Vision

*Every child prepared to succeed in school and life*
First Five Coalition
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Current Goals

- Access to quality early care and educational programs that meet the needs of families to promote school readiness.

- Opportunities for parents to gain the knowledge and capacity to succeed in their role as their child’s first teacher.

- Awareness of the availability of community health, nutrition, and mental healthcare services and resources.
Mothers Receiving Prenatal Care

Georgia 83.4%

Whitfield County 66.8%

Year: 2006

Whitfield County GA, Profile of Child, Family and Community Well-Being
January 8, 2010
Even with national trends of declining birth rates, there is an increase of walk-ins and premature babies in Whitfield County.

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Community Accomplishments

- Dalton-Whitfield Book Nooks
- Reach Out and Read
- Parent Resource Guide
- State-Wide Recognition of Literacy Efforts
- Community Celebration of Week of the Young Child
- Summer Learning Opportunities
- Community Awareness of Prenatal to Pre-k Issues
- Healthcare Collaboration of Providing Affordable Prenatal Care for all Women
Over 12 Book Nooks have been placed around town due to generous donations by:

- The Rotary Club of Dalton
- Community Foundation of Northwest Georgia
- Dalton State Roadrunner Athletic Department
Early Learners Academy

Parent-Child Interactive Classes for Children Ages 6 Months to Five Years
What is Taught?

- Parent-Child Interactive Classes:
  - Simulated preschool day highly enriched with language and literacy
  - Parent education through playing and working with children
Example Day

- **10:00 – 10:15 – Arrival:**
  - Books and puzzles available for parents and children to interact

- **10:15 – 10:35 – Interactive story time with Music & Movement**

- **10:35 – 10:55 – Small group with a literacy & numeracy focus**

- **10:55 – 11:25 – Center time with STEM, Art, and Literacy Focus**
  - Snack included.

- **11:25 – 11:45 – Outside Play (or free play)**
  - with parent education/discussion (separated)

- **11:45 – 12:00 – Interactive Story time**

- **12:00 - Dismissal**
Early Learners Academy

**PILOT LOCATION**

GASTON COMMUNITY CENTER

**COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS**

- Dalton-Whitfield Archway Partnership
- Dalton-Whitfield First Five Coalition
- United Way of Northwest Georgia
- Family Support Council
- NGRL (Northwest Georgia Regional Library System)
Thank You!

Thank you for your time and continued support of Archway committees. Your dedication to the young children in our community is appreciated!

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