



*Thank You for Your Interest in Smart Start of Brunswick County!*  
We have several opportunities to become engaged in our work to support children and families in our community!

### Kindergarten Packets

**Description:** We will be assembling packets to all children who will be starting Kindergarten in the Fall of 2022. These packets will contain enrollment forms, required documentation, and other important information and resources for families. We will be delivering these packets to all the licensed child care centers and family child care homes in Brunswick County. We will need volunteers to help collate, assemble, and deliver packets.

**Tentative Timeframe:** January 2022

### Little Free Libraries®

**Description:** Smart Start of Brunswick County, through special grants, community volunteers, and collaborative partnerships, helps to maintain these book-sharing boxes which are open seven days a week, 24 hours a day, and are freely accessible to all - removing barriers to book access. We need help labeling children's books and replenishing the supply in several of the *Little Free Library* locations throughout the county.

**Tentative Timeframe:** On-going

### Fab Five Appreciation Baskets (FAB)

**Description:** Child care for children is essential! Without it, parents cannot work, businesses cannot continue to operate, and children cannot access invaluable early learning opportunities. Smart Start of Brunswick County would like to thank our Early Childhood Professionals who care for and educate children in the fabulous, first five years of life. Help us to gather donations, assemble baskets of goodies, and deliver these special "thank you" to our licensed child care sites on *Provider Appreciation Day* on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Tentative Timeframe:** Now through May 6<sup>th</sup>

### BLOCK Fest® and other Activity-Based Outreach Events

**Description:** BLOCK Fest is a family interactive experience that uses five stations to introduce children and parents to the educational value of block play. We would also like to plan additional events (such as STEM) that help educate the community about the importance of the first five years in a child's life.

**Tentative Timeframe:** Occasional

### Share Your Talents

**Description:** Kaleidoscope Play & Learn, one of our Smart Start funded programs, provides weekly gatherings of parents and young children that offer activities to promote development through play and adult social support. Staff are always looking for volunteers with special talents such as puppetry, art, storytelling, instruments, etc. to share during the play group.

**Tentative Timeframe:** On-going

### Gardens and Outdoor Learning Opportunities

**Description:** Have a green thumb? Not afraid to get dirty? With the help of a private grant, we have some funds available this year to enhance outdoor learning environments at selected child care sites.

**Tentative Timeframe:** February through June

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." – Margaret Mead*