

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, diapers and wipes, or a hats and mittens drive.

How this Type of Project Helps

- When the community supports early childhood sites and programs with needed supplies, children and teachers have the necessary tools for learning.
- Parenting programs that serve families through home visits and parent/caregiver groups can also benefit from donations of items for families, like diapers and wipes, books, or children's clothing.
- Materials donated to classrooms or home visiting programs 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

For questions about this project or to learn more about volunteering send an email to volunteer@wakesmartstart.org.