



FIVE MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. What is Stokes Partnership for Children?** Stokes Partnership for Children is a non-profit organization led by local volunteers, designed to provide programs and services for families and children in Stokes County with its primary focus to prepare children to enter kindergarten healthy and ready to succeed. Stokes Partnership for Children administers funds to support programs to benefit children and their families, brings different groups together for the sake of children, educates the community on their critical needs, and helps develop solutions.
- 2. How is your organization funded? Are you a local or state government agency?** We are funded through multiple funding streams including Smart Start and More at Four funds. We also receive funding from grants and other public/private funds. We are not affiliated with local government nor are we a state agency. Stokes Partnership for Children is a 501 (c)(3), nonprofit organization governed by a volunteer board of directors.
- 3. What is Smart Start? Is that the same as Head Start or Early Start?** Smart Start is a public-private initiative that provides early education funding to all of the state's 100 counties. Smart Start's focus is on children (birth to five) and their families. Smart Start funds are administered at the local level through local nonprofit organizations called *Local Partnerships*. Stokes Partnership for Children is a Local Partnership. Head Start and Early Start are not the same as Smart Start.
- 4. Are you a day care?** No, we do not operate a child care center. We provide support for regulated child care facilities. We assist families in finding child care through education and referrals. In addition, we offer many programs in the areas of early care and education, family support and health.
- 5. Do you only serve at-risk or special needs children?** No, we serve all children. We offer programs for children of all ages, with a focus on children age birth to five, to ensure all Stokes County children are prepared to enter kindergarten healthy and ready to succeed.