

President's Report
NC Pre-K Planning Committee and Board of Directors
Charles Morris Room/ Hybrid
Thursday, October 31, 2024

A. NCPC/DCDEE Updates / Legislative Updates

1. NCPC

- This month's sample story is from 1st Quarter reporting to NCPC. See attached.
- NCPC is facilitating meetings with the CCR&R Council to discuss the CCR&R RFA that has been released by DCDEE. A network meeting was held with Executive Directors on October 29 to identify additional concerns and gather input from the network.
- The NC General Assembly allocated a \$10 million, nonrecurring appropriation to NC DHHS for NCPC to distribute to Smart Start Local Partnerships that serve counties in the Hurricane Helene FEMA disaster area. LPs can use the funds for affected child care centers and family child care homes to provide assistance in reopening and maintaining operations, including, but not limited to, cleaning, repairs, and relocating.

2. DCDEE

- **CCR&R RFA for Core services has been released. Proposals are due by January 7.** PFC staff attended the Pre-application session by DCDEE on October 24 along with other partners from across the state. Questions were due to DCDEE by October 24 and answers will be posted on the DCDEE website October 31. Letters of Intent to Apply are due by October 31 but are not required to respond to the RFA. The full proposal is on the DCDEE website under "What's New". The RFA has 4 regions designated (vs. the current 3). The map of the 4 regions is attached. The key request by participants on the October 24 information session was to delay the RFA due to the disaster status in the western part of the state, the implementation of the new QRIS guidelines and the significant change in the regions. There are many questions still to be answered regarding what a new CCR&R system would look like and the impact on the existing CCR&R Council and the Region leads in existence. A short turn-around of the RFA would not allow for the system changes that need to be put in place. PFC staff are staying abreast of the meetings and discussions around the RFA.
- **DCDEE sent out an announcement via email mid-afternoon Wednesday (October 30) that the CCR&R RFA for Core Services has been postponed and will be released at a later date.** Continued discussion and planning need to occur in anticipation of the RFA being released in the future. PFC will continue to be involved in the discussions around the CCR&R system.

3. State Level

- The General Assembly has passed state legislation for Hurricane Helene Disaster Relief assistance, for a total of \$877 million thus far. Governor Cooper released his comprehensive proposal for funding Hurricane Helene relief and recovery in western North Carolina. The General Assembly will reconvene in late November and could consider some parts of the Governor's proposal then, in another session in December, or in early 2025.
- Governor Cooper issued an executive order making several temporary changes to unemployment benefits during the Hurricane Helene state of emergency, which currently extends through March 1, 2025. These benefits include all nonprofit employees who have been affected by Hurricane Helene.

4. Federal Level

- Congress is currently in recess until mid-November. December 20, 2024 is the deadline to reach a deal on the FY 2025 appropriation bills.

B. Grant Opportunities/Updates/RFPs

- New scope and budget were submitted to the City of Fayetteville for the ARPA grant. Contracting for new scope and budget is with the City for their processes.
- The City of Fayetteville contract for the CDBG funds for Phase 3 of the Building Project has been executed to extend the contract through June 30, 2025.

C. Staff Updates

- **Whittney Krisch, Family Child Care Consultant, who started on on October 1 and Taylor Lawton, Program Support Specialist for Family Connects who started on October 8.**
- **Congratulations! to Carolin Hardy, who was promoted to the full-time Information Assistant role, effective October 26.**
- **In addition, Dottie Adams has made the decision, with our full support, to take over the current vacant MAC Coordinator role.** Her experience and expertise in MAC allows her to seamlessly take over the MAC position. We are working to fill the resulting vacant positions in the fiscal department with an eye on cross-training and succession planning.
- **Open positions are on the PFC website with a link to Indeed.** If you have any questions, please contact Anthony Ramos (aramos@ccpfc.org).
- **Lunch Plate Sale Fundraiser – September 26 was very successful and raised \$980. Thanks to everyone who participated.**

D. Events

- **Building Construction Status:** We are in the process of contracting for the vehicle accident repair project and completion of Phase 2 of the building renovations. We expect mobilization for the work to occur in the next week. Additional information on impact on parking and grounds will be sent out by Jeremy Julch.
- **NC Pre-K Let's Get Enrolled:** Please share the URL: [LetsGetEnrolled.com](https://letsgetenrolled.com). We are still taking applications for this school year. While many of our sites are full, some programs still have openings. Please continue to get the word out. **Believe it or not, we are already planning for the launch of applications for the 2025-2026 school year after the first of the year.** More details to come.
- **Kindness Awards:** There is limited space here for support, but if you would like to be part of the event by greeting guests as they arrive, please contact us at events@ccpfc.org. Event date is November 14 at 6:30 pm.
- **Giving Tuesday:** We are proud to be part of the Cumberland Community Foundation's Giving Tuesday event again this year. If you have not made your board donation, please do so between November 25 and December 4. The webpage, which is still in process, is ccpfc.org/givingtuesday. PLEASE keep an eye on our social media and share...share...share!
- **Barnes & Noble Book Drive:** begins on November 1. Please stop by Barnes and Noble and buy a book to donate to PFC. This is an important part of our outreach and literacy efforts.
- **Little Land: Big Play for Families:** We still need your support in seeking vendors and sponsors and spreading the word. Please visit ccpfc.org/littleland for downloadable images and vendor and sponsorship links. We have secured many of our return activities and are looking forward to the NC Zoo and PBS Rootle attending. Event date is February 15, 2025 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

1st Quarter – Provider Services – Networking & Community Resources

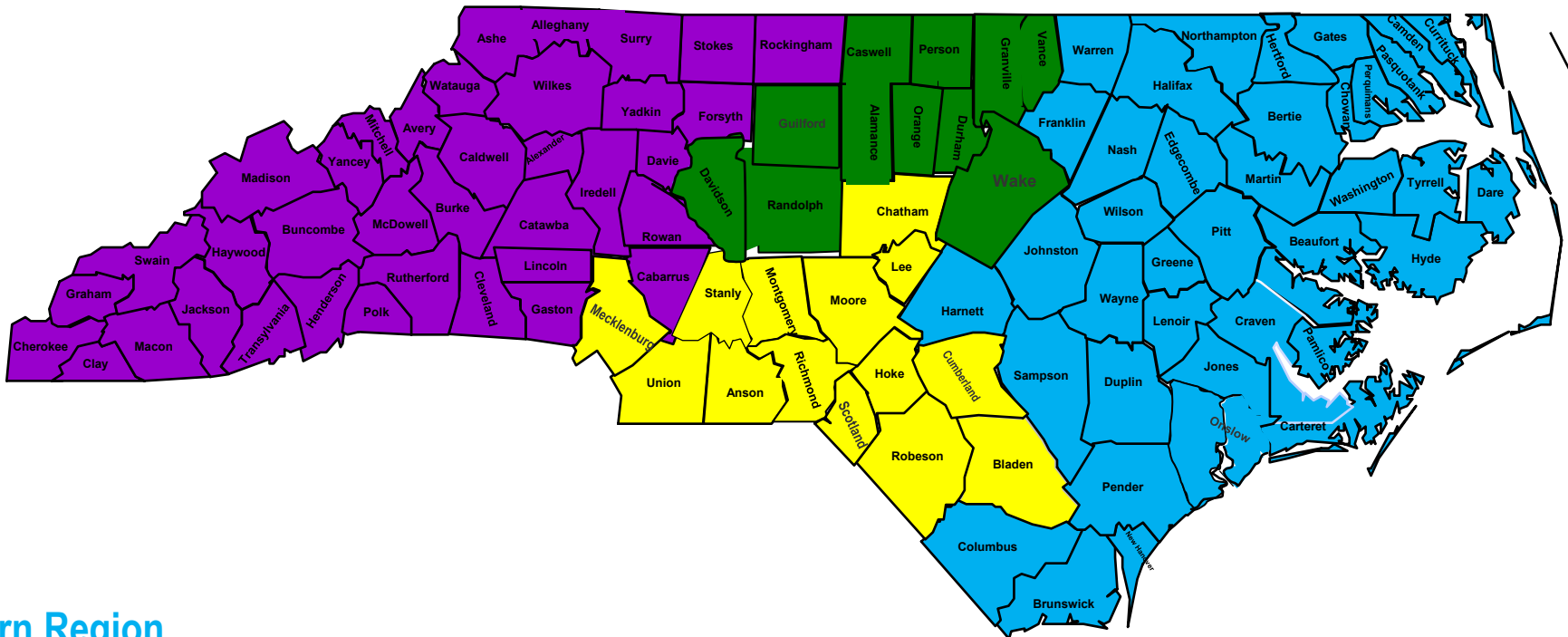
In quarter one, a provider came to the office seeking help with registering for trainings. As I was talking and walking her through how to register, she started to cry. She shared she was an emotional wreck. She was scheduled for a mental health appointment and the day of the appointment they cancelled the appointment and rescheduled her an appointment that was 30 days away. She also shared she had an upcoming medical procedure and was having trouble with her insurance covering the medical device she would need after her surgery. This provided me with the opportunity to assist her in another yet different way. I was that listening ear she needed. Because she shared this information with me I was able to connect her with the Better Health agency. I called the Better Health office and confirmed they had the medical equipment she would need after her surgery. After leaving my office, she was able to go there and speak with the lady I spoke with and got what she needed. Not only did she get what she was inquiring about but she was also able to get another piece of medical equipment she forgot she would need. She called back crying and thanked me for assisting her. She stated she was at her wits ends with going back and forth trying to find a business that accepted her insurance. I followed-up with the provider after her surgery. She again thanked me for caring and for helping her.

Because of the relationship we had formed, a few day later she emailed me asking if I knew of an agency that could assist her with her rent. I connected her with one of our Family Support caseworkers.

She came to our agency for help with registering for trainings in which she was able to register for. In addition, we were able to address some of her other concerns by connecting her with other community resources.

ATTACHMENT A

CCR&R Regional Services Map



Eastern Region

South Central Region

North Central Region

Western Region

Current Demographics by Region

Region	Counties	CC Program	Staff	Children Enrolled in Care
Eastern	38	1,127	10,092	55,012
South Central	14	1,298	10,099	56,390
North Central	11	1,109	12,010	64,939
Western	37	1,411	10,615	53,624