

Cabarrus Community Partnership for Children Community Early Childhood Profile: Smart Start Measures of Impact/Required County Level Indicators

	Indicator	Definition	Minimum	High Performing	FY 2023-24 Performance	Status	FY 2024-25 Performance	<u>*NEW*</u> <u>Status</u>	Activity Impacting <i>(secondary italicized)</i>
ECE Quality	PLA40	Average Star Rating for Children in 1-5 Star Care, <u>and</u> % of Children in 4 & 5 star care	4.0 AND 60%	4.0 AND 60% <u>for each age group</u>	4.28, 69% (see age chart)	High Performing	5.2, 70% (see age chart)	High Performing ↑	Child Care Health Consultants (CCHC), Inclusive Child Care, <i>WAGES, EEL</i>
	PLA50	Average Star Rating for Subsidized Children in 1-5 Star Care, <u>and</u> % of Subsidized Children in 4 & 5 star care	4.25 AND 80%	4.25 AND 70% <u>for each age group</u>	N/A, N/A	Not Available	N/A, N/A	Not Available	PreK Subsidy, Child Care Subsidy, <i>Child Care Health Consultants (CCHC), Inclusive Child Care, EEL, WAGES</i>
ECE Workforce	EDU10	% of Children Enrolled in 1-5 Star Centers That Have At Least 75% of Lead Teachers with College Degrees <i>(i.e. 7 Lead Teacher Education Pts)</i>	50% with 7 lead teacher education points	50% with 7 lead teacher points <u>for each age group</u>	55% (see age chart)	Meets Minimum	56.3% (see age chart)	Meets Minimum ↑	Early Education Liaison, WAGES
	EDU20	% of Children Enrolled in 1-5 Star Centers That Have Directors with College Degrees <i>(i.e. 7 Administrator Points)</i>	60% with 7 administrator education points	60% with 7 administrator points <u>for each age group</u>	69% (see age chart)	High Performing	70.6% (see age chart)	High Performing ↑	Early Education Liaison, WAGES
Family Support	FS20	% of Parents/Guardians Who Report Reading to Their Children 4-6 days a week, <u>and</u> % of parents/guardians who read to their children daily	75% (4-6 wkly) 55% (daily)	90% (4-6 wkly) 70% (daily)	<i>59% (4-6 wkly)</i> <i>44% (daily)</i> <i>Statewide</i>	NC Below Minimum	N/A	Not Available	DPIL, Parents as Teachers (PAT)
	FS30	Rate of investigated reports of child abuse/neglect per 1000 children ages 0-5	≥5.0% and < 12.0% A range has been set based on the distribution of identified children among counties. If the county is outside the range, the partnership will convene meetings to review data.		4.3%	Outside of Range	3.9%	Outside of Range	Social-Emotional Intervention, <i>PAT</i>
Health	H10	% of children who receive early intervention or special education services <i>(ages 0-2 & ages 3-5)</i>	≥ 4.0% and < 10.0% A range has been set based on the distribution of identified children among counties. If the county is outside the range, the partnership will convene meetings to review data.		Ages 0-2 = 5.8% Ages 3-5 = 7.4%	Within Range	Ages 0-2 = 5.6% Ages 3-5 = 4.4%	Within Range ↓	ABCD, <i>PAT, Social-Emotional Intervention</i>
	H20	% of children enrolled in Medicaid who receive a well-child exam	75%	85%	78%	Meets Minimum	NA	Not Available	<i>PAT</i>
	H60	% of low income children age 2-4 who are at a healthy weight	66.1% <i>(state average)</i>	70%	NA	Not Available	NA	Not Available	Emergency Dental, <i>PAT</i>
School		Kindergarten entrance assessment	N/A	N/A				TBD	<i>[All]</i>

Up directional arrows mean the indicator moved in the desired direction from previous year. Down directional arrows mean the indicator moved in the undesired direction from previous year.

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Executive Summary:

Child Care Quality improved slightly from 2024 to 2025. Percentage of enrollment in 4 and 5 star facilities for **Cabarrus is the same as NC (Cabarrus 69.8% compared to NC 69.8%)** . **Cabarrus remains above high performing standard overall** and above standard for ages 0 and 5.

Teacher Education still **remains at minimum standard** and did increase from previous year. **Above NC** (Cabarrus 56.3% compared to NC 54.7%)

Administrator Education increased and remained **above high performing standard** and slightly below **state average** (Cabarrus 70.6%, NC 71%).

Child abuse and neglect is below NC rate, 3.9%, Cabarrus compared to 5.2%, NC. The Cabarrus rate is just **below the target range**.

Early intervention/special education saturation rate equal to NC for ages 0-2 (Cabarrus 5.6%, NC 5.5%) and above NC for ages 3-5 (Cabarrus 4.4%, NC 3.9%). Ages 3-5 went down three percentage points from 7.4% to 4.4%, but staying within goal range. Explanations for this movement are being explored.

Subsidized Child Care Quality, Literacy, Well Child Checkups for Medicaid Children, Healthy Weight and Kindergarten Readiness data not available.