Resource Materials on Early Childhood Development

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I. MAKING CHANGE AT THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS

- NC’s Pathways to Grade Level Reading Project
- Institute for Child Success

II. THE COSTS OF DEFICIENT EARLY CHILDHOOD SYSTEMS

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V. NOTABLE LOCAL NORTH CAROLINA EARLY CHILDHOOD INITIATIVES

- East Durham Childrens Initiative
- Great Expectations
- Project Impact
- Read Charlotte
- Ready for School, Ready for Life
- Transylvania County

VI. NOTABLE STATEWIDE EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES/INITIATIVES

- BEST NC
- NC's Pathways to Grade Level Reading Project
- NC Child
- North Carolina Early Childhood Foundation
- Smart Start

VII. THE SCIENCE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

- Center on the Developing Child. Harvard University

VIII. RESOURCES FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

- Read Charlotte
- PBS Parents (English)
- PBS Parents (Spanish)