

FY2021 Buncombe County Early Childhood Grant Report

Organization Name:	Buncombe County Partnership for Children	
Project Name:	Developing a Comprehensive Staffed Family Child Care Network to increase FCCH slots	
Reporting Quarter: (Check one)		Quarter 1 (July 1, 2020 - September 30, 2020)
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		Quarter 3 (January 1, 2021 - March 31, 2021)
		Quarter 4 (April 1, 2021 - June 30, 2021)

Narrative summary of grant related activities

Overall project updates:	In the second quarter, 2 additional individuals received TA support for opening a licensed FCCH. Staff also worked with multiple other people who are in the information-gathering stage of considering opening a FCCH. We were able to give these people the information that they need regarding pre-opening training, DCDEE licensing, zoning in various parts of the county, and sanitation. We have also been focused on outreach into the community, with information sessions via Zoom scheduled for early in quarter three.
COVID-19 impacts:	As the pandemic continues on, more parents continue to show interest in smaller-group care situations for their children. This has created more interest in FCCHs in the community and we continue to receive more frequent inquiries as compared to the same time period last year. We are hopeful that some of this new interest will turn into additional licensed homes in 2020. We have continue to offer FCCH licensure as an option for the many virtual learning “PODs” that are popping up due to the pandemic. On the other hand, many people are finding that the stress of the COVID-19 pandemic means that the many details, agencies, and checklists that are required to license a FCCH with the DCDEE feel insurmountable at this time and are choosing to remain unlicensed. We are working to remain connected and exploring additional ways to offer support to licensure during the pandemic.
Activities related to increasing equity, diversity and inclusion:	We are working to do outreach for new FCCH programs in a wide variety of places, including conversations with public housing advocates and others. At an agency wide level, for the last several months, BPFC has been actively engaged in a Strategic Planning Process (with our Board and staff), strongly centering racial equity. Consultants Greg Walker Wilson and Tamiko Ambrose Murray have led the staff and board through a history of white supremacy and internal power analyses as well as identifying vision/goals/etc. Also, Asheville Buncombe Preschool Planning Collaborative, in partnership with Verner and Community Action Opportunities, and will be offering Racial Equity Training for Early Childhood Educators in Q3.
Activities related to increasing operational excellence:	We are always looking for ways to improve the program and to reach as many people as possible. One way this has been important for our FCCH outreach during this quarter has been collaboration with the Early Childhood Systems Coordinator and the rest of the Child Care Resources team at BPFC, especially as North Carolina Partnership for Children rolled out funds to cover the initial cost for enrollment in the Wonderschool platform. This shared service was adopted by 8/14 BC FCCHs and we plan to offer it to all new providers. This opportunity has strengthened our planned work both with existing FCCH providers and recruitment efforts.

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Progress toward annual goals

Measure	Annual Goal	Actual Results (Enter Data) Please only include new data for the specific quarter				Progress toward Annual Goal
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
# of prospective FCCH providers receiving technical assistance services	8	2	2			4
# of prospective FCCH providers attending DCDEE pre-licensing workshops	4	0	1			1
# new FCCH providers that receive start-up grant funds to become licensed providers	2	1	1			2
# of newly licensed FCCH providers	4	1	0			1
# of newly licensed FCCH slots created	20	8	0			8
% of current FCCH providers maintained	100%	100%	100%			200%
% of newly licensed FCCHs that enroll in the Child Care Subsidy Program	100%	100%	x			100%
% of newly licensed FCCHs that enroll in a shared services program	80%	0%	100%			100%

Comments:

TA has continued with Q1 providers as well as adding additional providers. Licensing work with DCDEE has been slower than usual due to COVID. A Sense of Wonder (licensed in Q1) enrolled in shared services in Q2. Additional recruitment efforts and information sessions for interested individuals are planned to begin in early Q3.

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Use of funds to date and any budget considerations

Spending Category	Starting Budget	Total Spending (Enter Data)				Amount Remaining
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
Personnel	\$ 11,231	\$ 2,891	3,073.18			\$ 5,266
Travel/Training	\$ 200		-			\$ 200
Technology						\$ -
Curriculum/Assessments						\$ -
Licensing/Dues						\$ -
Nutrition						\$ -
Transportation						\$ -
Supplies/Materials	\$ 390		-			\$ 390
Building Maintenance/Repair	\$ 175	\$ 19	21.99			\$ 134
Rent/Occupancy/Utilities	\$ 686	\$ 162	161.86			\$ 362
Furniture						\$ -
Playground/Outdoor space						\$ -
Printing/Marketing/Website/Postage	\$ 2,000					\$ 2,000
Admin Expenses (Legal, Accounting, Insurance,						\$ -
Other (Stipends)	\$ 1,200		76.50			\$ 1,124
Total	\$ 15,882	\$ 3,073	\$ 3,334	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,475

Comments: