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PARTNERSHIP RECEIVES DOLLAR GENERAL LITERACY GRANT

Jefferson, NC – Ashe County Partnership for Children is a 2010 recipient of a \$20,000 Family Literacy grant through the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. Its program “Ashe Family Literacy” is partially funded by Even Start and Smart Start. Wilkes Community College is a partner in the program, as well as Ashe County Public Schools. This program provides adult education, early childhood education for the children of the adult students, parenting education, and parent and child together (PACT) time.

Classes for the new school year will begin on Monday, August 2nd.

The adult education component includes classes for GED, Adult High School Diploma, and Adult Basic Education, for any Ashe County resident 16 and over. It also includes English as a Second Language (ESL) for residents who need to improve their English skills. All classes, including those for the children, are completely free of charge. The program even offers a monthly home visit to provide further support to both the adult student and child.

“We offer support for parents in a comfortable setting with a developmentally appropriate curriculum and environment for children,” explains Ann Canon, Family Support Director. “We approach parenting information in a fun, interactive way, using activities and projects that our adult students and their children can enjoy together.”

Ashe Family Literacy holds classes Monday through Thursday from 8:00am to 2:30pm at Family Central. The program can also help transport parents and their children to and from class if they do not have transportation.

It is not required to have a child to participate in the family literacy program. It is open to anyone who is an Ashe County resident 16 years or older who does not have a high school diploma and who wishes to further their education.





Ashe County Partnership for Children is a non-profit organization that provides programs and services for families and children in Ashe County. They fund or directly run various programs such as: Smart Start programs to benefit children ages birth through five and their families; Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault prevention and awareness services; a Family Literacy program with transportation, child care and family support; and Family Support Services offering parenting support and a play room open to the public.

If you or someone you know needs adult education classes, or if you would like more information, please contact Ann Canon at (336) 982-4311 ext. 227 or at annc@ashechildren.org. For more information about Ashe County Partnership for Children and their programs, visit www.ashechildren.org, or call (336) 982-4588.

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