

## Supply and Book Drives

Supply drives held throughout the year provide child care centers and early childhood programs needed items that support and enhance their work. Examples of supply drive donations include classroom materials, books for young children, baby nursery needs or a hats and mittens drive.

### How this Type of Project Helps

- When the community supports early childhood sites with needed supplies, children and teachers have the necessary tools for learning.
- Materials donated to classrooms help strained budgets and expand activity options.



### Classroom Materials Drive

Below is a list of needed items used by early childhood classrooms and parenting programs:

#### Children

Washable markers  
 Large size crayons  
 Fiskars child scissors – blunt tip scissors  
 Multi-colored construction paper  
 Washable tempera paint  
 Washable watercolor paint  
 Multi-sized paint brushes  
 Mittens/hats for cold weather  
 Liquid glue in bulk  
 Glue sticks (bottles are hard to squeeze)

#### Teachers

Softie tissues  
 Post-it notes  
 Sharpies  
 Pens and pencils  
 Fiskars adult scissors  
 Masking and/or clear tape  
 Fun stickers  
 Digital minute timer (*for determining proper timing for surface sanitation*)

## Size of Volunteer Team

Small (10 or fewer)

Large (11 + or more)

## Minimum Number of Supplies

Once a site is selected for donation, supply quantities can be determined. In some cases, like book drives, any quantity can be useful.

## Volunteer Team's Responsibilities

- Gather/purchase donation items
- Sort and bundle donations for delivery
- Distribute donations

## Wake County Smart Start's Support of the Project

- Provide a sample budget
- Answer questions to support the planning process
- Assist with locating a child care center or program for the donation and help coordinating delivery
- Share the story of your support to inspire others

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