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OUR MISSION . . .

Project Enlightenment promotes the optimal development of young children by providing a unique blend of quality services to the Wake County community.

Since 1969, Project Enlightenment has offered prevention and early intervention services to young children in Wake County. We are dedicated to promoting children's success in school and life. Our staff of over 60 members includes educators, child development specialists, psychologists, and counselors. Project Enlightenment provides a comprehensive array of early childhood services and has been recognized nationally as a model program.



WE SERVE . . .

Children

- birth through kindergarten

Teachers

- from childcare centers, preschool and kindergarten classrooms

Families

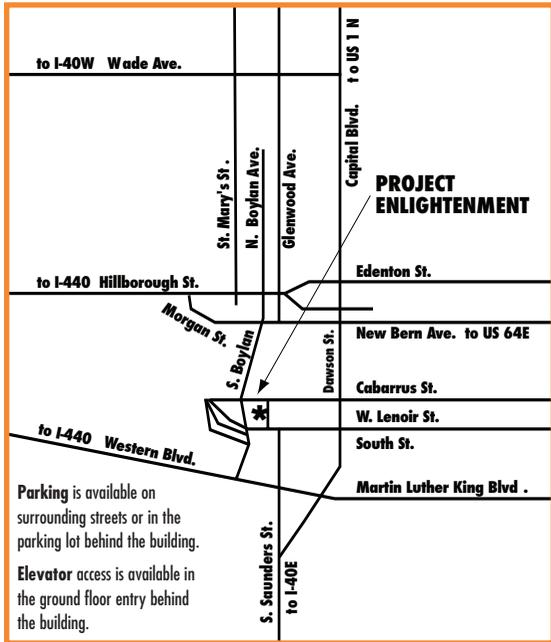
- of children birth through kindergarten

Adults and Community Groups

- involved in the lives of young children

WE PROVIDE . . .

- Classroom consultation
- Developmental screenings
- Demonstration preschool classrooms
- Parent education, consultation and counseling
- A resource center for parents and teachers
- Training for early childhood professionals



A portion of these services are made possible by our funding partner, Wake County SmartStart, an organization that ensures children are prepared for success in school and life.

Strong families

OUR SERVICES . . .

PARENT TEACHER RESOURCE CENTER (PTRC)

- The PTRC contains a lending library of over 9,000 books for adults and children as well as videos, articles, and brochures addressing educational, child development, and parenting issues.
- A Production Area is available to create learning activities for children (call ahead to determine availability). Small materials fees may apply.
- Hours of operation are available at our web site www.projectenlightenment.wcpss.net or by calling 856-7804.

TEACHER TRAINING

- Professional development opportunities for teachers and childcare providers are available throughout the year.
- Child Care Credit and Teacher Renewal Credit are offered.
- Brochures describing current education topics and fees are available by calling 856-7774 or visiting our web site at www.projectenlightenment.wcpss.net.
- Centers and schools may request training at their site. To schedule on-site training, contact the Training Coordinator at 508-0811.

CLASSROOM CONSULTATION

- With parent permission, Teacher/Parent Consultants (TPCs) address classroom difficulties that children may experience with behavior, social development, and learning
- TPCs, teachers, and parents work as partners to promote school success for each child.
- Services are available to all childcare centers, preschools and kindergartens in Wake County-call 856-7774.
- There is no fee for this service.



PARENT EDUCATION

- Classes are offered to parents on topics of interest including: positive discipline, communication, early literacy, school readiness, and child development.
- Class length varies from one to six sessions.
- Call 664-7781 or visit our web site www.projectenlightenment.wcpss.net for information about dates, fees, and registration.

PARENT COUNSELING

- Short-term counseling is available to help parents with concerns about child behavior or development that may impact school success.
- Common reasons for requesting this service include questions about discipline, following directions, fears, and the impact of moving or divorce.
- Parent counselors meet individually with families to discuss concerns and provide ideas and resources.
- This service is free; appointments are scheduled by calling 856-7774.

TALKLINE • 856-7800

- TALKline is a call-in line answered by professional staff members who provide immediate help to parents, caregivers, and teachers.
- Hours of operation are available at our web site www.projectenlightenment.wcpss.net or by calling 856-7800.
- No fees are charged for this service.

PARENTS AS TEACHERS

- Parents as Teachers is an internationally acclaimed parenting education program for families with children birth through age five.
- Using the research-based Born to Learn® Curriculum, parent educators help families understand child development and encourage their children to become enthusiastic learners.

Successful children

- Home visiting, group meetings, screening, and referral are all part of the program.
- Supported by grants, Parents as Teachers is available on a referral basis to families who meet grant guidelines. For information, call 856-7774.

DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS

- Screening services are available when concerns arise about a child's development in areas such as speech, language, and learning.
- If an area of significant need is identified, the child may be referred for further evaluation to determine eligibility for special education services.
- Parents make appointments for screening by calling 856-7774.
- Screening services are free.

DEMONSTRATION CLASSROOMS

- Two innovative classrooms are located at Project Enlightenment. The use of best practices in early childhood education makes both of them excellent training sites for hundreds of educators and parents each year.
- **The Demonstration Preschool (DPS)** is an inclusive half-day pre-kindergarten classroom. It serves both children with developmental and/or social-emotional concerns and typically developing children. Current tuition rates and application information can be found at our web site (www.projectenlightenment.wcpss.net) or by calling 856-7774.
- **The Family Literacy Classroom (FLC)** is a full-day classroom serving students funded by Title 1 and More at Four. It emphasizes research-based early literacy practices. Students are assigned to this classroom by the Wake County Public School System.



Superior classrooms

SPECIAL INITIATIVES . . .

Project Enlightenment initiates special programs and activities that promote school success. Some special initiatives are listed below.

- The “On the Road to Reading” Annual Children’s Book Drive supports Project Enlightenment’s ongoing efforts to promote early literacy. With assistance from the Junior League of Raleigh, thousands of high quality children’s books are collected and distributed to schools, childcare centers, hospitals, and agencies serving families who may not have access to books at home.
- An Early Reading First federal grant allowed Project Enlightenment to develop **The Literacy Connection (TLC)**, which transformed 11 classrooms serving four-year-old children into centers of literacy excellence. TLC continues to serve a much broader population through literacy materials, parent education, and teacher training developed as a result of the grant.
- **The Transition to Kindergarten Program** helps children, families and teachers prepare for a child’s transition into kindergarten. To promote partnerships between elementary schools and childcare facilities, this program offers transition activities such as preschooler visits to kindergarten, teacher training, orientation programs for parents and children, and summer readiness camps.

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