

Every child deserves a champion - an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection, and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be.

~ Rita Pierson, Educator



Advancing Children's  
Well-being

Strengthen the Early Care  
and Education System

Empowering Families



# Fiscal Accountability

Cumberland County, North Carolina

Local Partnership

Federal funds

Private funds

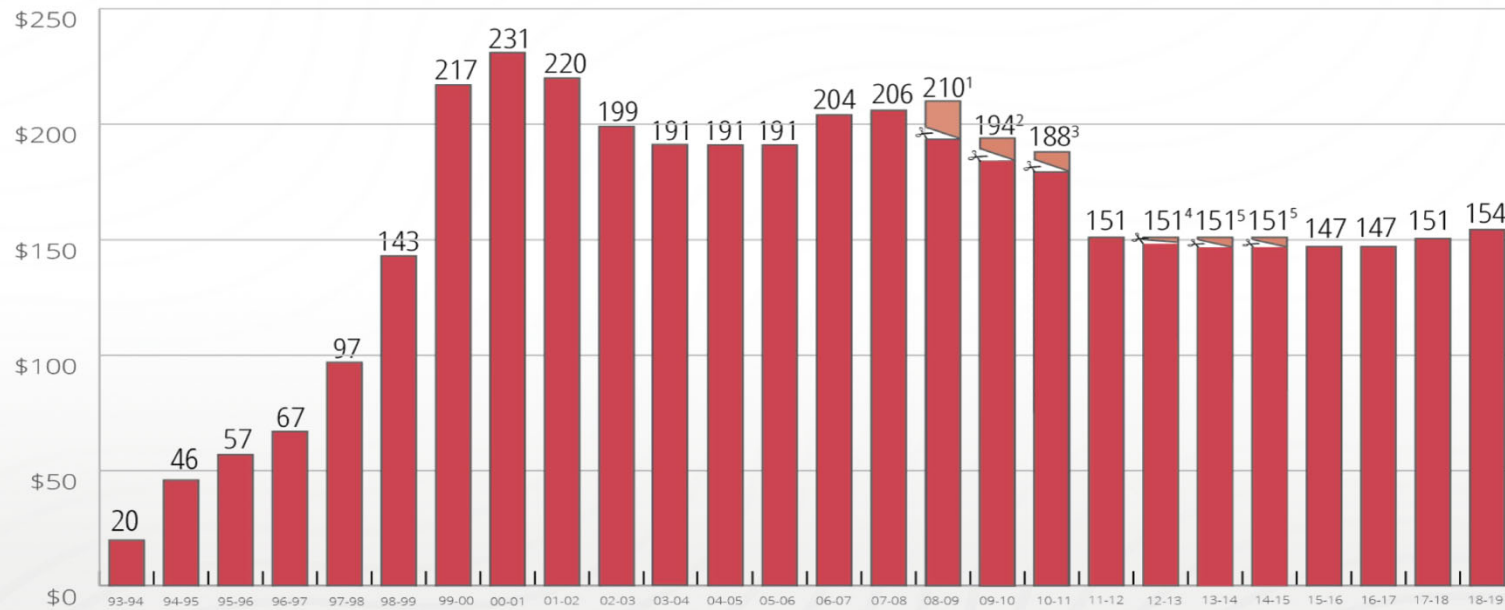
Smart Start state funds

Local government funds

Other state funds (NC Pre-K)

NORTH CAROLINA  
NC Pre-K  
Prekindergarten Program

# North Carolina Smart Start Allocation History



<sup>1</sup> One-time budget reduction of \$16M reduced available 08-09 budget to \$194M

<sup>2</sup> One-time budget reduction of \$7M reduced available 09-10 budget to \$187M

<sup>3</sup> One-time budget reduction of \$6M reduced available 10-11 budget to \$182M

<sup>4</sup> One-time budget reduction of \$1M reduced available 12-13 budget to \$150M

<sup>5</sup> Recurring budget reduction of \$3.7M reduced available 13-15 budget to \$147.3M

# COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS & IMPACTS

Investments in People





# WHY SERVICES ARE NEEDED



## OVERARCHING ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- High Birth Rate
- High Child Abuse and Neglect Rate
- Early Care and Education Reimbursements are not aligned
- Our Family Resource Center is a hub for services



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# CURRENT PRIORITIES

- Program/Services Support
- Provide Infrastructure Support
- Promote Sector Economic Stability



## Program/Services Support



# FAMILY CONNECTS

## NORTH CAROLINA Southeastern Region

a program of **Partnership for Children of Cumberland County**  
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# NEEDS AND CHALLENGES



Provide Infrastructure Support  
**FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**  
BUILDING RENOVATIONS





# FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

## BUILDING RENOVATIONS





Promote Sector Economic Stability

## NC PRE-K

### K i n d e r g a r t e n   R e a d i n e s s

By eighth grade, for children in counties with average funding, NC Pre-K has reduced the likelihood of placement into special education by over one third.

While in elementary school, children in cohorts with average state funding demonstrated higher test scores in reading and math, less grade retention, and fewer placements into special education, compared to children in cohorts with less or no funding.



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## Family Resource Center

- More than 20 agencies operating dozens of programs with more than 270 employees
- Prior to the pandemic, more than 17,000 visitors a year
- Provides a network of collaborative work that happens daily with public and private community agencies



## NC Pre-K

- Operates in 53 licensed centers throughout our community
- State funding only covers 61% of the costs
- Workforce compensation is a critical factor in stabilizing NC Pre-K and the overall child care system

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# THANK YOU

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