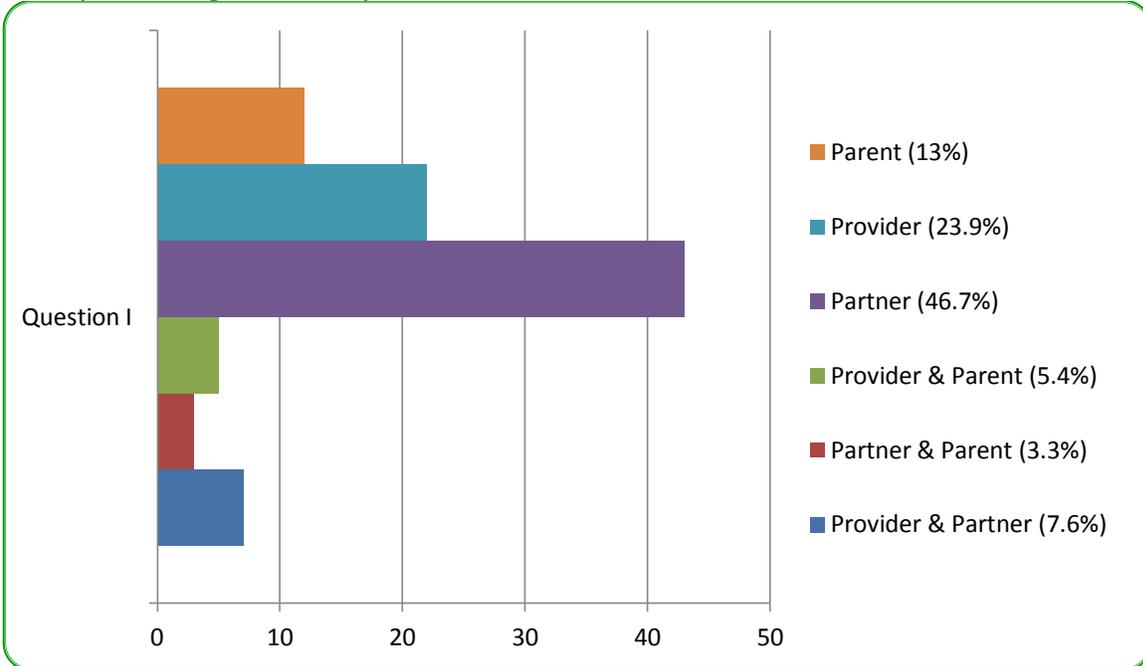


Smart Start of Butler County Community Survey August 2011

1. Are you taking this survey as a



Comments: (as written in survey)

What an enrichment for children of our center by partnering with Smart Start.

8/29/2011 9:55 PM

I am a child care provider as my center is located in the church and we do alot of community involvement.

8/29/2011 5:46 PM

Butler Dads

8/29/2011 4:24 PM

Staff is knowledgable and helpful.

8/21/2011 1:26 PM

We are a Preschool Child Center

8/18/2011 11:12 AM

I really appreciate all the financial assistence I have received.

8/18/2011 9:01 AM

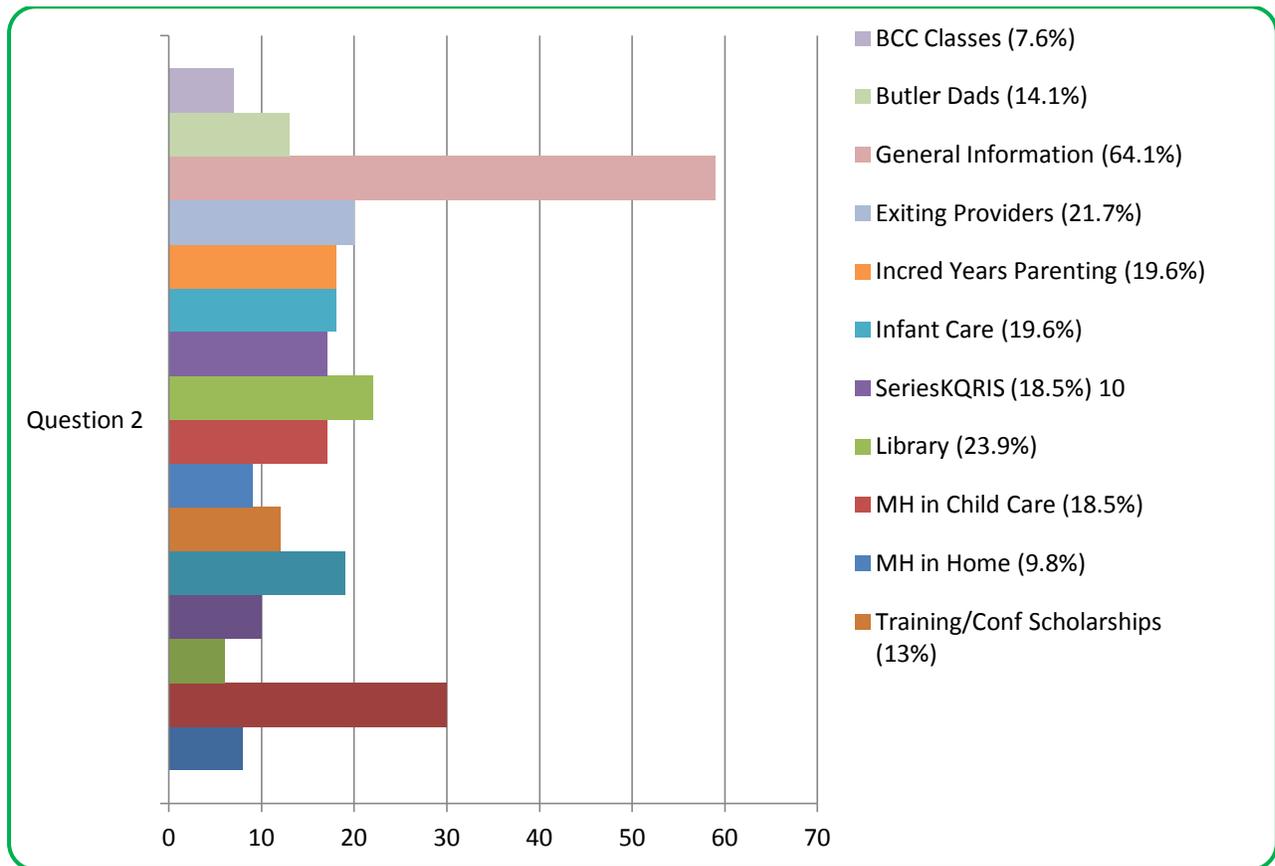
I am a grandmother of a 5 year.

8/18/2011 8:21 AM

I have had several of my grandchildren in Rainbows programs

8/17/2011 12:31 AM

2. What programs/services provided by Smart Start of Butler County have you utilized in 2011?



COMMENTS:

Smart Start has helped my family tremendously through the child care scholarship. I have also utilized services for my professional needs in my classroom!

8/30/2011 9:21 AM

Smart Start provided so much for so many teachers and children.

8/29/2011 9:55 PM

I would not be where I am with my center without your support/help.

8/29/2011 5:46 PM

Coordinator of event as well as Adopt-A-Class.

8/29/2011 4:24 PM

Received Referrals for specialized equipment

8/29/2011 3:57 PM

We have been so blessed. I don't know what we would do without all your help.

8/23/2011 4:58 PM

All services have been outstanding for the community.

8/19/2011 3:41 PM

I loved the free CPR/Pediatric First Aid Class!!

8/18/2011 2:39 PM_s

With the help we received, we were able to be a more informed, educated staff. The Mental Health Specialist was a most valued benefit this past year. A young child's life was changed for the positive and she was a great help to the classroom teacher.

8/18/2011 11:12 AM

Trainings have been very informative.

8/18/2011 9:01 AM

grants to provide Parent talk free of charge to parents.

8/18/2011 8:34 AM

Mental Health Specialist provided screenings to some of the families my program serves.

8/17/2011 2:56 PM_s

childcare scholarship has helped us greatly, I am not sure what we would have done with out it.

8/17/2011 1:52 PM

enjoy the classes and the grant money has been greatly appreciated and put to great use

8/17/2011 1:26 PM

none - but our agency has made referrals to several of the programs

8/17/2011 12:12 AM

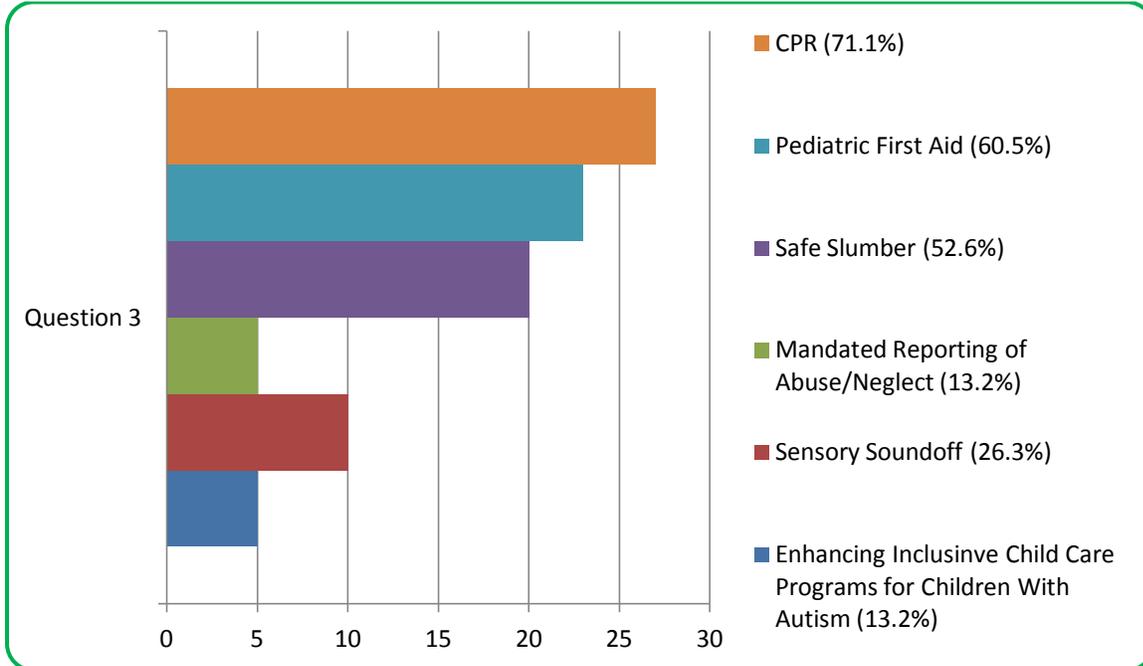
These grants have helped our daycare purchase items in need to help the children continue to develop in all areas of their development! We are very thankful!

8/17/2011 10:16 AM

Child Care Scholarship

8/17/2011 10:15 AM

If you attended free Smart Start Trainings in Butler County in 2011, which did you attend?



COMMENTS:

Excellent quality

8/29/2011 9:59 PM

did not attend

8/29/2011 4:04 PM

great classes

8/26/2011 9:50 PM

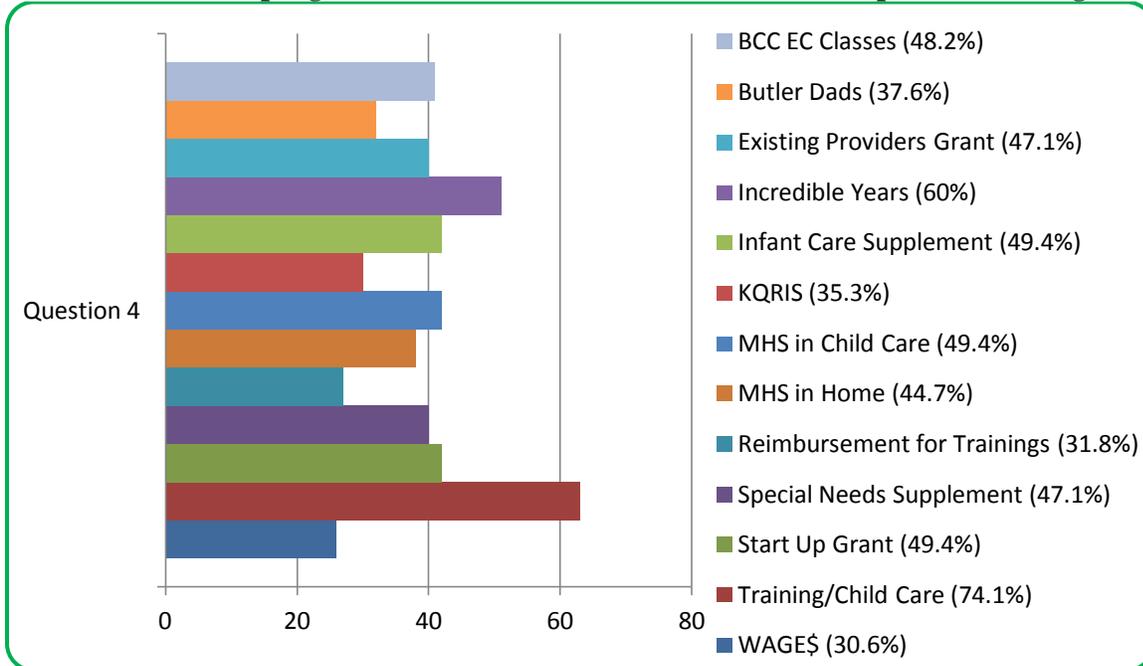
Super trainings!!

8/23/2011 5:01 PM

This was a great training!

8/18/2011 2:41 PM

As we look to the 2012 grant year, what programs/services do you believe are most valuable? (i.e.: the programs for which we need to work hard to protect funding)



COMMENTS:

Actually, all are great.

8/29/2011 9:59 PM

All of your programs are important!

8/29/2011 5:50 PM

Child Care tuition scholarships

8/18/2011 4:05 PM

CPR/First Aid

8/18/2011 2:41 PM

I could have easily checked all of these activities, but tried to prioritize by checking only a selected number. :)

8/18/2011 11:29 AM

We appreciate this help so much!

8/18/2011 11:14 AM

I'm not sure what some of these are.

8/17/2011 2:22 PM

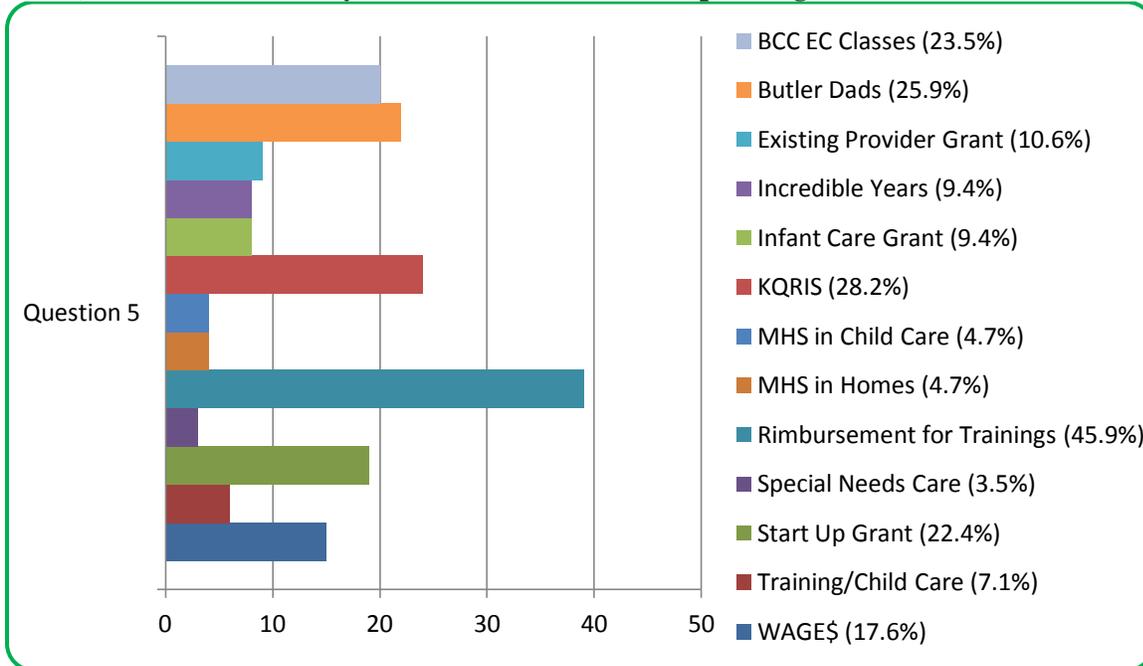
childcare scholarships

8/17/2011 1:55 PM

Sorry, I think ALL of these programs/services are valuable. Just because I may not use one type of program/service, does not mean another center, home provider or parent/guardian may not use the service!!

8/17/2011 11:07 AM

If a decision must be made to reduce spending in a specific area (or cutting services we offer), which area would you recommend reduced spending or cuts?



COMMENTS:

Actually, none.

8/29/2011 9:59 PM

can't say because I don't know what all programs are

8/22/2011 10:16 PM

You know this is really hard. They are all so important to our young children.

8/18/2011 3:28 PM

It's a good program, but I feel college students have more avenues to receive funding.

8/18/2011 2:41 PM

This is really hard to mark because they are all so important.

8/18/2011 12:38 AM

This would be a hard choice, but I chose the one I feel would be best.

8/18/2011 11:14 AM

all is so very important

8/17/2011 10:42 PM

Child Start offers training for providers

8/17/2011 3:27 PM

Again, I'm not sure what some of these are, so I hate to say any should be cut. Sorry!

8/17/2011 2:22 PM

all are very important

8/17/2011 1:29 PM_s

not having intimate knowledge of each of these, this is a very hard question to answer.

8/17/2011 12:15 AM

I don't think it's fair for me to have to chose an area. Like I said in my comment above, just because I may not use the product/service, doesn't mean someone else doesn't use it!!

8/17/2011 11:07 AM

I know this is not going to be helpful, but they're all so valuable I cannot identify an area here. Maybe trying to share the decrease across the board?

8/17/2011 10:24 AM

Please leave any message you believe we should consider as we move forward with our plans for 2012.

Smart start has truly been a blessing to our family and to stop the program or reduce funding would hurt other families in need. If they were not available we wouldn't have gotten the much needed support. Thank You Smart Start of Butler.

8/29/2011 9:41 PM

I feel that I am not informed of many services and resources you all have. Word of mouth and getting out in the community is great! I am a foster parent and asked about Social Stars at one of the SCMHC our child attends. The site did not have the pamphlets, although they had a contact phone number. Get the word out!

8/29/2011 8:08 PM

I think you must remember that many times a community or person feels they could fulfill a need but do not have the resources to do it. I might have started a lot sooner in a center had I known you were so supportive and helpful. You are a huge help!

8/29/2011 6:00 PM

thanks

8/28/2011 12:23 AM

not sure

8/22/2011 10:17 PM [View Responses](#)

Fight for our Early Childhood children, which I know you already do. Cuts shouldn't be made where our children are involved.

8/18/2011 3:31 PM

Keep funding as many of your wonderful programs as you possibly can!! You impact so many children!

8/18/2011 2:43 PM

You do a great job!

8/18/2011 11:31 AM

Smart Start of Butler County has enhanced so many areas of our Child Care Homes & Centers. Thanks for all the hard work.

8/18/2011 11:16 AM

Please keep KQRIS in Butler

8/18/2011 10:16 AM

The grants and supplements as well as the free training are crucial to ensure good, quality child care.

8/17/2011 4:35 PM

I see a problem with the 4 areas the govt has stated we must address in our grants NOT being the our highest priority. So we have no choice but to keep those programs and cut others which are needed more than others. What a task you ladies have this go around. good luck.

8/17/2011 4:24 PM

My child receives the scholarship for childcare and many people that I talk to agree with me in saying that there is not much help for the middle class and with money being tight, we are not sure how we could afford another 200 for childcare.

8/17/2011 2:05 PM

if a special concern is needed in helping the provider to have a safe environment

8/17/2011 1:34 PM

I believe the in-class mental health professionals are a very important aspect of this grant.

8/17/2011 11:07 AM

Thank you so much for all you do for families in Butler County.

8/17/2011 10:31 AM

Rainbow's visit to home for the needy child should be continued. This program helped to a lot in life to give good training for my kids. This program is like a health insurance plan. This is really great plan in Butler. Butler Dad program is awesome.

8/17/2011 10:29 AM

My family has benefited greatly from the services provided. Thanks so much!

8/17/2011 10:25 AM

I feel that the assessment offered both in school and home are vital to identifying the special needs of our children. The classes offered also impact the quality of parenting new and experienced parents provide their children.

8/17/2011 10:22 AM

Please provide a message or story about how Smart Start has impacted you, your child, your work, your community, etc.

Scholarships have provided training for early childhood college students who would not be able to afford training. Behavior specialists have assisted teachers and parents in working with children that otherwise would not be able to be accommodated in our center. All efforts to assist parents pay child care for children has helped them afford to pay their tuition and allow their children to continue in quality care. Teachers who have received scholarships have been so excited by the opportunities. They have been motivated by the training. KQRIS has increased the quality of care in centers. It involves all teachers and staff to be responsible for improvements in their rooms. It helps provide funds to make identified improvements that could not otherwise have been addressed. Butler Kids provides local information for parents and teachers.

8/29/2011 10:14 PM

We have had lots of changes in the past two years going from a one child family for 5yrs to a 3child family. We had a baby in the fall then a few months later we added my nephew to the family. We took the incredible years class and were so blessed by how much it really has helped not only with showing our children a better life but putting the happiness and love back into the whole family at the exact moment things were the hardest. We have utilized smart start for over 5yrs and it has changed iur lives tremendously just when we thought all hope was lost on how to deal with the situation of adding two children so quickly Smart Start stepped in and guided us to a better more effective way. Thank You for all your Love Smart Start Of Eldorado.

8/29/2011 9:41 PM

Incredible Years training was awesome for professionals in the child care world!

8/29/2011 8:08 PM

When I started my center I was so worried about making things happen and making them right. Once I got into contact with Audra K. at smart start everything just started falling into place. I got a start up grant that helped me make my center more pleasing to the clients and community. I know that it was through prayer that God connected us. There were times that I thought no way, I don't think I can keep going and there you were always nudging me forward and offering help and support. If I don't know how to handle something like making my playground safer you are there you step right up to the bat and help. I have talked about your program to the community, my church family, my center family and they all know about you and your help and support for their needs also. I wonder if people really understand your importance and if you need someone to help you spread the news in any way just let me know what I can do. I love your program and the staff at this Butler County Smart Start. Tricia B. Augusta,Ks.

8/29/2011 6:00 PM

Butler Dads and the "Our Time Dad and Me" has provided a network of personnel with more availability could develop into a Butler County Initiative developing more "Dad and Me" events.

8/29/2011 4:29 PM

Smart Start has touched many lives through the wonderful collaborative efforts with many early childhood agencies. I hope this can continue. A specific thank you for the efforts of Audra as she continues to help students in the early childhood field become emerging leaders through these collaborative efforts with the trainings, Butler scholarships, and reimbursement for training outside the county. Many of these students wouldn't have the opportunities like this if it weren't for Smart Start of Butler County and Audra.

8/29/2011 3:36 PM

I have taken several classes and really enjoy everything that is provided

8/22/2011 10:17 PM

The workers are always ready to help. The training they provide us is great and it free. What more could you ask for.

8/19/2011 12:47 AM

Smart Start has worked in our center in numerous ways. Smart Start has provided mental Health Specialist for our classrooms and for children in their homes. Since we have started having access to Mental Health Specialist we have dramitically reduced the number of children we have to terminate services due to behavior. We are able to develop plans/solutions for these families which then can carry into their elementary school career. We have also used Smart Start to provide child care tuition scholarships for numerous families who fall between the cracks or need additonal assistance in being able to have thier child attend a quality child care center. Smart Start has also provided valuable resources such as sensory items, resource books for our staff to use w ith our children. We have been able to provide CPR?First Aid to our staff thourgh Smart Start. Typically we ask our staff to pay for this course due to the high cost. It has been wonderful to offer this free of our charge to our staff. Smart Start had provided many valuable resources to our center, staff, and families.

8/18/2011 4:24 PM

It has given me the opportunity to further my education. It has also supplemented my pay since my income isn't much. It has also given parents and opportunity to take classes and to help them pay for their childcare.

8/18/2011 3:31 PM

We recieved a grant that assisted us with childcare expenses!! Thank you Smart Start!!

8/18/2011 2:43 PM

Smart Start programs and employees have given me so many options and valuable ideas for my home daycare. Also the training has allowed me to continue to do what I do. (And the trainings are really fun!)

8/18/2011 12:41 AM

I appreciate that Smart Start brings together a variety of agencies and organizations each month. This provides me with the opportunity to meet others and find out what they are doing in our community. Thanks, Smart Start!

8/18/2011 11:31 AM

Smart Start has funded Parent Talk classes making them free to parents attending the classes. They are also providing reimbursement for child care providers fees for the most recent Parent Talk class. At a time when so many families are struggling to meet the most basic of needs the availability of free child care classes can make the difference whether the parent attends classes or does not attend classes.

8/18/2011 8:38 AM

Through the leadership of the Smart Start director of Butler County, my involvement with the Butler County Child and Family Development Task Force has grown immensely. As a result, I am a much better resource for the families that I serve in my community, because of my knowledge base of what all is available to them.

8/17/2011 3:03 PM

The provider classes has taught me new and different things to implement into my daycare program. Also, new rules and regulations from the state.

8/17/2011 2:30 PM

As an Occupational Therapist, I have the opportunity to work closely with the mental health specialists for 0-5. They have helped me and my families get a better understanding and grasp on behaviors so that we can then focus on other areas such as learning. I think taking this program away would be devastating for families and have a negative impact in the community. Also providing parenting classes such as The Incredible Years are beneficial to parents and children. The scholarships allow parents to put their children in quality childcare.

8/17/2011 2:05 PM

grant money helped me provide a safe play yard for my day care children grant money helped me to purchase a pre-shool program perhaps someday i can have another chance for grant money to cover the large rocks in my back yard

8/17/2011 1:34 PM

Smart Start has been a very big help in my daycare in many ways.Helping with special need children, behavoir children preschool program.Thank You so very much

8/17/2011 12:37 AM

Smart Start has allowed me to have an individual in to work with my daughter in a physical therapy type setting for her hips, knees and ankles. The scholradhips also helps me to keep my child in a quality daycare and and put food on the table.

8/17/2011 12:36 AM

Audra Kenneson does an exceptional job of networking and providing information to community partners, thus enhancing referrals for programs and increasing community support.

8/17/2011 12:16 AM

Smart Start has been extremely helpful to our center in many aspects. The grants have provided us with improvements that we would not have been able to afford. Training for staff is always difficult and Smart Start has offered many training opportunities. The mental health specialist was awesome. She helped our children make great progress in their behavior management. The supplemental grants have taken a huge financial burden off of a few of our families, other wise might not have been able to attend. Thanks for everything.

8/17/2011 12:15 AM

Smart Start grants have allowed our center to invest in the education of our children by giving us funds to put into our classroom learning environments and to foster parent partnerships. Without this funding, our center would not have been able to improve the quality of learning we provide to our children. It also has a positive impact on my teaching staff; they enjoying coming to work in a well supplied learning environment and having the resources they need to teach their children developmentally appropriate activities. Our center has made improvements in leaps and bounds that we would not have been able to do if it weren't for Smart Start funding. Thank you for providing this vauable service to our center, children, parents and community!!

8/17/2011 11:16 AM

the training for providers has been wonderful.

8/17/2011 11:11 AM

The mental health professionals that have visited our classrooms have taught our teachers how to deal with certain children that have various issues. This has been very valuable as some of these children would have been removed from our center due to hard-to-handle behaviors. Also, the free trainings being provided by Smart Start are a tremendous help to our already strained budget. We have not been able to provide quality inservices due to having to pay for the trainings and so the trainings being provided are very important to us.

8/17/2011 11:07 AM

Everything is going up in prices - groceries are expensive and even though I'm on the food program, I'm on the lower tier and it's not enough to pay for it all. Licensing fees went up in price - ouch! Supplies for crafts, toys, trainings all have gone up. It's so nice to have someone that acknowledges quality childcare as important to our community and have quality childcare you need trained providers and it's SO helpful to have free trainings, grants, supplements etc. EVERY little bit is such a huge help. Thank you.

8/17/2011 10:51 AM

It is amazing all of the resources that Smart Start provides to the community.

8/17/2011 10:50 AM

If it were not for Smart Start, I would not be able to afford to have daycare for my children. There are so many needs and so little money. I am incredibly grateful for all that you do.

8/17/2011 10:31 AM

Smart start helped to ease our life with our 2 kids Oscar and Eliza. Oscar is recently in IEP and my daughter is 2.5 years is being traied from Kathy and Kerra from rainbow group. Now we are really happy that my kids cooperate with rainbow team and don't scared of foreign people whoever comes to home. We are too much optimist about the hopes of our life that our kids will be good enough to live their life in the days to come due to Butler's program. Thnaks you very much for cooordinating this program.

8/17/2011 10:29 AM

I attended The Incredible Years classes and learned truly valuable tools for parenting my "high needs" child. The things I learned have impacted my parenting in an amazing way. Also, my child was evaluated from Pre School through her kindergarten year. By identifying her "extra" needs we were able to help her succeed and grown in the classroom. There is no way to describe the wonderful services that were offered to my child. They are the reason she is growing and learning so well now.

8/17/2011 10:22 AM

We have had the oppportunity to purchase puppets, books, a bookshelf, tool bench, and many other items. The children are able to enhance their imaginations, motor skills, etc. as a result! I have also attended trainings through Smart Start. These trainings are always very informational to me! Thank-you!

8/17/2011 10:20 AM