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PARTNERSHIP CONDUCTING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Jefferson, NC—Ashe County Partnership for Children is conducting a community needs assessment in March. It has been over 16 years since a survey assessing the needs of families and children has been conducted by the Partnership. The playgroups at Family Central, a Smart Start program which helps young children enter school healthy and ready to succeed, parental support groups, the Child Care Resource and Referral, and the adult Family Literacy program are a few examples of how survey information was transformed into programs to aid and assist parents.

You are being asked to take part in a new survey. The survey, a cooperative effort of various local agencies, will help identify specific needs of children and families residing in Ashe County. Various topics from medical to child care to educational needs will be part of the questionnaire. The information collected will be utilized to better serve the families and children of Ashe County. Surveys are available at the Ashe County Public Library, the Partnership's offices, and at public schools. Please let your voice be heard by taking part in this very important survey. If you have any questions or would like a survey sent to you, please call the Partnership at 982-4588.

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, including shelter services; a family literacy program with transportation, child care and family support; and family support services offering playgroups, parenting support and education.

For more information about Ashe County Partnership for Children, visit www.ashechildren.org, or call (336) 982-4588.

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