

Activity Descriptions

CCR&R (Child Care Resource & Referral) – Provides support and information for families seeking child care options and referral services, provides technical assistance and trainings for child care providers and supports the Selma and Clayton Resource Centers

Childcare Health Consultant – Provides technical assistance and trainings to child care providers to improve the health, safety and environments for young children.

Professional Development – Assists child care professionals by drafting individual professional development plans, provides guidance on higher education options and accessing financial assistance in an effort to improve star rated license levels.

WAGE\$ - Provides education-based salary supplements to qualifying teachers, directors and family child care providers, to reward teacher education and encourage continuity of care.

TIP (Teacher Incentive Program) –TIP is an incentive program which provides assistance in paying for health insurance and child care for individuals achieving higher levels of education. TIP works to promote a more highly qualified child care workforce and reduce turn-over.

Head Start Wrap Around – Supports the continuity of care for Head Start Children by providing funding for care before and after the regular head start day and full day care on teacher workdays and during summer months for qualifying children.

Purchase of Care (DSS) – Assists low-income families by paying a portion of their child care costs and provides enhancement incentives to high quality child care programs

Administrative (DSS) – Supports the need for additional staff to administer the Purchase of Care activity through DSS

More At Four Purchase of Care – More at Four is a quality pre-kindergarten program for at risk four year olds. Our Smart Start funds are used to supplement the State More at Four Reimbursement rate and to reimburse programs for transportation services for eligible children.

KidSource – Family Support program offers one-on-one and group services that provide assistance to families of young children with finding community resources, learning new parenting approaches and child passenger safety education.

Parents as Teachers – Intensive parent education program which educates families on child development and parenting skills in order to promote child language, intellectual growth, and physical and social-emotional skills.

Program Coordination/Evaluation – Ensures coordination and collaboration among Smart Start funded services and other county agencies targeting children 0-5, and to provide technical assistance to Smart Start service providers, to ensure programmatic accountability.

Community Outreach Coordination – Identifies methods to reach families that need various activities supported by the Partnership, and identify potential funding initiatives