

FY2025 Buncombe County Early Childhood Grant Report

Organization Name:	FIRSTwnc	
Project Name:	Expanding SUNSHINE Project: Access, Inclusion, and Therapeutic Initiatives	
Reporting Quarter: (Check one)		Quarter 1 (July 1, 2024 - September 30, 2024)
	X	Quarter 2 (October 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024)
		Quarter 3 (January 1, 2025 - March 31, 2025)
		Quarter 4 (April 1, 2025 - June 30, 2025)

Narrative summary of grant related activities

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

Quarter 1	Therapeutic interns are collaborating with three centers—Children's Center of WNC, JCC, and Christine Avery—to provide play-based therapy. Meanwhile, consultants focus on assisting programs in creating welcoming and inclusive classroom environments by coaching teachers and utilizing materials in both English and Spanish. We also provide culturally relevant books and activities to support this effort. Recently, we held a training session at Evolve, guiding educators on how to use visuals to meet the differing abilities of students, ensuring more inclusive teaching practices.
Quarter 2	Consultants continued to work closely with educators and directors to enhance classroom inclusivity by providing coaching and materials in both English and Spanish tailored to desired outcomes. Clinical interns continue to support children through play-based therapeutic support, providing essential services to promote emotional well-being. Consultants provided visual aids to the centers and further developed a yearly resource calendar featuring culturally diverse activities, such as Day of the Dead celebrations. These resources, paired with articles and tools, aim to deepen educators' understanding and implementation of inclusive teaching practices. In the middle of this quarter, Hurricane Helene significantly disrupted our efforts and the operations of partnering centers, temporarily halting some initiatives. Despite these challenges, we followed up on our Evolve training, ensuring educators effectively use visuals to address students' differing abilities. Our ongoing initiatives continue to promote welcoming and inclusive learning environments across all centers, adapting to unforeseen circumstances to maintain our impact.

Quarter 3

Quarter 4

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Progress toward annual goals

Only include new, unduplicated data for each quarter

		Actual Results (Enter Data)				
		Please only include new data for the specific quarter				
Measure	Annual Goal	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	toward
Number of programs receiving SUNSHINE Project Expansion services	15	7	4			11
Number of classrooms assisted	20	9	5			14
Number of children and caregivers represented, valued and honored	250	93	80			173
Percent improvement in areas of need as demonstrated by the data from the clinical interns using SEAM	80%		90%			90%
Percent improvement in the areas of need as demonstrated by the TPOT and TPITOS	85%		100%			100%

Comments:

We will report the SEAM and TPOT/TPITOS data in the 2nd and 4th quarter.

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Use of funds to date and any budget considerations

Any budget changes of more than 10% to any line item must be approved by County staff in writing in advance.

Spending Category	Budget	Total Spending (Enter Data)				Remaining
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
Personnel	\$ 91,364.00	\$ 25,761.63	\$ 23,096.07			\$ 42,506.30
Administrative	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 334.55	\$ 307.78			\$ 2,857.67
Office Supplies	\$ 1,644.00	\$ 22.04	\$ 29.43			\$ 1,592.53
Materials for Classrooms, Parents, Teachers	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 361.30	\$ 161.89			\$ 3,976.81
Staff Travel	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 627.29	\$ 296.96			\$ 2,075.75
Staff Training	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 498.95	\$ 1,469.58			\$ 31.47
Office Rent & Utilities	\$ 3,204.00	\$ 963.10	\$ 953.35			\$ 1,287.55
Technology for new staff	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -				\$ 1,500.00
Stipends for Interns & Contracted Liaisons	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 7,500.00			\$ -
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Total	\$ 120,712.00	\$ 31,068.86	\$ 33,815.06	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55,828.08

Comments: