

Supporting students means supporting the whole family



The MECK Pre-K Child Development & Family Support Team provides comprehensive support to students and families by offering a broad range of services in a nurturing environment designed to benefit every member of a MECK Pre-K student's household.

Our team's mission is to help children, and their parents or caregivers reach their fullest potential, contributing to a more promising future for children in Mecklenburg County.



Family Support

Our dedicated Family Engagement Specialists are passionate about fostering resilience in parents and caregivers. Throughout the year, they provide workshops and family-centered activities, and personalized assistance for families facing challenges. We ensure that every family receives support that's just right for them.

Child Development Support

Throughout the school year, Child Development Consultants work hand in hand with educators and parents to create and implement customized support plans for students requiring extra guidance. Tailored learning approaches are developed after assessment and observation by our skilled child development team, in partnership with families and teachers, to identify the most effective educational interventions for each student.

Educator Support

The Child Development Consultants also provide extensive social-emotional guidance across all locations, promoting the integration of holistic best practices in student education.

Contact and Webpage

Family Support:

mpkfamily@smartstartofmeck.org

Child Development:

childdevelopmentmpk@smartstartofmeck.org

Child Development & Family Services Webpage:

meckprek.org/childdevelopmentandfamilyservices



Key Services

Referrals: The team receives referrals from teachers when a student, family, or educational team needs specialized assistance. They then provide additional support based on the needs.

Assessments: The team conducts additional assessments to measure a student's abilities at their current stage of development.

Intake Process: The team gathers basic information on a student or family so that a tailored support plan can be created.

IEP Evaluation: IEP Evaluation is a formal process used to determine whether a child is eligible for individual education services and what those services should include.

Individualized Education Plans: Evaluations are completed by Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, but our Child Development Team can support families by participating in meetings and helping to understand the document.

Ongoing Support: Family Engagement Specialists provide workshops, family-centered activities, and personalized assistance for families facing challenges.

