

Early Childhood Development Focus Area Grant History

FY 2019

Blue Ridge Partnership for Children was awarded \$70,000 over two years to advance the initial accomplishments of the Yancey Alliance for Young Children, a collective impact initiative.

Children First/Communities in Schools of Buncombe County was awarded \$99,800 over two years to expand and support the Western North Carolina Early Childhood Coalition.

United Way of Transylvania County was awarded \$47,120 for the Community Playgroups Mobile Resource Unit project, which will benefit underserved children ages 0-5 in Transylvania County.

YWCA of Asheville and WNC was awarded \$50,000 for assistance in renovating its kitchen and upgrading one of its playgrounds to serve 42 additional children in its Early Learning Program, and to increase the number of people served at its monthly Community Dinners.

FY 2018

Buncombe Partnership for Children was awarded \$50,000 for Phase 3 of its project to develop and implement a county-wide plan for expanding high-quality, accessible and affordable preschool for three- and four-year-olds.

Children & Family Resource Center of Henderson County was awarded \$7,500 to engage HunterKemper Consulting to assist in creating a strategic plan for 2019-2022, including enhanced fundraising planning and development of long-term financial plans.

Community Action Opportunities was awarded \$99,500 to enhance the social-emotional competence skills of more than 530 preschool-age children in 27 Head Start classrooms.

Southwestern Child Development Commission was awarded \$150,000 over three years to fund the Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) program to serve low-income, first-time mothers.

Verner Center for Early Learning was awarded \$7,500 to engage Walker Wilson Consulting to assist with planning for its Executive Director transition, and to increase its capacity to achieve its mission under new leadership.

FY 2017

Buncombe Partnership for Children was awarded \$30,000 for consulting costs to support a county-wide plan to ensure that high-quality, accessible and affordable preschool is available to all three- and four-year-olds.

Smart Start of Henderson County was awarded \$8,000 to engage HunterKemper Consulting to assist in developing a three-year strategic plan, along with a plan for implementation.

Smart Start of Transylvania County was awarded \$100,000 over two years to partner with United Way of Transylvania to implement the Smartly United Early Childhood Collective, a collective impact model for addressing early childhood opportunities in Transylvania County to raise quality of care and improve outcomes for children.

Southwestern Child Development Commission was awarded \$75,000 to educate and engage stakeholders about improving access to quality, affordable early childhood education in WNC. Funds will be shared with four organizations: Children First/Communities In Schools of Buncombe Co., Verner Center for Early Learning, Children & Family Resource Center of Henderson Co. and Pisgah Legal Services.

FY 2016

Blue Ridge Partnership for Children was awarded \$96,000 over two years to implement the Yancey Early Childhood Initiative (YECI), a collective impact model for addressing early childhood issues in Yancey County. Funds will be used to support salary, benefits, and related program costs for a Program Manager.

YWCA of Asheville and WNC was awarded \$35,000 to support development and implementation of a parent-led childcare partnership program to support the needs of A-B Tech students. Funds will be used to help YWCA with required renovation costs; purchasing cribs, high chairs, gates, and toys; and performing initial research, marketing, and documentation of the process to create a toolkit for replication in other areas of WNC.

FY 2015

Mitchell-Yancey Partnership for Children was awarded \$10,000 for the Yancey Early Childhood Initiative (YECI), which identifies barriers to young children's ability to realize their potential in Yancey County, and builds community-wide collaboration to improve access to services for children and their families.

Mountain Area Health Education Center, Inc. (MAHEC) was awarded \$10,000 to support the 2015 Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Southeastern Summit in order to offer new strategies affecting healthcare, education, law and mental health in WNC.

Reach Out and Read Carolinas was awarded \$15,000 to provide early childhood literacy services to the new Mission Children's Health Clinic in Bryson City, which will serve 500 children.

Region A Partnership for Children was awarded \$29,970 to develop a satellite office in the far western counties of the region to significantly improve its outreach to families in its service area.

Southwestern Child Development Commission was awarded \$75,000 for Year 3 of the WNC Early Childhood Coalition's work to improve access to quality, affordable early childhood education in WNC.

FY 2014

Buncombe County Partnership for Children was awarded \$54,460 to fund a study to further understand the needs of children not enrolled in licensed care in WNC. The data will be used by public agencies and nonprofits to guide decisions regarding program direction and delivery.

Southwestern Child Development Commission was awarded \$75,000 for Year 2 of the WNC Early Childhood Coalition's work to improve access to quality, affordable early childhood education in WNC.

Southwestern Child Development Commission was awarded \$150,000 over three years to establish a Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) program to serve low-income, Medicaid-eligible first-time mothers in

Haywood, Jackson, Macon and Swain counties. The Brown Family Fund, the Wasson-Stowe Charitable Fund and the MAC Mountain Fund partnered with CFWNC to fund this grant. Significant funding was also provided by the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust, The Evergreen Foundation and the NC Department of Health and Human Services.

FY 2013

Region A Partnership for Children was awarded \$75,000 to expand the evidence-based Parents as Teachers program in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon and Swain counties. The Partnership administers North Carolina's Smart Start and NC Pre-K initiatives in the seven westernmost counties and on the Qualla Boundary.

Southwestern Child Development Commission was awarded \$75,000 for Year 1 of the WNC Early Childhood Coalition's work to educate and engage stakeholders with the goal of improving access to quality, affordable early childhood care and education by changing public policies related to the NC Subsidized Child Care Program.

FY 2012

North Carolina Partnership for Children was awarded \$65,000 to develop Champions for Children among business and community leaders, and to advocate for public and private funding for early child care and education in WNC.

Reach Out and Read Carolinas was awarded \$25,000 to expand the program to an additional 3,500 children and their families who are living in poverty in Western North Carolina. The grant was made possible by generous co-investment from two CFWNC fundholders.