

President's Report
NC Pre-K Planning Committee & Board of Directors Meeting
Charles Morris Room/Hybrid
Thursday, August 24, 2023

A. NCPC/DCDEE Updates / Legislative Updates

1. NCPC

- **NCPC Contract Executed**

1. **DSP (Direct Service Providers) Contracts executed.**
2. Allocation RFP cycle for Cumberland County proposals for FY25-27: **Mandatory Bidders Meeting September 20.** Two information sessions were held in July. Contact Pamela Federline (pfederline@ccpfc.org) for additional information.

2. DCDEE

- **NC Pre-K Contract executed.**

- a. **Subcontracts for service providers in process.**
 - b. **Request to DCDEE for an advance has been submitted.** There were errors in the Fiscal Status Report workbook received from DCDEE delaying our requests for the advance and July administrative expenditures.
- **Region 5** – Precontracting and budgets for our CORE, BTQI (Infant Toddler services) and HSB (Healthy Social Behavior) contracts have been submitted. We have received information on a new contract for Family Child Care Homes under the Region. Personnel and budget information going through committees and board in August.

3. State Level

- The state budget has not passed. No action is expected until after Labor Day.

4. Federal Level

- **FY 24 Appropriations Process – Short timeline, different goals. If all appropriation bills are not finished by October 1, across the board cut of 1 percent. There is the possibility of a Shutdown or continuing resolution budgets.**
 - a. House of Representatives – Level funded CCDBG, Cut Head Start and Early Head Start by \$750M, eliminate the Child Care Access Means Parents in School Program (CCAMPIS), Preschool Development Grants Program and the Women's Bureau.
 - b. Senate – bipartisan support to move all appropriations bills with increases for CCDBG, Head Start, IDEA Part C (Infants and Toddlers), and CCAMPIS
- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has proposed improvements to child care provider payment rates and practices to increase parental choice for child care arrangements and help stabilize operations for participating providers. Under proposed rules published this month, payments for child care by certain low-income families would be capped at no more than 7% of family income under the Child Care & Development Block Grant (CCDBG) program. **Public comment runs through August 28.**
 - a. Instructions: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/07/13/2023-14290/improving-child-care-access-affordability-and-stability-in-the-child-care-and-development-fund-ccdf>
 - b. Submit comment: <https://www.regulations.gov/commenton/ACF-2023-0003-0001>

B. Grant Opportunities/Updates/RFPs

1. City of Fayetteville ARPA grant – MOUs with providers are in development.
2. Cumberland County Revised Nonprofit Fiscal Recovery Assistance Program – Funds were directed to support the Family Connects program. Contracting has started and we are waiting for additional information.

C. Events/Community Outreach

1. **Community Choice Awards** – we won for Best Nonprofit! Thanks to everyone for your support. Brian Jones and Mary Sonnenberg were in attendance to accept the award. In addition, *Ebone Williams, Board Member and owner of Affinity Therapy Services* won for Best Speech Therapy/Pathology Center.
2. **Little Land Down on the Farm** – September 1-10 at the County Fair. Focused on activities for young children and their families. Contact Sharon Moyer (smoyer@ccpfc.org) if you want additional information.
3. **30th Anniversary for Partnership for Children of Cumberland County** – December 2023. The celebration will occur on Thursday, December 14 from 1:00-7:00 pm at the Partnership. More details to come. Contact Sharon Moyer if you want to be on the planning committee.
4. **Little Land Saturday, February 10, 2024 – Save the Date.**