



North Carolina's Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge Grant

The Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge grant program is partnership between the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The grant focuses on building a successful state system for early learning and development and increasing access to high-quality programs for children who need it most. In North Carolina, the Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge grant funds an array of projects in these areas:

- High-quality early learning from birth through 3rd grade
- Professional development
- Families and communities
- Health and developmental screening
- Data systems and assessments
- Transformation Zone

Lead Agency: NC Early Childhood Advisory Council

Lead Fiscal Agency: NC Division of Child Development and Early Education

Amount of Grant: \$69,991,121.00 (over four years)

Grant Period: January 2012 – December 2015

Participating Agencies:

Projects are funded in each of the participating agencies listed below, and these agencies have additional partnering agencies.

- NC Division of Child Development and Early Education
- NC Division of Public Health
- North Carolina Partnership for Children (Smart Start)
- Office of Early Learning, NC Department of Public Instruction

Website:

<http://earlylearningchallenge.nc.gov>