



The Cleveland County Health Department is pleased to collaborate with the Cleveland County Partnership for Children in providing three Smart-Start funded activities to residents of Cleveland County. The activities serve children ages birth to five and their family members as well as child care providers throughout the county.

The **Access to Health Care** activity, housed within the Adult Health Unit, focuses on ensuring compliance with recommended well child examinations for all children ages birth to five in Cleveland County. Primary targets of the activity are children who do not have an identified primary care provider or “medical home” and who do not receive preventive care on a regular basis. Children and their families will be impacted through this activity through regular Health Department events such as a Christmas immunization clinic and the celebration of National Infant Immunization Week in April as well as community events such as Healthy Kids Day at the Dover Foundation YMCA, the Minority Health Conference, and health fairs scheduled at churches and other congregate sites throughout the county. Two staff members are funded by Smart Start to carry out this activity. The Health Check Coordinator works with Medicaid-eligible children to increase the Health Check participation ratio; she contacts parents using information compiled from a state data base as well as from hospital reports to encourage compliance with the recommended schedule of well-child exams, which include age-appropriate immunizations. The Health Access Specialist provides similar services to the non-Medicaid eligible population to identify medical homes and comply with recommended well child exams. To contact the Health Check Coordinator please call 704.484.5239 and to contact the Health Access Specialist please call 704.484.5133.

The **Access to Dental Care** activity, housed within the Dental Clinic, focuses on providing an array of dental services to children birth to five as well as providing information on good oral health practices. The activity is funded by an allocation of Smart Start funds as well as third-party reimbursement and payments made on a sliding fee scale. Dental health providers who are employees of the Cleveland County Health Department as well as contracted dental providers provide a range of services which may include but are not limited to evaluation, cleaning, dental varnishes, education, fillings, crowns, and extractions; sealants are provided to preschool children identified by the Dental Clinic staff who may need this preventive service for primary teeth to reduce the risk of more acute oral health issues. Referrals for services are accepted from multiple sources such as community agencies, primary care providers, child care providers, preschool programs such as More at Four and Head Start, and families. Children and families receive educational materials to underscore the importance of good oral health practices and preventive dental care. To contact the Dental Clinic and make an appointment, please call 704.484.5260.

The **Child Care Health Consultant** activity, housed within the Maternal and Child Health Unit, focuses on the provision of educational information and technical assistance to licensed and regulated child care centers and family care homes in the county regarding health, safety and nutrition issues. The Child Care Health Consultant (CCHC) position is funded in part by an allocation from Smart Start funds. The CCHC is a licensed nurse and certified as a CCHC by the Office of Continuing Education, School of Public Health, UNC-Chapel Hill in collaboration with the North Carolina Child Care Health and Safety Resource Center. The CCHC provides intensive technical assistance annually to ten child care facilities, including development of effective health and safety policies. She also provides consultation to all licensed and regulated centers and homes on an as needed basis and on a variety of health, safety and nutrition topics. She provides community-wide as well as center-focused workshops on topics which may include but are not limited to diaper changing, sanitation, hand-washing, food preparation, medication administration, emergency preparedness, communicable diseases, chronic disease management and transportation safety as well as topics specifically requested by child care providers throughout Cleveland County. The CCHC also provides educational materials to both providers and parents on selected topics throughout the year. To contact the Child Care Health Consultant, please call 704.484.5142.