



# Family Information Session



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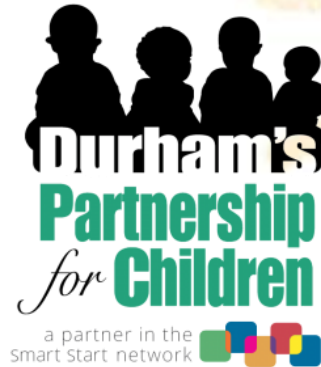


# Agenda

- Introductions
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- The Durham PreK Application
- Durham PreK Classroom Information
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  - **Durham Head Start**
  - **NC Pre-K**
  - **Durham PreK**
- Questions?



# Introductions



# Overview of Durham PreK



# Durham PreK

Durham's local investment in high-quality early childhood experiences

- Enhances existing pre-K seats
- Expands access to all 4-year-olds in Durham County
- Children must be 4 on or before August 31, 2021 and a resident of Durham County



# PreK Calendar

- Most Durham PreK classrooms follow the Durham Public Schools' Traditional Calendar
- Except for Holt Elementary and Pearsonstown Elementary which operate on the Durham Public Schools' Year Round Calendar
- We are working with school leaders and monitoring the guidance from health and safety experts to plan and prepare for the 2021-2022 school year. Durham PreK Partners' number one priority is to ensure the health and safety of the children and staff at each site.



# PreK Hours

- All sites operate on a 6.5 hour school day
- Durham PreK sites typically start at 8:30 am and run until 3:00 pm or from 9:00 am until 3:30 pm, but times may vary by site
- Please check with individual sites for their hours





# Wrap Care

- Care outside the preschool day is called Wrap Around Care. Wrap Around Care is a separate service from preschool and is neither guaranteed at every facility nor free.
- Individual preschool providers will determine whether they have the staffing to host Wrap Around Care and for what hours.
- Durham PreK's website has Wrap Around Care information for families
- Subsidy or scholarship assistance may be available for qualifying families and seats



# Durham PreK Application



# Durham PreK Application

- The Durham PreK Application allows families to complete one application to be considered for all publicly funded PreK seats in Durham County
- Application will be available online on the Durham PreK website
  - Will be available February 15, 2021 at **10 AM** at [www.durhamprek.org](http://www.durhamprek.org)



# Durham PreK Application

- Required documents
  - Birth certificate
  - Proof of Address
  - Proof of Income – one month's worth for entire household
- Other documents may be requested when completing the application
  - For examples, visit the Family FAQs on the Durham PreK website



# Durham PreK Classroom Information



# All Classrooms Have...

- Lead teachers with NC Birth-Kindergarten teaching licenses
- Equitable teacher pay
- High quality, research-based pre-K curriculum
- Play-based learning
- Professional development and coaching for teachers and directors
- Support strong family engagement
- A 4 or 5 star license from the NC Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE)



# Classroom Locations

- When completing the Durham Pre-K Application, you are applying for seats in the following types of pre-K classrooms:
  - **Durham Public Schools**
  - **Durham Head Start**
  - Community-based Licensed Programs
    - funded by **NC Pre-K** and/or **Durham PreK**



# Durham Public Schools

- DPS offers several types of classrooms including Title I and tuition-based classrooms
- There is no income requirement to access DPS programs
- For families wanting a Title I classroom, applications must be completed by May 14, and show potential academic need through a developmental screening
- Families will complete the developmental screening by phone. Screenings will not be held in person this spring.





# Durham Head Start

- Families must submit the following:
  - Prior monthly income (earned/unearned), and **2020 W2 or Tax Return**
  - Insurance/Medicaid
  - Immunizations
- No deadline to apply
  - Families are encouraged to apply early to leave time for revisions, to submit missing documents, and be considered for all PreK slots



# NC Pre-K

- Families must make less than 75% of the state median income
  - Some families with incomes over this requirement may qualify if they meet other priority criteria
  - Priority criteria includes children with disabilities, children in foster care, children experiencing homelessness, military families, children with chronic health conditions, children with limited English proficiency
- Declaration of child's citizenship is required, but citizenship status **DOES NOT** affect eligibility
- No deadline to apply
  - Families are encouraged to apply early to leave time for revisions, to submit missing documents, and be considered for all PreK slots



# Durham PreK

- All children living in Durham County who will turn 4-years-old on or before August 31, 2021 are eligible to apply
  - **FREE** for families with a gross annual income below 400% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
  - 4% fee of family's gross monthly income for families at or above 400% of the FPL
- No deadline to apply
  - Families are encouraged to apply early to leave time for revisions, to submit missing documents, and be considered for all PreK slots



# Durham PreK Information Desk

Call 1-833-PREK-EDU (1-833-773-5338) or  
email [prek@childcareservices.org](mailto:prek@childcareservices.org) for the following:

- Schedule a virtual application appointment
- Ask questions about the application process
- Ask questions about documents needed for the application process
- Need support completing the application in a language other than English or Spanish



# Questions?

- Please enter your questions in the chat or Q&A box



# Thank You!

- Visit [www.durhamprek.org](http://www.durhamprek.org) for more information
- Online application available starting **February 15th at 10 AM**
- Please complete the poll!

