

MADISON COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES, INC.  
Smart REWARDS APPLICATION: JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Education Level already attained (check **ALL** that apply):

\_\_\_ High School Diploma/GED

Early Childhood Education:

\_\_\_ AA Degree in ECE

\_\_\_ BA/BS in ECE

\_\_\_ MA/MS in ECE

\_\_\_ Ph.D. in ECE

Other Fields (Specify field of study):

\_\_\_ AA Degree \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ BA/BS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ MA/MS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Ph.D. \_\_\_\_\_

Other Early Childhood Certificates or Credentials already attained (check **ALL** that apply):

\_\_\_ NC Credential \_\_\_ Administrative Credential Level I \_\_\_ Level II \_\_\_ Level III

\_\_\_ Early Childhood Certificate \_\_\_ Infant/Toddler Certificate \_\_\_ EC Special Education Certificate

Required Attachments to this application form:

- **ALL applicants:**

A Professional Development Plan (form provided in this application packet)

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Applicant:

By signing below, I verify that all information I provided is accurate. I understand that Madison County Partnership for Children and Families (Smart Start) will report any professional development supplement I receive, in excess of \$600, to the Internal Revenue Service. I understand that The Partnership may use my name and application information for research/evaluation purposes. I agree to notify The Partnership of any changes in my employment status.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Employer:

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (name of employee) is currently employed by \_\_\_\_\_ (name of program) and that he/she works in a classroom directly with children ages birth to five at least 15 hours per week.

**Authorized Signature/Title:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Program: \_\_\_\_\_ License # \_\_\_\_\_

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Return this application and the Professional Development Plan to: [whitney@madisonss.org](mailto:whitney@madisonss.org) or mail to:

Smart REWARDS Coordinator  
Madison County Partnership for Children  
PO Box 1657  
Mars Hill, NC 28754





My Professional Development Plan Timeline and Resources Necessary for Achievement of My Educational and Career Goals:

*Plan for 7/1/2022–6/30/2023*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CHILD CARE PROGRAM: \_\_\_\_\_

Smart REWARDS payment(s) I anticipate being eligible for this year (include courses and milestones)

**COURSES:**

Early Childhood Education course(s) completed **SUMMER 2022**. **Provide course number and name.**

\_\_\_\_\_

Early Childhood Education course(s) enrolled in for **FALL Semester 2022**. **Provide course number and name.**

\_\_\_\_\_

Early Childhood Education Course(s) I plan to take **SPRING Semester 2023**. **Provide course number and name.**

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**MILESTONES:**

Early Childhood Education milestone(s) I will be eligible for between July 2022 and June 2023 (achieved during this grant period): [Refer to Attachment A, Stipend Amounts, for eligible milestones]

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*Long-Range Professional Development Plan*

Objective	Course(s) I plan to take	Expected Start Date	Information and resources needed to meet my educational goals (Financial assistance, academic counseling, mentoring, etc.)	Anticipated Outcomes	Anticipated Completion Date
<i>Example:</i> obtain my AA in ECE by taking online courses	EDU 119-Early Childhood Education EDU 131-Child, Family, and Community	August 2022	I would like some information about how to help pay for my tuition and books.	Receipt of my AA in ECE	June 2023

Signed Employee: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed Director / Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## MADISON COUNTY SMART START

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**Smart  
REWARDS**

**Smart REWARDS** is a professional development project for Madison County child care providers. It provides a financial supplement for child care staff who complete college level courses in early childhood education or who achieve an early childhood education milestone during the current enrollment period.

### Who Is Eligible?

- ❖ Any child care provider who is employed in a licensed child care program in Madison County, AND
- ❖ Works at least 15 hours in a classroom with children ages Birth – Five, or is a center director or assistant director in a program serving children ages Birth – Five, AND
- ❖ Completes an approved early childhood college class with a grade of C or better, AND/OR
- ❖ Achieves an early childhood credential, early childhood certificate or early childhood college degree during the current enrollment period.

### **Deadlines:**

- Summer & Fall Applications: October 31, 2022
- Summer & Fall Grades: January 13, 2023
- Spring Applications: January 31, 2023
- Spring Grades: June 9, 2023

### **CONTACT US NOW! YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE!**

For more information and additional eligibility requirements,  
contact Professional Development Coordinator: Penny Briggs  
(828) 689-1529

Or

[Penny@madisonss.org](mailto:Penny@madisonss.org)



**Smart REWARDS**  
***Supplement Amounts***  
**For Enrollment Period July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023**

Qualification	Amount of Supplement
NC Early Childhood Credential (NCECC) (Earned with EDU 119)	\$50
Administrative Credential	\$50
Early Childhood Certificate; Infant / Toddler Certificate; BK License	\$100
AA Degree in Early Childhood or approved related field	\$250
EDU College Course with a C or better	\$350
BA/BS in Early Childhood or approved related field	\$500

**\*Milestones submitted during the enrollment period are only paid once**