



To Our Early Childhood Community:

Smart Start of Brunswick County (SSBC) works to ensure that all children have what they need to be happy, healthy, and ready for kindergarten when the time comes. We know that you play a BIG part in that! Young children develop and learn through their relationships with adults, including the early childhood educators who care for them.

To encourage the staff at your site to further their education, SSBCs will provide two rounds of *Education Bonuses* this year:

- **ROUND 1 = for classes completed August through December 2024**
- ROUND 2 = for classes completed January through June 2025

The bonuses will be based on coursework completed as part of an Early Childhood degree. Each bonus will depend on the grant funds available and the total number of applicants. **ROUND 1 bonus checks will be issued no later than January 31, 2025.**

Please share the ROUND 1 application (included with this letter) with the staff at your site: the application details eligibility criteria, required documentation, and critical due dates.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Kindest Regards,

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