



partnershipforchildren

JOHNSTON COUNTY a partner in the smart start network

Dear Friends,

The 2017-2018 year marked a significant milestone for the Partnership. In 1997, an amazing group of caring community leaders established the Partnership for Children of Johnston County. Led by a strong, local board of directors, the Partnership focused on critical supports for young children including building quality early learning environments, increasing the education level of early childhood teachers and administrators, and a greater emphasis on safety, health and family. The Partnership also leads as a convener, building upon community collaborations to strengthen our work. In April of 2018, we celebrated the opening of the Partnership for Children Park (A Place for All). This "one of a kind" Inclusion Park is for all children, a unique play space that provides a lasting legacy for our children for generations to come.

The Partnership for Children of Johnston County stands firm and resolute that every child deserves the best and that they represent our most important resource. Several years back staff coined the phrase "children are the only investment guaranteed to grow." There is no more important legacy and task for us than to make sure our children are prepared to live, lead and love to their fullest potential. The foundation we build is critical to the success of not only a child, but the entire community. Our young children grow into adults with the potential to be and do anything they want and we've long known that a child's success is greatly determined by the environment, support and love they receive from the beginning of their journey, even while in the womb. Children are the best example of 'compounded interest', the better we nurture them, the happier, more productive, and purpose driven they will be, as they too become parents and productive citizens.

Together we all are "The Partnership". It takes everyone - Board, Staff, Community, Businesses, Government - all of us. There is no question - our kids are going to grow, and one day soon become the decision-makers. It is guaranteed. So "THANK YOU ALL" for your investment in our children and the future.

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Regina Smith and Dwight Morris

Our Vision

Our Vision is that Johnston County's children will be given all the educational, health and emotional support they need to grow into engaged and productive members of our economically thriving and globally competitive community.

Our Mission

The Partnership works effectively with its community partners to ensure that Johnston's youngest residents and their families receive the best educational, health, and emotional support services possible, helping to ensure those children enjoy life-long success, and providing the maximum return on investment for those funds entrusted to the Partnership.

Johnston County Highlights

NC PRE-K

366 children participating in the program

34 classrooms; 24 sites

90% children met or exceeded standard Developmental Expectations on final Teaching Strategies Assessment (started at 31%)

CHILDCARE

116 licensed programs

68 are 4 or 5 stars

Worked with 38 facilities

146 classrooms received TA

238 providers received TA

Impacted 1771 children

556 providers impacted by the Professional Development trainings we provide

TOYS FOR TOTS

Over 700 children participated in the Toys for Tots program

SAFE KIDS

205 car seats checked

124 new car seats distributed

112 Nationally Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians (CPST's) on staff

77% of children who had their seats checked are riding safer

23% of children needed no corrections

SUBSIDY

\$950,350 utilized for childcare subsidy

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

360 parents/guardians utilized our FRC services

142 families participated in intensive group parenting programs

Key Accomplishments

PFCJC, along with six collaborative partners, launched the **Campaign for Grade Level Reading** in Johnston County. A letter of intent, which was signed by PFCJC and Dr. Ross Renfrow, Superintendent of Johnston County Public Schools, was submitted and approved to become a member of the Grade Level Reading Communities Network.

- Johnston County Public Schools
- Greater Smithfield-Selma Area Chamber of Commerce
- Johnston Community College
- Public Library of Johnston County & Smithfield
- United Way of the Greater Triangle
- NC Community Foundation

Supported by the **United Way of the Greater Triangle** we are part of 2 successful collaborations:

- Family Plus Initiative** equips families with the skills they need to better themselves and the lives of their children. This is a two-generational approach focused on early childhood success in order to provide an integrated system of support to families facing the stressors of poverty. Community Impact Partners include: PFCJC, Boys and Girls Clubs of Johnston County, Girl Scouts - North Carolina Coastal Pines, Boy Scouts of America - Tuscarora Council, and Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action.
- Adolescent Parenting Transitions** focuses on youth success. This collaboration also follows the two-generational model to transition adolescent parents into college/

career and adulthood. Community Impact Partners include: Johnston County Industries, PFCJC, Johnston County DSS and Johnston County Coalition on Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is now available to families in Johnston County. Imagination Library is a program created to foster a love of reading among children ages birth to five through the gift of a specially selected book delivered right to their home each month. Over 4,200 children have been registered and receive their free books each month!

Johnston County Public Schools partnered with PFCJC to host 4 county wide **Kindergarten Transition Expos**. Families with children entering Kindergarten were able to receive a variety of resources in addition to information about what to expect during their child's kindergarten year.

Safe Kids Coalition was awarded a **Graco Grant** to provide 100 new car seats to ensure Johnston County children were riding safely.

We celebrated the grand opening of the **Partnership for Children Park**, a public/private community project which incorporates activities to support physical, social, language and cognitive growth of ALL children in addition to sensory elements to delight children through sight, sound, and touch. The playground is located within the Smithfield Community Park on Booker Dairy Road.



"Dolly Parton" as played by Dwight Morris, Executive Director along with Corina Knott, Vice Chair, share information about Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and the importance of early literacy to the Rotary Club of Central Johnston County.

Funders

Thank you to the foundations, corporations, and government agencies that keep our services high quality, innovative, and affordable for all Johnston County Families. Our heartfelt appreciation goes to those who support us:

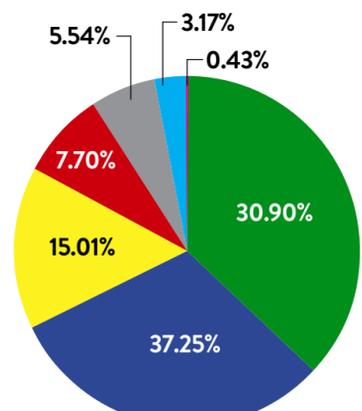
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- NC DOI/Safe Kids NC
- United Way of the Greater Triangle
- North Carolina Community Foundation
- Duke Energy Foundation
- Benson Junior Woman's Club
- Benson Housing Authority

*A full list of our supporters can be found on our website www.partnershipforchildrenjcc.org

We celebrated the retirement of Rosie Riollano-Stumpf and the 18 years of exceptional service she provided to families in our community.



2017-2018 Expenditures



Looking Forward

PFCJC's Early Literacy Coordinator will convene a **steering committee** to guide the work of the Campaign for Grade Level Reading.

PFCJC will implement the **Incredible Years Teacher Classroom Management Program** for teachers working in our licensed childcare facilities.

We will **increase programs**, allowing us to bring more resources to families including the Incredible Years Parenting Program, Nurturing Parenting Program, Familyread, as well as the launching of two new programs Attachment and Biobehavioral Catch-Up (ABC) and Triple P.



Matthew knows how important Days are for baby's brain development. This nurturing family routine will help ensure Jude feels safe, loved, and ready for school and life.

Stories

United Way of the Greater Triangle Collaborative Partnership - Great Futures: Family Plus Initiative

The BGCJC families have benefited greatly because of the Great Futures: Family Plus Initiative UWGT Collaborative. This group of organizations has successfully started to eliminate some of the factors keeping parents from providing for their families. By working together to meet the needs of each family, parents are gaining the tools they need to be successful!

Each agency brings their own expertise to the table and once the needs of the families are determined, each agency provides the families with the services specific to their need. Parents are able to access services at one location, eliminating the barrier of transportation. Services are provided at low or no cost and collectively the agencies can provide the needed services for all ages, birth to adult. In January, the Partnership provided our families with a 16-week Nurturing Parenting Program. As a result, we saw many positive changes in our families and their interactions. In crisis, in daily living our collaborative is working to make sure our families hardships are elevated as quickly as possible. Now, that's making a difference!!!

- Mamie Moore, Director, Boys and Girls Club of Johnston County

Childcare Provider

Open Arms has been providing childcare to families in the Clayton area for over 11 years. During this time, we have been able to use many of the services that PFCJC offers, mainly Technical Assistance (TA) to prepare and maintain the standards required to provide high quality childcare.

Krista Hollyfield has been helping Open Arms for many years. Whenever I have a need, she finds the time to come to our facility to help in any way possible. The teachers and staff at Open Arms are always excited to see her because she not only gives them positive feedback but she has such a calming presence. Whenever I have a question, Krista is quick with a response to help us find a solution.

Laura Pope has been assisting a child at our center who could possibly have developmental delays. Laura provides great ideas and feedback to the teachers. The time and energy she puts into helping this child has made a tremendous impact on the success he will have in school.

Krista and Laura have great support at their office, which allows them to give us the support we need. The quality of service and support we receive has helped our facility to reach and maintain our 5 Star quality.

Open Arms currently and will continue to appreciate the service that the staff at the Partnership provide.

- Wendy Neuschaefer, Director of Open Arms

Nurturing Parenting

The Nurturing Parenting Program has taught me the importance of taking care of myself first, which in return has helped me nurture my kids better. With me being in a better state of mind, it has helped me be a better parent. I am able to relate more to my children's needs. My children listen and behave better now because I have learned, through this program, the different strategies and techniques to implement. This results in them behaving in a positive manner and acting the way my wife and I want them to. This program is wonderful and touches so many families in a positive way. It has really helped our family.

- Charlie Crews, Parent

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