



January 30, 2008

Re: *National Week of the Young Child*

Dear Service Providers in Stokes County:

To celebrate the national *Week of the Young Child*, which is sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), we will be celebrating in a number of ways. Please take advantage of the opportunities that will be provided by Stokes Partnership for Children. *Bring Communities Together for Children - Children Bring Communities Together* is the 2008 theme of the national *Week of the Young Child*. This is a time to recognize that it is our responsibility to recommit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child experiences the type of early environment--at home, at child care, at school, and in the community--that will best promote their early learning.

If you offer a service to young children and/or their families (most all services are applicable), you will want to participate in the following:

- ❑ The seventh annual *Little Folks Festival* is scheduled for **Saturday, April 19, 2008** at Walnut Cove Elementary School, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This fun filled event focuses on the promotion of early care and education, school readiness, family support and health as it relates to young children and their families. Attached is a flier with the information needed to sign up to participate. Please complete the bottom portion of the flier and return it to Stokes Partnership for Children by **Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**. We are looking forward to many special activities for young children and their families. This event has grown each year and we look forward to your participation. We are also asking you to consider participating in our "on-stage" presentations, if appropriate. We are looking for fun interactive activities that the children in attendance can participate in. This is an excellent way to promote your service. On-stage performances will be limited to fifteen to twenty minutes. You will want to keep your presentation lively and interactive. On-stage participation will be limited to first come, first serve and will be at the discretion of Stokes Partnership for Children. **Requests to participate on-stage must be received by Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**.
- ❑ Secondly, our friends at The Stokes News have graciously agreed to give us a special pullout newspaper insert again this year, featuring services for young children and families in Stokes County in celebration of the national *Week of the*

*Young Child*. This special edition will be released Thursday, April 10, 2008. If you have a service or information that relates to young children (birth to age five) and/or families, you may write an article to be included in this edition. You may include a calendar of your events for the year, if appropriate. Also, please don't forget to credit Smart Start if it funds or partially funds your activities. Please send this to Stokes Partnership for Children no later than **Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**. This is a great way to receive free publicity for all the hard work that you do for our young children and families. You may include pictures, but I cannot promise they will be included. Please try and submit this information via **email** – [ctuttle@stokespfc.com](mailto:ctuttle@stokespfc.com).

- Lastly, enclosed is a flier(s) featuring our fun photography contest. Please feel free to make copies if you need more. If you work directly with young children, please pass these out to all your parents. The winning entries will be included in the special edition of The Stokes News. All entries will be on display at the *Little Folks Festival*. A free children's book will be given to each contestant. Special gift cards will be given as prizes. The winning entry will be featured on the cover of the next Stokes Family Resource Guide. All entries must be submitted to Stokes Partnership for Children by **Friday, March 7th**.

This is an exciting week for young children and their families. We hope you will celebrate with us. Please call us if you have any questions, 336-985-2676.

Sincerely,

Cindy S. Tuttle  
Executive Director

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| **~ Reminder ~** |

**Deadlines:**

**Photography Contest entries due: Friday, March 7, 2008**

**Articles due for The Stokes News: Thursday, March 20, 2008**

**To participate in Little Folks Festival:  
(On-stage performance/demonstration) Thursday, March 20, 2008**

**To participate in Little Folks Festival:  
(Booth only) Friday, April 11, 2008**

**Little Folks Festival: Saturday, April 19, 2008**

Forms available on [www.stokespfc.com](http://www.stokespfc.com)

Fill out and fax (336-985-3302) or email to [ctuttle@stokespfc.com](mailto:ctuttle@stokespfc.com)