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**Registration for Third Year of MECK Pre-K is Now Open
MECK Pre-K Offers Free, Quality Pre-Kindergarten for Eligible Children**

CHARLOTTE, N.C., February 4, 2020 – Registration is now open for families to enroll their children in MECK Pre-K. MECK Pre-K is a Mecklenburg County-funded program that offers free, quality pre-kindergarten to eligible children turning four years old on or before August 31!

Decades of research have shown that pre-kindergarten makes a difference in school readiness, not just in the short-term to get children ready to succeed in school, but in the long-term as children grow up, become employed, and contribute to the strength of the economy. With MECK Pre-K, families who previously would have not had access to pre-kindergarten now have the opportunity to participate.

To enroll in MECK Pre-K for the 2020-2021 school year, children must be age four on or before August 31, 2020. Participation in MECK Pre-K is based on verified family income at or below 400% of the federal poverty level and household size (for a family of four, that's \$103,000 in annual household income).

Families have three easy options to apply for MECK Pre-K.

1. They can download the application forms online in English and Spanish at MeckPreK.org and submit their documentation via fax or email.
2. They can visit MECK Pre-K in person during open registration, Monday-Friday, 8:30am – 4:30pm at 601 E. 5th Street, Suite 200, Charlotte, NC 28202.
3. They can visit the MECK Pre-K table on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9am-4pm in the main lobby at the Valerie C. Woodard Resource Center, 3205 Freedom Dr., Building A, Suite 1000, Charlotte, NC 28208.

For on-site registration, we recommend that families download the forms and complete them before visiting in person. Spanish-speaking staff are available to assist with registration.

If families have applied for and/or been waitlisted for childcare subsidy, or other pre-kindergarten programs, they could be eligible for MECK Pre-K. For a complete list of documents needed to show eligibility, visit MeckPreK.org.

After submitting the application and all required documents, families will be contacted by the MECK Pre-K office in reference to their application status.

Registration events will be scheduled across Mecklenburg County in the coming weeks. Details can be found at MeckPreK.org when available.

Space is limited, so we encourage families to apply today. For more information on the MECK Pre-K Program, call 704-943-9585 or visit MeckPreK.org.

About MECK Pre-K:

MECK Pre-K is a Mecklenburg County-funded program that offers free, quality pre-kindergarten to eligible four-year-old children. It is managed through Smart Start of Mecklenburg County. All MECK Pre-K classes are located in four-and five-star childcare centers and are taught by a licensed teacher and teacher assistant.

For more information, visit MeckPreK.org or call 704-943-9585