

**NC Pre-K Planning Committee/Board of Directors Meeting
(Hybrid Meeting)
Thursday, November 17, 2022
President's Report**

A. North Carolina Partnership for Children (NCPC) Updates / DCDEE Updates / Legislative Updates

1. NCPC

- Carry-forward funds will be submitted to NCPC for a contract amendment following today's Board meeting. We will be receiving a 4% increase in our MAC funding.
- NCPC has sent out **Pre- and Post-Elections Resources for Fall 2022**. These were sent out to Board and staff in a separate email.
- **State Expansion of Child Care Health Consultants** – The amendment on the Expansion grant for the No Cost extension through November 30, 2022 was executed. We are waiting for the contract extension for December 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 for the project.
- **Federal PDG Grant for Regional Pilots for Family Connects** – Waiting for next steps for contracting for the third year of funding. We have 2 more years of Community Foundation funding for the Community Alignment Specialist position. State level meetings are occurring around sustainability beyond the PDG funding for the Family Connects Pilot sites. **Data summary attached.**

2. DCDEE

- Child care programs should be looking at the option of the extension of the Stabilization grants for compensation supports for another year. The additional year is utilizing about \$150M in discretionary ARPA funding for this purpose.
- Anticipate late fall for guidance with a first of the year application release from DCDEE on the \$20M for NC Pre-K start-up, quality and capital expenses. We will share information as soon as it is available.
- **PDG B-5 Funding** – Notice of Funding Opportunities. The next round of funding will emphasize what are called bold investments in the ECE workforce, including through planning and implementation of compensation initiatives and developing pathways to licensure, credentialing, and degrees.
- **NC Pre-K**
 - a. We just received initial guidance for the new funding granted for rate increases for NC Pre-K in the legislative short session. Contract amendment guidance will be coming after Thanksgiving. This amendment will be for an additional 5% rate increase for private sites, CCS and Head Start.
 - b. State required **LETRs training** on literacy has started. Cumberland County is in Cohort 3 for this training. The Department of Public Instruction is the lead for this training. There will be funding for stipends or substitutes for teachers in private sites and Head Start. We expect an amendment and guidance on this funding late November to December.
 - c. Utilizing monthly NC Pre-K Directors meetings for work on NC Pre-K processes.

3. Local Level

- **Child Care Stakeholder Community Meeting** with local and state lawmakers, child care providers and other leaders and stakeholders was held November 9 from 11:00 am – noon at the Partnership. We had a great turnout. The group wants to continue meeting monthly. Due to the turnout on November 9, we will be looking at the meetings being at a larger venue to encourage participation. Information will be coming out for a December meeting. An evening meeting is being planned in January to also

engage families and teachers in the group.

- Workplace absences for child-care reasons rose to an all-time high in October (Bureau of Labor Statistics). RSV, COVID, Flu and the common cold are colliding with staffing shortages at schools and child cares. Child cares and schools are still short 384,000 workers.
4. **Federal Level** – The federal government is operating under a continuing resolution for operation until December 16. Bills to keep an eye on for potential funding for early childhood at the end of the year include the 2023 Farm Bill which covers SNAP benefits, the MIECHV reauthorization bill, National Defense Authorization Act which impacts military families, and some potential movement in the area of mental health services.

B. Grant Opportunities/Updates/RFPs

1. **City of Fayetteville ARPA funding** – Child care sites must be within Qualified Census Tract zip code areas in the City of Fayetteville. Application is open. DCDEE's continuation of Stabilization Grants for compensation will impact implementation of this proposal. Working with City for other potential options to assist the workforce with this funding. Working on an expanded Scope of Work to be added to the contract to have additional options to support the workforce.

C. PFC Updates & Highlights

1. **Position openings posted: website link** (<https://www.indeed.com/cmp/Partnership-For-Children-of-Cumberland-County>). Please go to our website for new postings and share opportunities. There are programmatic postings.
2. **Welcome** –Wakenia George, Program Manager for Parent Education and Latasha Jenkins, MAC Coordinator started Monday, October 31.
3. **Farewell** – Ben Hughes, Visual Communications Designer and Brittany Sidbury, Provider Services Coach. We wish them well in their new opportunities. Ben will be taking an incredible opportunity as part of PWC's community relations team. Brittany will be drawing on her background and skillset as a teacher to return to the classroom, working with preschool-age exceptional children at Mary McArthur Elementary School.
4. We continue to monitor federal, state and local health and safety guidelines for any recommendations and compliance guidelines related to COVID-19. Enhanced cleaning and hand sanitizer stations are available as are masks upon request.
5. **Infrastructure Project:** We are working with Fleming & Associates on Phase 2 of the project. Shop drawings have been submitted and are waiting for required revisions and updates from the contractor. In addition, we have received most of the required documentation for the project. Our **Cannon Foundation site visit was on November 2**. Attached is a photo montage presented during the site visit. Recent contact from the Cannon Foundation has moved our application to the next grant cycle (January/February) in order to check the status of the construction project starting. Met with Wendy Smith with First Bank to extend interest only payment for the construction loan for twelve months. Paperwork will be completed after Thanksgiving.

D. Events/Community Outreach

1. **Board and Committee Meetings:** Meetings are being offered in a hybrid format and in-person. Please refer to your meeting invites for the format of the particular meeting.
2. **All Staff Meetings:** Monthly meetings are offered in a hybrid format with increased offerings of in-person meetings.
3. **Tenant Meetings:** The November 15th quarterly meeting was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. The in-person tenant meeting has been moved to the already scheduled February 21 meeting time.
4. **Drive-Through Truckload of Hope Diaper Bank: December 10** from 8:30-10:30 am. Volunteers needed. Contact Daniele Malvesti (dmalvesti@ccpfc.org) if you can assist. We continue to be in conversations with the Diaper Bank of NC about additional options for the Diaper Bank in Cumberland County.
5. **United Way Campaign – The campaign concluded November 16. The staff contributed \$6,650 to United Way.** Our Annual Food Drive for Fayetteville Urban Ministry ended on November 10. Staff contributed 690 items to the food drive. Food items were delivered to Fayetteville Urban Ministry on November 14 to be available for their Thanksgiving meal distribution. Staff also volunteered for Meals on Wheels October 17-21.
6. **The Soiree – March 24, 2023 at the Crown Expo Center.** The doors will open at 6:00 pm.

Family Connects, North Carolina Southeastern Region

Data verified through July, 2022 by Family Connects International

	Program Start Date 10/4/2021	10/4/2021 - 7/31/2022	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	10/4/2021 - 10/31/2022
BIRTH DATA						
Total Births	0	2925	350	321	319	3915
Eligible*	0	2490	301	282	276	3349
Not Eligible	0	435	49	39	43	566

CASE STATUS BY DELIVER DATE

Scheduled	0	1793	226	180	186	2385
Scheduling Rate - 75% Goal	0%	72%	72%			72%
Decline	0	281	23	20	22	346
Decline Rate	0%	11%	8%	7%	8%	10%
Completed	0	1043	140	103	72	1358
Completion Rate - 80% Goal	0%	59%	61%			59%
Pending (Changes daily)	0	0	21	82	64	167
Pending Rate - Goal 0%	0%	0%	7%	29%	23%	1%
Unable to Contact - Closed	0	729	45	50	186	1010
Unable To Contact Rate	0%	30%	15%	18%	67%	29%
Population Reach - 60% Goal	0%	42%	44%			42%

COMPLETED VISITS

County of Residency						
Cumberland - 56% Goal	0%	86%	83%	88%	86%	86%
Hoke - 28% Goal	0%	9%	13%	9%	8%	9%
Robeson - 16% Goal	0%	5%	4%	3%	6%	5%

These numbers change daily. Goal is to have 0 in Pending and keep Unable to Contact as low as possible.

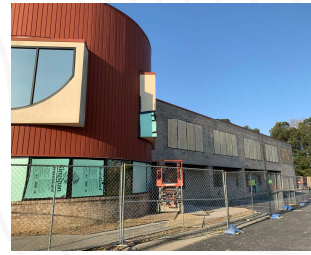
These numbers are provided by Family Connects International usually about 60 days after end of month.



BUILDING SIDE VIEW BEFORE DAMAGE



**NORTH-SIDE WINDOW REMOVAL,
SECOND FLOOR**



**NORTH SIDE WINDOWS
ENTIRELY REMOVED,
SECOND FLOOR**

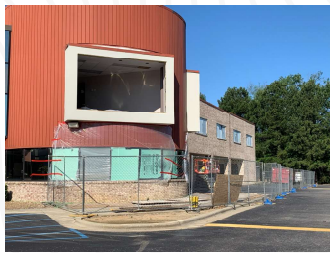


INTERIOR WINDOW REMOVED BEFORE REPAIR

**SAMPLE OF DAMAGE DESCRIBED
IN THE ENGINEER'S REPORT**



**RIGHT ROUND WINDOW
ABOVE LIBRARY**



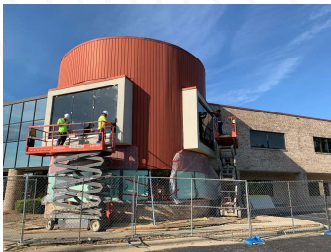
**RIGHT ROUND WINDOW
INITIAL SQUARING FOR REPAIRS**



RIGHT ROUND WINDOW GOING IN



**RIGHT ROUND
WINDOW INSTALLED**



**BOTH RIGHT ROUND
WINDOWS INSTALLED**



**2ND FLOOR INTERIOR
WINDOW REPLACEMENT COMPLETED**



**SAMPLE CARPET REMOVAL
IN PRESIDENT'S SUITE**



**FRONT ENTRANCE COMPARISON
SHOWS REPAIRED ROUND WINDOW AREA (R)**

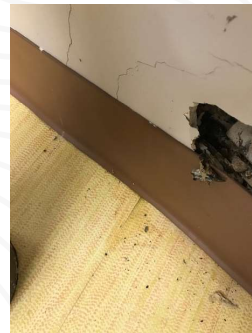
**AND MOST OF PHASE II PROJECT
2ND AND 3RD ROUND WINDOWS,
PLUS WINDOW CURTAIN WALL (L)**



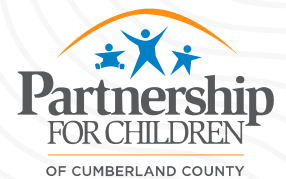
LIBRARY LEAK AND MOLD



LIBRARY LEAK



**LIBRARY MOLD
CLOSE-UP**



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