

# Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Chatham County Partnership for Children is made up of a group of community members who are committed to assuring that children are healthy, safe, and developmentally prepared to succeed in school.

[Smart Start](#) legislation mandates that key community leaders "come to the table." Board members represent county government, human service agencies, religious and business communities, and families.

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# 2015 Annual Report

Chatham County Partnership for Children

## Investing in Futures, Investing in Children



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# Welcome

## Investing in Futures, Investing in Children

Early childhood matters. Experiences during this crucial time shape the structure of the brain and influence the future of the child. Today's children will become our future leaders, teachers, parents, and community members. As adults, it is our place to make sure that they have the opportunity to reach their fullest potential.

In 1994, the Chatham County Partnership for Children began promoting opportunities for all children in Chatham County to *grow up safe, healthy, and able to succeed*. We work with our community partners to nurture North Carolina's investments in young children through our quality programs, Smart Start and NC Pre-K.

A study at Duke University showed that counties that received funding for NC Pre-K and Smart Start programs had children with higher math and reading scores. Combined, these two initiatives reduced the likelihood of children needing special education placements in the third grade by 39%. This lowers the amount of students receiving specialized programs and increases the cost savings to the state and to tax payers. Not to mention, improving how children feel about their future academic success. Now, that is a return on investment.

We are pleased to present this report and hope you will take a few moments to review it and share in our celebration of the impact of our programs in Chatham County. Making an investment in the children of Chatham County is a smart investment for the future!

-Wilton Brown, Board Chair

- Genevieve Megginson, Executive Director



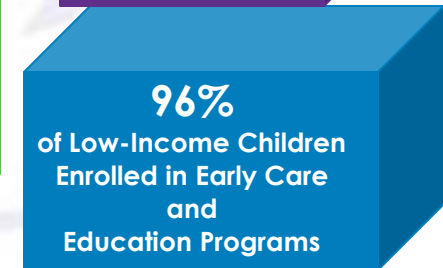
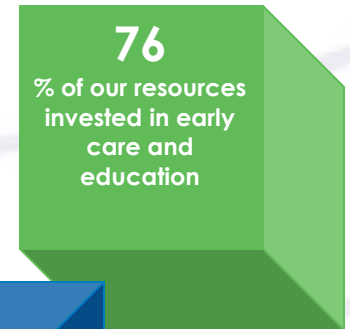
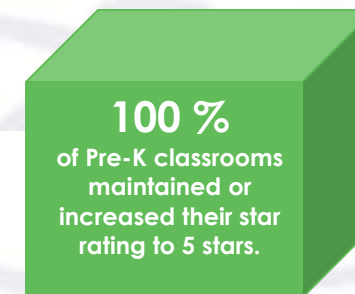
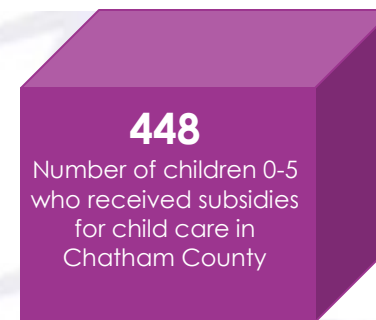
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Wilton Brown

# High Quality Early Education Matters

**High quality early education that focuses on children's early learning skills, social, and emotional growth is an essential investment in our children, families, and community.**



**There are only 2,000 days from the time a child is born to when that child begins kindergarten.**

To see the video, visit our website at [www.chathamkids.org](http://www.chathamkids.org).



# Financial Statement

For fiscal year ending June 30, 2014:

## Income and Expenses

### Revenues:

State, Federal, & Local Government	\$ 1,866,586
Private Contributions & Grants	\$ 21,376
Other income	\$ 2,925
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 1,890,887</b>

### Expenses:

#### Program Services:

Child Care and Education Quality	\$ 158,136
Family Support	\$ 125,476
Child Health and Safety	\$ 150,634
Program Services-NC Pre-K	\$ 1,276,658
Program Coordination & Evaluation	\$ 62,985
Management and General	\$ 115,639

Fundraising & Other expenses	\$ 1,583
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,891,111</b>

*“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”*

**Benjamin Franklin**



# Our Mission

***The Partnership promotes opportunities for all our young children to grow up safe, healthy, and able to succeed. In collaboration with our community partners, we plan, fund, and implement quality early childhood education, health, and family support initiatives.***



# Smart Start

Smart Start was created in 1993 as an innovative solution to a problem: Children were coming to school unprepared to learn. Policymakers recognized that progress would require tapping into the same innovative spirit that inspired private sector advances, and therefore, established Smart Start as a public/private partnership. Independent, private organizations work in all 100 North Carolina counties through The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., and 77 Local Partnerships. The power of Smart Start is that it delivers outcomes by giving communities local control to determine the best approach to achieving them.



## **Our latest results...**

**92%** of children receiving subsidies were enrolled in 4 & 5 star programs

**98%** of children with special needs receiving subsidy were enrolled in 4 & 5 star rated programs

**85%** of children in child care have teachers who have college level Early Childhood classes

**100%** of child care teachers and home providers who received a salary supplement stayed in their job for the entire school year

## **LAST YEAR. . .**

**4** medical practices serving **1765 children** received training on the screening and referral to community resources for children with special needs

**7.2%** of the total 3 to 5 year old population were identified and received special education services for children with or at risk for special needs


**49** children received consultation and social-emotional support at their child care program

**31** Child Care teachers received on-site consultation and instruction to enhance their knowledge of the social and emotional needs of young children





# NC Pre-K



The NC Pre-K Program provides four year-old children, who meet the eligibility requirements, the opportunity to attend an excellent preschool program. Children attend a full school day and full school year in a classroom that meets the high quality state standards. Here, they experience structure, an evidence-based curriculum, and teachers who have a license with certification for birth to Kindergarten all with the goal to improve their readiness for school. Through support from the Chatham County Partnership for Children, NC Pre-K classrooms are available throughout Chatham County in select public schools and in licensed child care centers.

75% of the children achieved the highest level, Step III, on the preschool curriculum assessment at year-end.



## Shape NC

Shape NC is a statewide, early childhood effort to improve healthy development by increasing physical activity, improving nutrition, and increasing healthy weights among children attending child care. Shape NC is funded by Chatham Smart Start and the Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation of North Carolina in partnership with the NC Partnership for Children. In Chatham County, the program is available in five child care centers reaching 180 children in 2014.

For more information on the Shape NC program and for resources, please visit our website at <http://chathamkids.org/shapenc.html>



# Raising a Reader

**Raising A Reader** is an evidence based early literacy program offered by a national nonprofit organization to local agencies. The Raising A Reader program understands that caregivers are one of the biggest influences on a child's success. Teachers, parents and caregivers are trained on specific reading techniques to help increase brain development in children birth to age five through an interactive way of reading. This increases the engagement between the child and caregiver by sharing this experience together and establishing it as a routine. Raising A Reader provides bright red bags filled with award winning books on a weekly basis for the children to take home. The books are read and returned in the red tote bags and exchanged for more books. Through the program, families are also linked to their local public library. At the conclusion of the program, children receive a blue library bag to keep and continue the practice of borrowing books.



## Staff and Volunteers

**Genevieve R. Megginson** - Executive Director

**Marianne Nicholson** - NC Pre-K Coordinator

**Lexie Wolf** - Shape NC Coordinator

**Lindsay Owen** - Finance Coordinator

**Teresa Wright** - Administrative Assistant

**Alicia Vorholt** - Smart Start Program Coordinator

**Denise Rossi** - Raising a Reader Coordinator

**Barbara Burton** - Raising a Reader Co-Coordinator

