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New Web site Connects Parents with Tips, Local Resources
(www.growachild.org)

A new resource for parents of young children is now just a click away. Partners from 12 organizations covering ten counties announce the launch of Grow A Child (www.growachild.org), a Web site designed to help families find local community resources and other simple ideas to turn good parents into extraordinary parents.

"We're excited to offer this new resource for our parents," said Cindy Tuttle, Executive Director of Stokes Partnership for Children, "Parents are a child's first and most important teacher and we want to offer ideas that are simple but very effective in preparing a child for school. This site offers one place for parents to learn about a child's development, find easy every day tips to promote learning and connect parents to local resources regarding child care, health and safety."

The Grow a Child site features an interactive section where parents are connected to specific information about their child's growth and development. Tips are then provided with activities parents can do with each child. Parents can also subscribe to a free electronic newsletter featuring hot topics and more tips.

The Grow a Child site is a result of the collaboration from area Smart Start organizations, Regional Child Care Resource and Referral agencies and Parents as Teachers organizations.

"Our organizations originally got together to see how we could best share information and resources for local families," said Cindy Tuttle. "Grow a Child is the result of this collaboration. There are so many valuable resources available to parents right here in our area and they are all now available to our parents at the touch of a button."

The following organizations provided key support to launch the Grow A Child site:

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