

**Cabarrus Partnership**  
for children

# 2016-2017 Annual Report

## Selected Program Highlights from Our Year

Over the past year, the number of child care centers in the county receiving the NC Breastfeeding-Friendly Child Care designation increased from zero to 6. Cabarrus County now has 6 of the 48 designated centers. There are almost 4,000 centers in the state.



**Early Care & Education**  
Building Healthy Lifestyles

Our Circle of Parents support group at Cabarrus County jail provided positive guidance for 28 incarcerated women so they will be better moms upon their release.



**Family Education & Support**  
Circle of Parents

95% of children in 8 participating pediatric practices received developmental screenings to ensure early identification and referral to appropriate resources.



**Health & Early Intervention**  
Assuring Better Health and Development



**552 coats were collected and distributed so that young children had a warm coat for winter.**

### Partnership Staff

- Ann Benfield - Executive Director
- Elizabeth Albright - Family Programs and NCPK
- Ariel Ayers - Finance
- Stephanie Bynum - Program Manager
- Jamie Clark - NCPK & Subsidy
- Melissa Jones - Child Care Health Consultant
- Debra Pless - Child Care Health Consultant
- Lissy Rios - Program Assistant

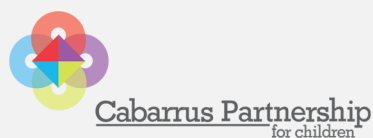
### Partnership Board

- Virginia Amendum, Patton McDowell
- Rob Betler, BB&T
- Gale Coor, Children's Developmental Services
- Rose Staples Deese, Deese Law Firm
- Jeanne Dixon, Community Advocate
- Robert B. Furr, Cabarrus Cooperative Extension
- Cecelia Graves, Head Start Policy Council Chair
- Amos McClorey, Logan Community CDC/NAACP
- Stephen Morris, Gem Theatre
- Maureen O'Bryan, First Kids Presbyterian
- Yolanda Simms, Duke Energy
- Hilary Smith, First Kids Presbyterian
- Denisha Torrence-Nesbit, Centralina Workforce

### Financial Contributors

- Kohl's
- Forest Hills United Methodist Church
- Speedway Children's Charities
- Ben Mynatt Foundation
- National Christian Foundation
- Central United Methodist Church
- Duke Energy Foundation
- Hayes Trust
- Duke Endowment
- Rotary Club of Cabarrus County

And our many friends who support us with their time, wisdom and financial gifts



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Cabarrus Partnership for Children connects purpose, people and programs to ensure child well-being in Cabarrus County, North Carolina.



Dear Friends,

It has been another year of changes and new adventures. We are truly making a difference in the lives of children and families in Cabarrus County and we are excited to share with you our 2016-2017 Annual Report.

In 2018 we will be celebrating our 20th anniversary and we will continue to listen to our community partners and tackle the really hard issues that need a community solution, so we hope you will continue to support us as we move ahead. Thank you for your support. I am confident together we will create brighter futures for children and families in Cabarrus County.



**Ann Benfield,**  
Executive Director



The NC Pre-K program is designed to provide high-quality educational experiences to enhance school readiness for eligible four-year-old children. Children are prepared in all five of the developmental domains that are critical to children's overall well-being and success in reading and math as they enter school.

### Approaches to play and learning

Emotional and social development

Health and physical development

Language development and communication

Cognitive development

Number of Sites: **14**

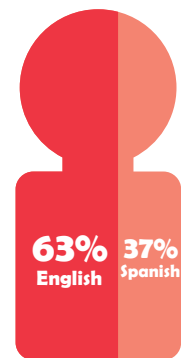
Number of Classrooms: **30**

Number of Children: **450**

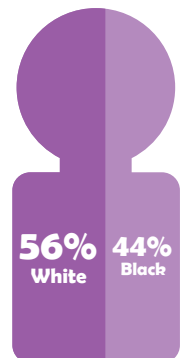


Head Start promotes school readiness of children ages birth to five from low-income families by supporting their development in a comprehensive way. Head Start programs support children's growth and development in a positive learning environment through a variety of services in Early Learning, Health and Family Well-Being.

**Cabarrus Partnership was awarded the Cabarrus County Head Start Grant from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017.**



**Primary Language**



**Racial Composition**



**Live below the 100% poverty level**



**Served in 10 Classrooms & Long Preschool/Lockhart Early Learning Center**

### Young Children at a Glance in Cabarrus County

**13,138**

children in Cabarrus County not yet enrolled in kindergarten which represented 6.4% of the population

**48**

childcare centers enroll 3,462 children and employ 786 childcare staff

**16**

family child care homes enroll 74 children

**32%**

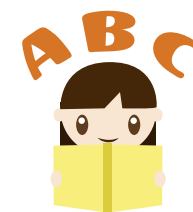
children below age 6 are enrolled in licensed child care

**28%**

children ages 2-4 in Cabarrus County are overweight or obese



Smart Start was created in 1993 as an innovative solution to a problem: Children were coming to school unprepared to learn. Smart Start delivers outcomes by giving communities local control to determine the best approach to achieving them.



### Health and Early Intervention

Programs funded: Project Baby Reach, Assuring Better Health and Development (ABCD), Emergency Dental Services

**6,891**

Children ages 0-5 in medical practices that participate in the ABCD activity

**2,586**

Families of newborns in the mother/baby unit receiving developmental milestones & resources

**179**

Families visited in Neonatal Intensive Care Unit by Project Baby Reach

**17**

Children receiving emergency dental services



### Early Care and Education

Programs funded: Building Healthy Lifestyles (BHL), Child Care Health Consultants (CCHC), Inclusion Services, NC Pre-K Administration, Smart Start Subsidy

**631**

Children receiving NC Pre-K Smart Start Subsidies

**68**

Child care facilities received training and technical assistance through CCHC

**41**

Children served with Inclusion services, therapies or interventions

**10**

Child care facilities received training and technical assistance through BHL

### Family Education and Support

Programs funded: Parents as Teachers (PAT), Family Support and Education, Circle of Parents, Reach Out and Read, Celebrating Families

**209**

Parents attending NC Pre-K Parent Education Sessions

**9,750**

Number of children receiving books distributed during well child checkups

**78**

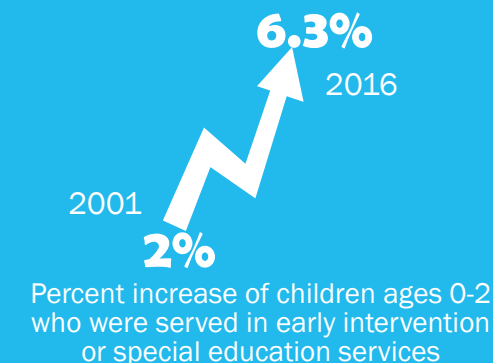
Parents attending Models Teen Parent, Young Moms, and Inmate Circle of Parents Groups

**81**

Families receiving PAT services



### Our Impact



In 2016-17  
**100%**  
100% of parents participating in Circle of Parents and Celebrating Families increased family functioning and resiliency after program participation  
as measured by the Protective Factors Survey