



Bethlehem Center
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Bethlehem Center Head Start is excited to announce that starting with the 2015- 2016 school year we will begin serving Mecklenburg County's youngest citizens by becoming a **Prenatal to Five** program!





Early Head Start provides early, continuous, intensive, and comprehensive child development and family support services to low-income **pregnant women, infants, toddlers** and their families.

Prenatal Care



In partnership with Care Ring we will begin before birth by providing prenatal care through the Nurse Family Partnership (**NFP**) model. A maternal and childhood health program, NFP gives first-time moms valuable knowledge and support throughout pregnancy and until their babies reach two years of age.



Infant & Toddler Care



At the classroom level we will provide **safe** and developmentally **enriching** care which promotes the physical, cognitive, social and emotional development of infants and toddlers, and prepare them for future **growth** and **development**.

We have teamed up with Thompson Child & Family Focus to ensure the highest quality of care for our little ones and to support parents in their role as primary caregivers and teachers of their children, and families in meeting personal goals and achieving self-sufficiency through our **Circle of Parents** focus groups.



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Strengthening Children, Families & Communities



We will also be enhancing the quality
of our **Preschool Program** for
children ages 3-5.



Excellence in the Classroom

- **It takes two:** Research and experience tells us that the most effective way to facilitate learning for preschool students is through hands-on, engaging and responsive teaching. With an average ratio of 1 staff to 9 students **both** staff must be **highly effective** in order to make the most of out every moment in the school day. By **increasing the qualifications** for both the teacher and assistant teacher positions we have taken steps toward retaining and recruiting the **best educators**.

Empowering Families



Intentional Engagement

Building relationships for success: We also **enhanced** our work with families by restructuring our Family Engagement team so that in addition to our traditional case management and resource referrals, each family will receive **monthly** home visits from staff to build positive, **goal-oriented relationships** with families that are vital to the entire family's **school readiness** and healthy development.



By adding expectant mothers, infants and toddlers to the BCC service family we will become a **pre-birth through college continuum!**

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