#### **Smart REWARDS**

The Partnership encourages local child care providers to increase their education levels by enrolling in college courses in the field of early childhood education. Smart Rewards' services include technical support and supplements (stipends) for the successful completion of coursework and/or the achievement of academic milestones (degrees or certifications) in early childhood



## **Program Coordination**

education.

The Program Coordinator oversees all programs and projects of the Partnership, providing program planning, technical support, and service monitoring. The Program Coordinator evaluates community needs and analyzes program results to promote the achievement of the Partnership's mission and goals.

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### Supporting Family Choices: Kith & Kin Care

The Partnership supports group 'play days' for young children and their caregivers (parents, relatives, neighbors) throughout the county. The activities include learning-based play groups and developmentally-geared activities for children, and information for their caregivers.



## **Child Care Subsidy**

The Partnership works with the Madison County
Department of Social
Services to provide subsidies on behalf of children who are enrolled in 4 and 5 star child care programs.
Financial assistance is offered for eligible families who are working or are in school.

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#### Reach Out and Read®

The Partnership coordinates this project with local medical centers to make early literacy a standard part of pediatric primary care. Health care providers use well-child visits to advise parents about the importance of reading to young children to prepare them for success in school. Children receive a book for their home libraries at each visit.

Child Care Resource & Referral

Child Care Resource & Referral services are designed to improve the quality of child care in Madison County, as well as to make child care more accessible and available to families. The activities include: local training, technical assistance and professional development counseling for child care providers; child care information, referrals and education for parents; and recruitment and support for potential child care providers.



# Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library provides a free book every month to children living in Madison County ages birth up to five years old. Participating children receive an age appropriate book each month, mailed directly to the child from the time of registration until age 5. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library supports preparing children for kindergarten by exposing children to the concepts of print, encouraging child/parent reading, and increasing early literacy skills.

