



# NC Pre-K Program



## What is NC Pre-K?

The NC Pre-K Program is a high-quality pre-kindergarten program that serves four-year old children in families with low income and other factors that may impact their success in school.

All NC Pre-K programs have four or five star-rated NC Childcare licenses.

(Four or five-star out of a possible five-star rated license)

Lead teachers must have a Bachelor's degree in Birth- Kindergarten and

Assistants must have an Associate's degree in Early Childhood Education.

Health and developmental screenings are provided for each child enrolled in NC Pre-K.

NC approved Curricula and ongoing individualized assessments guide classroom instruction.

## Who qualifies for NC Pre-K?

**Age Requirements:** Children who are four years old on or before August 31st in the current school year

**Income Requirements:** Four year old children in families with annual incomes at or below 75% of the State Median Income (SMI) level are eligible for NC Pre-K services (Example: 75% of SMI for a family of 4 is \$50,133)

**If the income requirement is not met, other eligibility criteria include:**

Children of Eligible Military Families; Limited English Proficiency; Identified Disability (IEP); Chronic Health Condition; and/or Developmental/Educational Need

## Where can I find an NC Pre-K classroom in Region A?

Public School Pre-K classrooms serve NC Pre-K enrolled children in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Macon and Swain Counties and at Cherokee Central Schools. Head Start programs at Mountain Projects in Haywood County and Macon Program for Progress in Macon County serve NC Pre-K enrolled children in blended Head Start classrooms. Haywood Community College Regional Center for the Advancement of Children and St. John's and Silver Bluff Early Education and Preschool programs are the private childcare NC Pre-K sites in Haywood County. In Jackson County the private childcare providers are Webster and Webster Enterprises Early Education and Preschools. In Cherokee County the private NC Pre-K site is Murphy Early Education and Preschool. Region A Partnership for Children paid \$2,560,738 for over 550 NC Pre-K enrolled children in Fiscal Year 2014-15.



## Who can I contact for more information?

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