



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 for all children who will be starting Kindergarten in the Fall of 2024. 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

Little Free Library® Book-Sharing Boxes

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 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

Tailgate & BBQ Fundraising Event

Description: Smart Start of Brunswick County just hosted our first Tailgate & BBQ event - which was a success! We hope to continue the tradition, growing this event into a fun and prosperous fundraiser. If you have special fundraising talents – please consider helping. Otherwise, day-of help with selling tickets and making plates is always welcomed.

Tentative Timeframe: October

BLOCK Fest®

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

Week of the Young Child Event

Description: This April will mark our 3rd year hosting a Week of the Young Child event – which is free for families and young children. We invite community partners as vendors and make sure to keep it festive and fun with live music, hot dogs, and children's activities. Families learn about community resources.

Tentative Timeframe: April