

WE ARE BETTER *Together*



ANNUAL REPORT
2024-2025





DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with immense gratitude for the support, trust, and dedication that you—our community—have shown. Your partnership has been essential in helping us move closer to our mission:

To be the leader in advocating for all children to reach their greatest potential.

Together, over the past year, we have achieved meaningful progress by:

- Increasing both the number of early childhood educators using our resource library and visits to the library by 32%.
- More than doubling the number of early childhood educators who attended at least one training session.
- Distributing over 20,000 books through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL), despite facing funding cuts.

These accomplishments would not have been possible without your generosity, time, and belief in our mission. Every dollar donated, every hour volunteered, and every voice raised in advocacy has helped create real impact.

On behalf of our entire team and the children and families we serve, thank you for standing with us. Your continued support makes our work possible, and we are honored to have you by our side.

Together, we are making a lasting difference for the communities of Beaufort and Hyde.

With heartfelt thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica Burnham".

Jessica Burnham, Executive Director



Bringing the smiles to
Touch-a-Truck Beaufort County



Reading aloud during
Read Across America Day



Making new friends at the
"Paint the Town Blue Parade
and Festival"



Equipping early educators through trainings and technical assistance

Standing together during Child Abuse Prevention Month with community partners



Distributing gently-used books at summer feeding programs

Collaborating with partners to engage and strengthen families



Learning through play during Week of the Young Child

Supporting our early educators during Teacher Appreciation Week



Meeting new friends at Touch-a-Truck Hyde County



THE RESULTS WE ACCOMPLISHED Together



Children between the ages of birth to five, receive a free, developmentally-appropriate book every month by mail through **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.**

20,390
books were distributed to **1,790** children enrolled.

Child Care Health Consultants (CCHC) work with child care providers to promote effective health and safety practices in local child care facilities.

Provided technical assistance to **2** child care facilities, impacting **62** children

36 child care providers from **14** child care facilities participated in Health and Safety workshops benefitting **510** children.

Facilitated Playgroups are free, interactive early-learning experiences for children between the ages of birth to five and their caregivers.

103
children and their parents/caregivers participated in either in-person or virtual playgroups.

Quality Enhancement (QE)/Maintenance (QM) support is provided through on-site technical assistance (TA). Training opportunities and resource library items are provided with the goal of equipping child care providers with tools to reach and maintain high-quality child care.

10 child care facilities participated in QE/QM activities, benefitting

291
children.

222 child care providers, from **33** facilities, participated in **22** professional development workshops.

10 child care facilities received TA, impacting

291
children.

Car Seat Program

62

car seats were given to families with children in Beaufort and Hyde counties.

Parents as Teachers (PAT) is an evidence-based home visiting program for parents of children from the prenatal stage to kindergarten.

12

group connections held, serving **3** families.



89%

of children, ages 0-5, enrolled in licensed child care are in a four or five-star facility.



NC Pre-K is designed to provide high-quality educational experiences to enhance school readiness for eligible children who will be four years old by August 31st.

133

children were served in a quality, early-childhood pre-kindergarten program in **12** different classrooms at **6** sites.

Financial assistance is paid on a direct per-child basis for the purpose of enhancing the **NC Pre-K** rate for children enrolled in and being served through NC Pre-K and whose families are eligible for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families or the Child Care and Development Fund.

10

children were served through NC Pre-K Subsidy in Hyde County.

98%

of subsidized children in Hyde County are in four and five-star facilities.

DSS Subsidy financial assistance is paid on a direct per-child basis for subsidy for families eligible for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families or the Child Care and Development Fund.

58

children were served through Subsidy in Beaufort County.

94%

of subsidized children in Beaufort County are in four and five star facilities.

Outreach allows us to build community partnerships, educate our neighbors about the importance of early education, and celebrate our youngest learners at events and other outreach opportunities.

32

outreach events attended, **21** presentations given, **6,968** newsletters shared and **3,954** website visitors recorded.

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Triple P is a "positive parenting program" that provides a toolbox of ideas and strategies for parents to choose from and tailor to their needs.

14

parents/guardians participated in Triple P - Level 2.

3

parents/guardians participated in Triple P - Level 3.



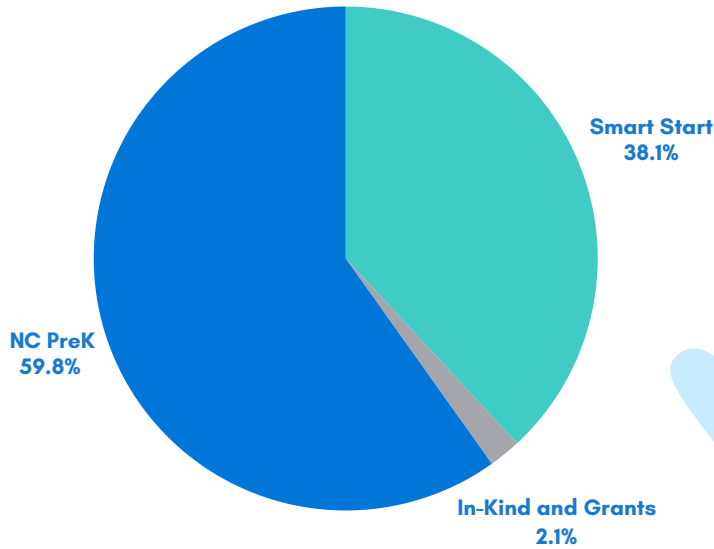
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FINANCIAL PICTURE

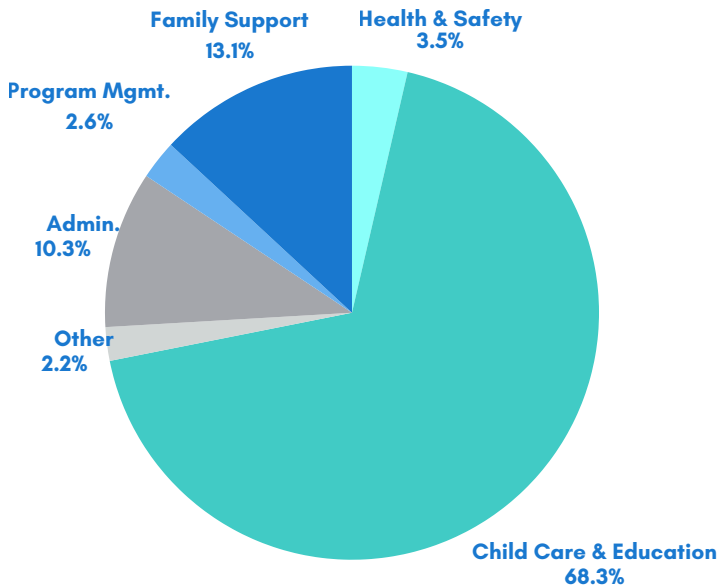
Vision

Empowering communities so children can thrive

Total Revenues
\$1,610,245



Total Expenditures
\$1,597,700



Mission

To be the leader in advocating for all children to reach their greatest potential



WHO WE ARE Together



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