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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the NC Pre-Kindergarten (NC Pre-K) Program in Harnett County. The NC Pre-K Program is a free preschool program designed to help prepare four-year-old children for kindergarten through a curriculum-based, classroom style learning environment.

Please complete the attached program application in its entirety. **We will need the original completed application and 1 photocopy of the application, along with 2 photocopies of each of the following:**

- Birth Certificate** (Child must be four years of age on or before August 31st of the program year. Children age-eligible for Kindergarten cannot be served with NC Pre-K funds.)
- Proof of Regular Gross Income** (Photocopies of two recent pay stubs for each person who is working. If both parents/guardians are unemployed, please attach a notarized letter stating that there is not any verifiable income. Please provide photocopied proof of services received. For example: SSI, Medicaid, Food Stamps, Housing)
- Proof of Residence** (photocopy of lease/ rental agreement **or** photocopy of utility bill/water bill in applicant's name)
- Updated Vaccination Record**
- Kindergarten Health Assessment Report** (Must be on attached North Carolina Health Assessment Transmittal form or other approved health assessment form.) If child has not had a physical since August 27, 2017, which includes a full hearing, vision and dental screening, please provide doctor's appointment card for scheduled visit, which needs to be completed by September 20, 2018. A copy of all completed Health Assessments must be submitted to our office by October 1, 2018.
- Proof of Active Duty Military Status [military only]** (photocopy of 1 current LES)

Completed applications may be mailed or hand delivered to our office. No faxed copies will be accepted. **Incomplete applications will not be accepted.** Complete applications will be processed by our office to determine eligibility. The first round of placements will be established by **July 1, 2018**. All applications received later than July 1, 2018 will be considered in the second round of placements.

The NC Pre-K Program is not a first come, first serve program; placement is based on priority. Priority is based on a family's income and size. We hope to notify you of your child's placement by **July 31, 2018**. We promise to steadily place eligible children as fast as possible. Due to the approval process of our applications, we will not be able to give out information prior to the end of July. We thank you in advance for your patience.

Our program year will begin in late August and follows the Harnett County School calendar. **If your child is eligible or ineligible**, you will be notified via mail through our office after July 1, 2018. While we try to assign children to sites closest to their home, we often have limited spaces with high enrollment and must assign children to alternate locations.

Again, thank you for your interest in the NC Pre-K Program. We sincerely hope that we can serve your child and help prepare him/her for their transition into Kindergarten. If you have any questions, or if we can assist you with the application process, please feel free to contact us at (910) 893-2344. We look forward to working with you!

The NC Pre-K Staff
Harnett County Partnership for Children

The mission of the Harnett County Partnership for Children is to improve the quality of life for young children and families in Harnett County through community-based programs focusing on health, education, and family support.