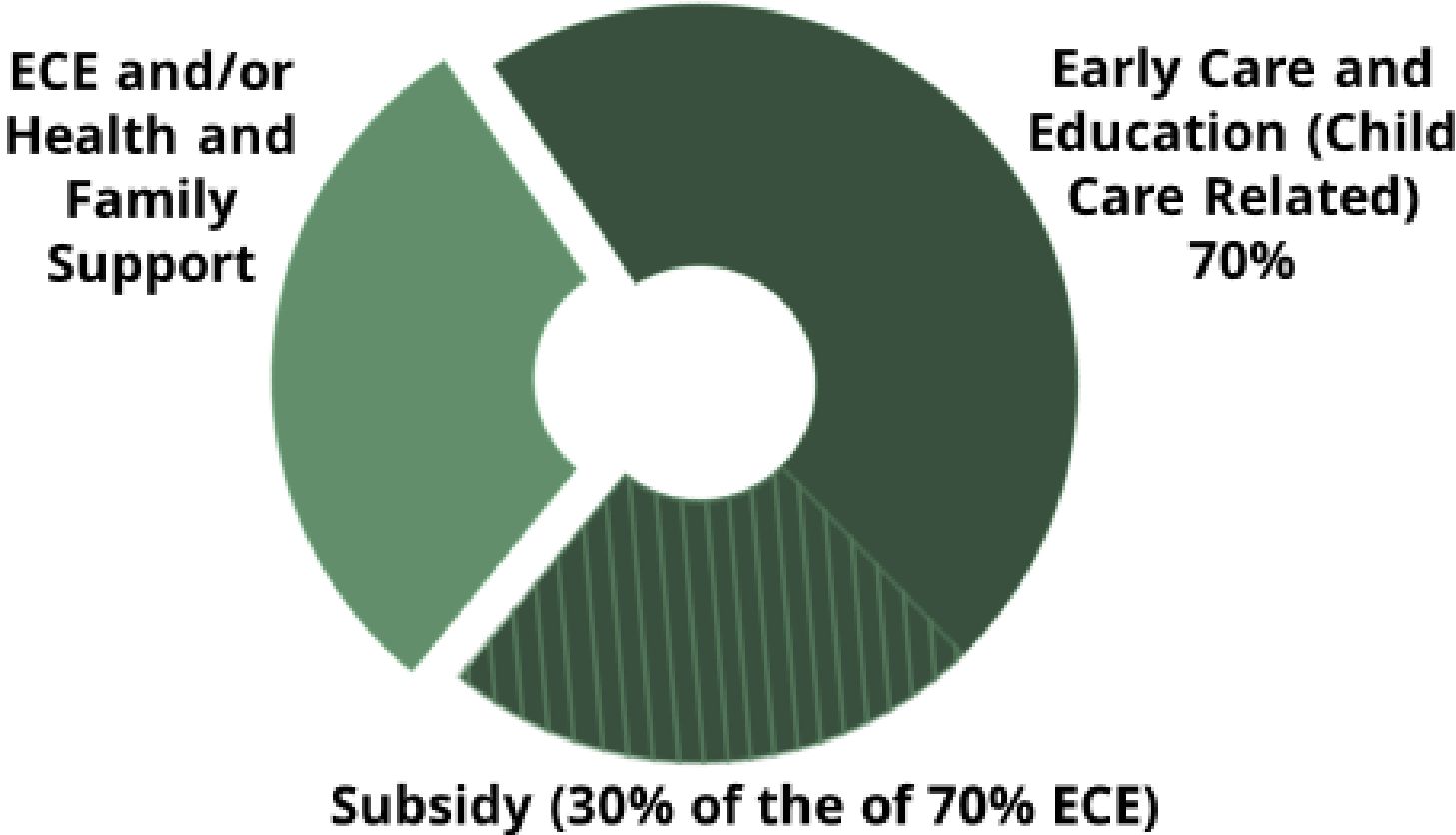


# Smart Start Board Financial & Contractual Requirements

- Smart Start Cost Principles
- NCPC's statewide financial and contracts and uniform accounting systems
- Annual or biennial audit and NCPC financial and programmatic monitoring
- NCPC established due dates



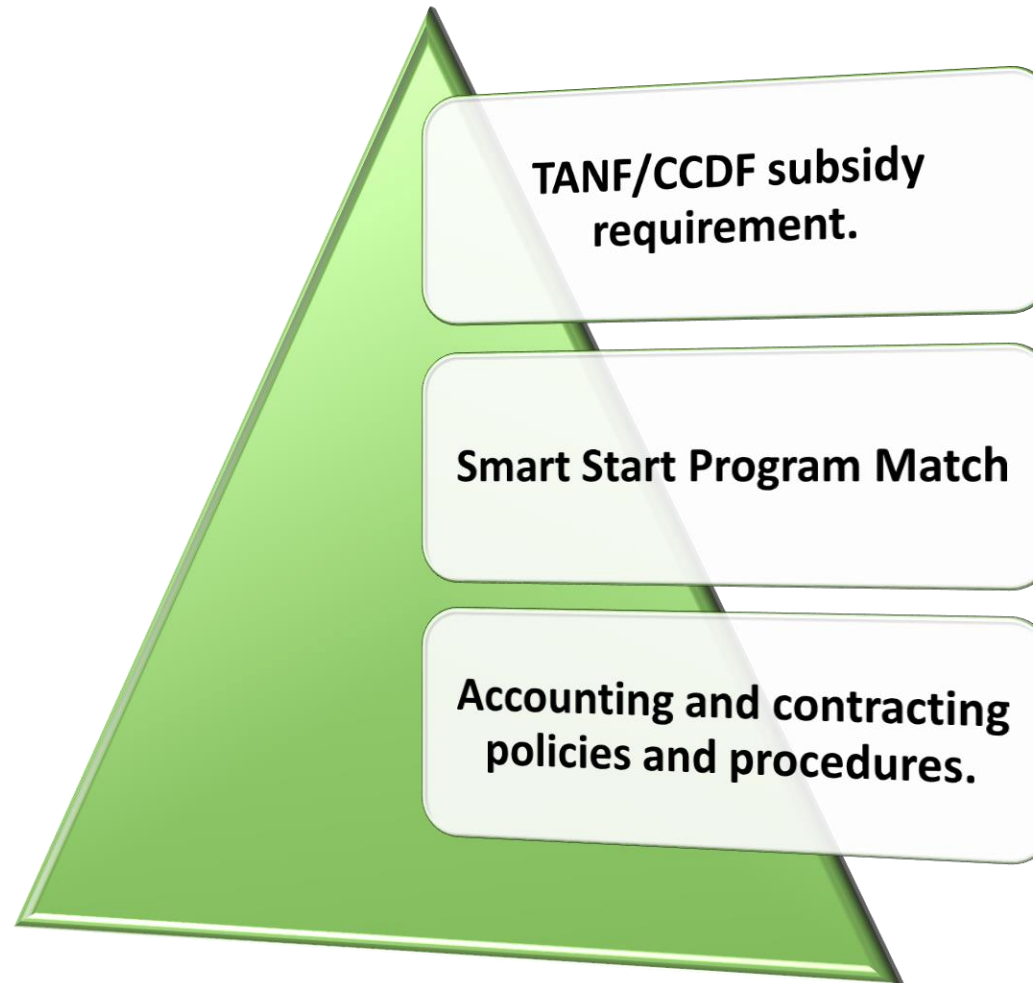
# Smart Start Spending Mandates



TANF/CCDF subsidy requirement (41%+; varies by LP)

70% of Smart Start funds spent on childcare related activities

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# Additional Smart Start Leadership Support



Smart Start Connections Newsletter



New Board Member Orientations



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Smart Start Conference and Leadership Symposium



Ongoing Support from NCPC Program Officer and Fiscal Consulting and Contracting Specialist


# Smart Start Network Newsletter





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### SMART START IS...

 Raising Quality

 Supporting Families

 Advancing Child Health

 Expanding Literacy

A top priority for Smart Start is increasing the quality of early care and education across the state. The goal is to promote high quality early care that is child-focused, family-friendly and fair to providers. For years, Smart Start subsidy funds have been used to increase the quality of early child care and education in the state.

- The percentage of children in 4 and 5 star programs increased from 33 percent in 2001 to **72 percent in 2019**.
- The average star rating for children receiving subsidized care increased from 2.68 in 2001 to **4.52 stars in 2019**.

Smart Start partnerships manage subsidy funds within their communities to continue to improve early care and education across the state... [LEARN MORE](#)

**Why, when the importance of quality early care and education is so widely accepted, do we continue to fail so many?**

No Small Matter is a feature-length documentary film and national engagement campaign that brings public attention to this vital question by sharing powerful stories and stunning truths about the human capacity for early intelligence and the potential for quality early care and education to benefit America's social and economic future. This multifaceted project reveals how [...]

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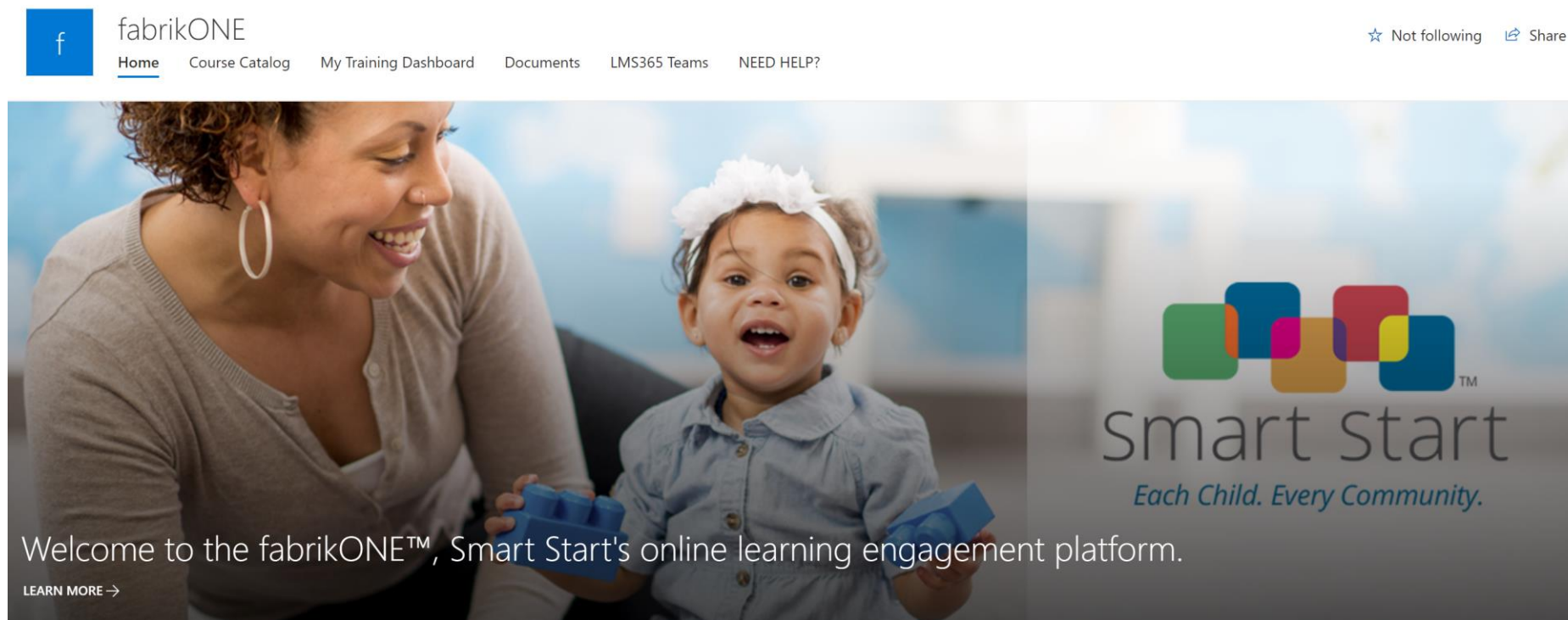
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Smart Start participates in Resilience Week

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