

NORTH CAROLINA PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN
Smart Start Format for Activities

Partnership Name: Onslow County Partnership for Children **Submission Date:** 3.18.10

Activity Title: Every Child Counts

Contract Activity Description (CAD): Every Child Counts

A Community Transition Coordinator (CTC)/Social Worker, Foreign Language Interpreter (FLI) and one full-time Processing Assistant will be employed by the Onslow County Health Department. Upon receiving consent, the CTC will complete a Universal Screening Tool (UST) on each infant born at Onslow Memorial Hospital (OMH) and other children ages 0-5 admitted to OMH for other reasons. The UST will include basic demographic information, referral information, and individual and family characteristics that research indicates are associated with poor developmental, emotional/social, and health outcomes. The UST will incorporate risk factors that are closely associated with developmental delays and child abuse/ neglect.

The CTC and the FLI will identify children and families in need of support and will link these families with appropriate community resources. The key features of the program will be: early identification of "at risk" infants and young children through universal screening at our community hospital, and utilization of a CTC and FLI to facilitate the process of linking identified women, children and their families with appropriate community services. Non-cash incentives will encourage participation. The service will occur Monday through Friday during traditional work hours and on evenings and weekends according to the needs of the families.