

The Partnership for Children of Lincoln & Gaston Counties is a nonprofit organization that provides services for local families and children through Smart Start, North Carolina's award-winning early childhood initiative.

Smart Start



# ANNUAL REPORT

# 2016



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## LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### Dear Champions of our Children and Families

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff, the Partnership for Children of Lincoln and Gaston Counties (Partnership) is proud to share the results of our efforts towards addressing some of the key strategic initiatives undertaken during fiscal year (FY) 2015-2016. These initiatives are directly related to the desired outcomes identified, benchmarked, and monitored via our strategic planning process. Our vision for the future continues to be communities where young children, ages birth to five, reach their health, developmental, and educational potential and grow to be thriving adults. We hope this Annual Report will provide you some insight of our commitment to our vision.

During this fiscal year, some of the accomplishment highlights included:

- A third-party independent audit of the Partnership's financial statement for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2015 was conducted by the certified public accounting firm Cohn/Reznick and a favorable "unqualified" opinion was rendered.
- Revisions to the Partnership's Accounting Policies and Procedures were approved by the Board.
- Programmatic accountability and quality improvements continued to be the focus of the program evaluation process implemented in latter FY 2013-2014.
- The Partnership's early literacy efforts in association with its Community Outreach program continued with the distribution of free books to young children at community events and festivals (i.e., Run for the Money, Apple Festival, Spooktacular, etc.) and Boogie with Books in the Park events.
- A new early literacy program, Reach Out and Read, was initiated at Gaston Family Service Pediatrics.
- Collaborated with other community organizations/leaders as part of the Gaston County Early Literacy Collaborative whose focus is school readiness, summer learning, student chronic absenteeism, and grade-level reading.
- The Board approved pursuing bids for the assessment of children/family needs in Lincoln and Gaston Counties.
- A new tagline (THRIVE to Five... and Beyond!) and revised Vision and Mission Statements were adopted by the Board as part of the Partnership's creative positioning strategy.
- The Partnership hosted its Seventh Annual Spooktacular Event in western Lincoln County. This successful collaborative community event was attended by an estimated 2,000 children and family members.
- Collaborated with 27 Forever Foundation in hosting a spring community awareness event for children and their families in Gaston County at Sims Legion Baseball Park.
- The Partnership hosted four (4) Educational Forums for the owners/directors of child care centers and family homes. In addition, multiple educational trainings were provided each month for child care teachers.
- Child care teachers and Partnership staff were recognized by the Board for earning academic degrees.

Thank you for your partnership and investment in our children during their first 2000 days (birth to kindergarten) and their families.



Tammy Kane  
Board Chair



Michael E. Linker  
Executive Director



## INCOME

Smart Start Administration	\$308,478
Smart Start Services	\$1,702,683
Smart Start State Level Contracts	\$1,723,811
NCPRE-K Lincoln County	\$849,277
Parent Resource & Referral	\$23,607
Multi-Partnership Accounting & Contracting	\$14,930
Race to the Top/Early Learning Challenge	\$5,400
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,628,187</b>

## EXPENDITURES

<b>★ Early Care &amp; Education</b>	<b>Total: \$2,881,279</b>
Child Care Subsidy - Gaston	\$1,039,265
Child Care Subsidy - Lincoln	\$385,000
Child Care Subsidy Administration - Gaston	\$132,439
Child Care Subsidy Administration - Lincoln	\$70,607
Quality Enhancement (QE)	\$126,456
Quality Sustainability (QS)	\$977,616
Individual Professional Development Program (IPDP)	\$53,396
WAGES	\$96,500
<b>★ Family Support</b>	<b>Total: \$160,268</b>
Adolescent Parenting Program	\$64,348
Triple P	\$58,225
Lincoln County Child Advocacy Center	\$30,000
Reach Out & Read	\$7,695
<b>★ Health</b>	<b>Total: \$163,793</b>
Assuring Better Child Health & Development	\$45,452
Child Care Health Consultant - Gaston	\$59,776
Child Care Health Consultant - Lincoln	\$58,565
<b>★ Administrative Functions</b>	<b>Total: \$529,633</b>
Administration	\$308,478
Program Coordination	\$132,137
Community Outreach	\$89,018
<b>★ Grants</b>	<b>Total: \$893,215</b>
NC Pre-K Lincoln County	\$849,277
Parent Resource & Referral	\$23,607
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# HOW WE HELPED



As of June 30, 2016,



there were an estimated

**16,858**

children aged 0-5 in Lincoln and Gaston Counties

An estimated

**5,503**

children aged 0-5 attended licensed child care in Lincoln and Gaston Counties

**65%**

of those were in 4 or 5 star facilities

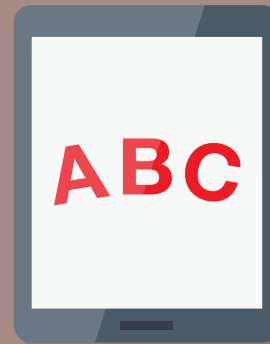


**69**

child care facilities received technical assistance on environmental rating scales and general licensure through our QE and QS programs

**5,005**

children were enrolled in facilities being served by Child Care Health Consultants in Lincoln and Gaston Counties



**69** providers in **18**

practices received updated information regarding early intervention including screening and referral processes impacting

**12,020** children

**77**

child care facilities received technical assistance on health, nutrition, sanitation and safety



**55**

child care professionals working in

**37**

facilities earned a WAGE\$ supplement

**695**

families received parenting help through our family support services



**116**

child care professionals in

**43**

child care facilities earned financial incentives for earning college credit impacting

**1,633**

children through our IPDP program



## Reach Out & Read



The Partnership for Children of Lincoln and Gaston Counties joined the Reach out and Read program on Monday, March 21, 2016. Reach out and Read works within Gaston Health Services to provide books for children six months to five years old. Every book, based on age, is given to the child by his or her doctor at each well-child visit. This program is designed to promote early literacy in children and show the importance of parents reading to their children.



### Reach Out and Read MISSION:

Reach Out and Read prepares America's youngest children to succeed in school by partnering with doctors to prescribe books and encourage families to read together.

Visit [www.pfcg.org](http://www.pfcg.org) and [www.reachoutandread.org](http://www.reachoutandread.org) for more information!



### OUR MISSION

“ To lead, advocate, and collaborate with others to insure the well-being of children, ages birth to five. ”

### OUR VISION

“ Communities where children, ages birth to five, reach their health, developmental, and educational potential and grow to be thriving adults. ”

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