



Eligibility Determination & Enrollment for North Carolina Preschool Programs During COVID-19 Webinar Participant Strategies

Celebrations:

- Randolph is doing drive-thru application events for NC Pre-K. Families don't have to get out of their cars to apply.
- One of my Pre-K teachers face times with each child 30 - 45 min weekly to essentially have individual lessons.
- Our NC Pre-K program has worked hard to communicate with their families using a private Facebook page to communicate to the whole group and also have private facetime conversations.
- We also provided families with a box of non-food items such as: toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap, tissues, body soap, tooth paste, tooth brushes, napkins, etc.
- Our PK made wonderful PK packets to send to families. We made videos of puppet shows and sent them via email. We had live Zoom Circle Times.
- I am proud of the staff in New Hanover County for going above and beyond to be for the families in our community!
- Agencies and volunteer organizations in our community (McDowell) have made sure across the board that they go above and beyond to help our families.
- We have worked to be sure our families in need have diapers and other supplies for their youngest children: Head Start, Smart Start SafeKids, KidScope together distributed 1800 diapers and 50+ baby wipe packets to some of our Early Head Start families and pre-k families with young siblings.
- We have also continued to partner with the regional food bank to do drive thru food banks.
- We did lots of social distance home visits. We dropped off packets, food, gifts etc. and then back up and have a socially distanced home visit.
- I believe that teachers have improved through increased PD and having to learn new ways to deliver instruction. At the same time my teachers have become better collaborators as they worked together. Our families have become closer to us and it feels more "family-oriented."
- We had a NC Pre-K provider that was closed and arranged times for families to come to the playground one family per day and sanitized after each visit so they felt connected.
- So proud of our staff for delivering meals, dental supplies. Provide on-going educational activities, also we have developed a new website for on-line fillable applications.
- Remote learning went well and awesome NCPK graduations. Drive by complete with police escort and firefighters.

Strategies:

Applications

- Caldwell is using a fillable application in a common application with Head Start and NCPK.
- We have had parents to take pics to send to staff to upload in our system.
- Emailing or even texting scanned applications or pictures of applications.
- Parents are taking pictures of documents and either emailing them or sending through Remind text message.
- We're completing them by phone in an electronic form and online through our database.
- Caldwell is also accepting applications via mail, drop off, fax, photos from their phones.
- Sending out our website with our link to complete an application to our community partners.

Screening:

- We are trying our screenings to the beginning of the school year. We plan to start screening on the first day of school and make enrollment decisions during the 2nd week or so.
- We are using PEDS online. We have a few kinks, but we think we will be able to work on these.
- ASQ screenings can be done virtually: [Using ASQ in a Virtual Environment](#)
- We are in the process of setting up individual appointments for each child with one family member bringing the child (not whole family).