

Smart Start of Davidson County: A Smart Investment for Davidson County

What is Smart Start of Davidson County?

SSDC is a local non-profit that was created in 1994, with funding from Smart Start, to develop a plan that allows our community to develop services to address the needs of young children (birth-five years old). Some of the programs that Smart Start administers are:

- Parents As Teachers/School Readiness Program
- SS Scholarship (Help paying for Child Care)
- Quality Maintenance Program (Assistance for Child Care Facilities)
- Child Care Referrals
- Education Reimbursements
- M@4 Program ...



What is going on in Raleigh right now?

Without your help Smart Start of Davidson County stands to lose both Smart Start and More @ 4 programs. The NC Legislature has gone on record: the total elimination of both programs should be considered as Legislators work to balance the budget.

This year, Smart Start has already faced a reduction in funding and services. The legislature will be making funding decisions regarding Smart Start and More @ 4 in the next couple of months.

- The best case scenario is more budget reductions and
- the worst case is the elimination of Smart Start and More @ 4 all together, impacting thousands of children and families and every program the SSDC offers.

What will this mean for Davidson County?

This can mean an overall destabilizing of the Early Childhood System in Davidson County. It will affect over 500 of Early Care and Education employees, thousands of working parents and THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN!

Some of the risk include:

- Quality Child Care will be at risk
- Child Care Scholarships (help paying for Child Care) will be cut
- Income for teachers faces reductions
- The possible loss of 390 M@4 slots
- Loss of Education Reimbursement Payments