

# FY2024 Buncombe County Early Childhood Grant Report

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| <b>Project Name:</b>                     | Blazing Trails: Early Childhood Collegiate Support Program |   |
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## Narrative summary of grant related activities

Please provide a brief summary (no more than 1500 characters). You may attach supplemental documents if needed.

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| <b>Quarter 1</b> | <p>Erin DeBruyn was hired as a full-time faculty member and began work in August. This Fall, she is teaching 2 sections of EDU 119 and 2 courses in our certificate programs.</p> <p>We revised 4 courses in the Early Childhood Certificate with input or resources from SCRIPT-NC and STEMIE at the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute. EDU 119, EDU 144, and EDU 145 are using new Open Educational Resources as textbooks, and EDU 146 is utilizing Conscious Discipline: Building Resilient Classrooms. Our goal was to revise 3 courses; we are excited to exceed that goal already. We are working with SCRIPT-NC to revise EDU 221 for Spring.</p> <p>Beth Pokorski attended the Early Childhood Leadership Academy and a six hour training on Understanding Inequities in Early Childhood. Faculty met to discuss professional development on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging. Our next session will be Building Equity in ECE Settings.</p> <p>Outreach and enrollment is a huge success! Faculty participated in a total of 18 outreach events, including meetings with Transformation Village, Verner Center for Early Learning, Eliada Child Development Center, Children First/CIS, Buncombe Partnership for Children, and Smart Start Partnership for Children. We are working closely with Caitlin Johnson, EC Workforce Coordinator for Buncombe County Schools. We had a table at the Erwin High School Career Fair and spoke to ~50 potential students. In October, we will host students in EC classes at both North Buncombe and Erwin High Schools. Students will tour campus, participate in a hands-on learning activity, and hear about certificates, degrees, and scholarship opportunities.</p> <p>We are thrilled to have over 40 students enrolled in our Fall sections of EDU 119, including 20 cohort students.</p> |
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| <b>Quarter 2</b> | <p>Outreach and enrollment went extremely well in the second quarter! In October, students from North Buncombe High and Erwin High visited our department for a presentation on our program and available funding. Beth Pokorski and Erin DeBruyn met with Brad Barnhart, Vice President of Operations at Verner Center for Early Learning to discuss supporting their teachers, and they met with teachers at Burton Center Head Start. In November, Beth and Erin met with teachers at The Academy of Asheville, and Beth gave a presentation to 40 residents at Transformation Village. We updated our recruiting flyer with the help of the AB Tech Community Relations and Marketing Department and sent emails to almost 70 child care centers and community organizations about Spring 2024 registration and enrollment. As a result, we had 24 students sign contracts to start our new Spring Early Childhood Certificate Cohort, which will be meeting on Thursday evenings with Erin. Erin's cohort will take the 6-week Orientation Course and EDU 119 in-person. Beth's Wednesday evening cohort will continue from the Fall, and those students will take EDU 151 and EDU 280 in-person. We received outstanding student feedback on our updated EDU 146 course. The students loved our new textbook and the accompanying online book portal and felt that all of the examples were applicable to their classrooms and the behaviors they see on a daily basis.</p> |
| <b>Quarter 3</b> |   |

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## Progress toward annual goals

|  |             | Actual Results (Enter Data)<br>Please only include new data for the specific quarter |           |           |           | Progress toward Annual Goal |
|--|-------------|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| Measure  | Annual Goal | Quarter 1  | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 |                             |
| # of unduplicated enrollment numbers               | 130         |  | 88        |           |           | 88                          |
| # of students who successfully complete EDU119     | 76          |  | 39        |           |           | 39                          |
| # of students who completed Certificate and Degree | 19          |  | 8         |           |           | 8                           |

### Comments:

This data reflects Fall 2024 numbers for all measures.



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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                                     | \$ 100,838      | \$ 18,223                   | \$ 24,184 |           |           | \$ 58,431        |
| Travel/Training                               | \$ 2,400        |                             |           |           |           | \$ 2,400         |
| Technology                                    |                 |                             |           |           |           | \$ -             |
| Curriculum/Assessments                        |                 |                             |           |           |           | \$ -             |
| Licensing/Dues                                |                 |                             |           |           |           | \$ -             |
| Nutrition                                     |                 |                             |           |           |           | \$ -             |
| Transportation                                |                 |                             |           |           |           | \$ -             |
| Supplies/Materials                            | \$ 2,400        |                             | \$ 2,195  |           |           | \$ 205           |
| Building Maintenance/Repair                   |                 |                             |           |           |           | \$ -             |
| Rent/Occupancy/Utilities                      |                 |                             |           |           |           | \$ -             |
| Furniture                                     |                 |                             |           |           |           | \$ -             |
| Playground/Outdoor space                      |                 |                             |           |           |           | \$ -             |
| Printing/Marketing/Website/Postage            | \$ 2,400        |                             | \$ 495    |           |           | \$ 1,905         |
| Admin Expenses (Legal, Accounting, Insurance, | \$ 12,004       | \$ 1,822                    | \$ 2,687  | \$ -      | \$ -      | \$ 7,494         |
| Other (Student Scholarships)                  |                 |                             |           |           |           | \$ -             |
| Total   | \$ 120,042      | \$ 20,045                   | \$ 29,561 | \$ -      | \$ -      | \$ 70,436        |

**Comments:**