

CCR&R Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENDA

Quorum (33%) = 4 (Total Board Members = 14)

Thursday, June 5, 2025

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Charles Morris Conference Room

Be the driving force...

- I. **Welcome, Determination of Quorum, & Call to Order – Darlisha Warren, Chair**
- II. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. February 13, 2025*
- III. **President's Report – Mary Sonnenberg, President**
- IV. **Financial Updates – Carole Mangum, Grants Manager**
- V. **Neurodivergent Children Resource & Support Group Update – Julanda Jett, Vice President of Programs**
 - A. Workgroup scheduled for June 17th at 11:00 a.m. - Conference Room B
- VI. **Department Report & Matters for Discussion – Julanda Jett, Vice President of Programs**
 - A. FY25-26
 - Will members remain on the Committee for FY 25-26?
 - B. Department Updates:
 - Workforce Development
 - C. SOAR Community Coalition – **Wanda Wesley**
- VII. **Division Reports –**
 - A. Family Services
 - NC Pre-K – **Ar-Nita Davis, Programs Manager**
 - Consumer Education & Referral – **Sheila Rowe, Program Manager**
 - B. Provider Services
 - Kaleidoscope & Library – **Mary Welch, Program Manager**
 - Technical Assistance & Trainings – **Mary Welch, Program Manager**
 - Region 5 (B3QI, HSB, School-Age, FCC) – **Sheila Rowe, Program Manager**
- VIII. **Adjournment: Next Meeting is Thursday, September 11, 2025 at 9:00 am (in-person & hybrid)**

* Action Item



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MEMBERS PRESENT: Darlisha Warren, Angela Crosby, Cathy Everett, Iris Pierce, Wanda Wesley, & Desheka Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT: Patricia Eaton, Dr. Rondell Bennett, Dr. Alexia Blue-Wilson, Katherine (Katie) Lada, Tre’vone McNeill, Christopher Williams, Sherail Monroe, & Pretoria Pittman

NON-VOTING ATTENDEES: Mary Sonnenberg, Julanda Jett, Tamiko Colvin, Ar-Nita Davis, Sheila Rowe, Carole Mangum, Mary Welch, & Michelle Downey

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION & RECOMMENDATION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
I. Call to Order	Darlisha Warren, Chair, welcomed all attendees, determined that a quorum was met and called the meeting to order. The scheduled meeting of the CCR&R Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, February 13, 2025 and beginning at 9:05 am pursuant to prior written notice to each committee member. Tamiko Colvin was Secretary for the meeting and recorded the minutes.	Called to Order	None
II. Approval of Meeting Minutes	The minutes of the November 14, 2024 scheduled meeting were previously distributed and reviewed by the committee members. The Chair asked for corrections. Hearing none, the committee consented and the minutes were approved. Wanda Wesley & Angela Crosby motioned and approved.	Approved	None
III. President’s Report	Mary Sonnenberg, President, provided an overview of the Partnership’s President Report (report provided).	None	None
IV. Financial Updates	Carole Mangum, Grants Manager, provided an overview of the Financial Report for the Programs Department (report provided).	None	None
V. Update – Enhancing Resources & Support Systems for Neurodivergent Children with the Organization	Julanda Jett, Vice President of Programs, expressed the need to have various organizations from the community be represented in the workgroup. The workgroup is in addition to the committee to build upon resources within the community. The first meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 2025. Wanda Wesley & Desheka Williams are interest in joining the workgroup.	None	None



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<p>VI. Department Reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Welcomed New Committee MembersB. Department UpdatesC. SOAR Community CoalitionD. Bylaws Review & Recommendations - Discussion	<p>Julanda Jett, Vice President of Programs, provided a report for the Programs Department. The report included the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Welcomed New Committee Members:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Desheka Williams, owner of T.I.C, was present and introduced herself. She provided a brief overview of her christian-based organization and collaborations within the community.B. Department Updates:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Workforce Development Updates:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ We are throughly evaluating the recipients to ensure they meet the grant requirements.○ Marketing will take place shortly.○ Participants must live in the city of Fayetteville and be at least 18 years old.○ Participants cannot have any background in the early childhood field.○ Prior to the cohorts, participants must complete criminal & fingerprint background checks and TB testing.○ Mentorships – facilities must be within the city limits of Fayetteville and register with NC works.○ There will be one cohort with 15 participants○ A tentative plan has been created that will extend approximately two weeks. After all trainings & requirements are completed, participants will enter mentorship with selected local 3-5 star programs.○ Upon completion, participants will receive a certificate of completion, stipend, assistance with their portfolio, and purchase of uniform.○ Job fair will be held at the end of the cohort. The goal is to build & grow the early childhood field• CCR&R Bylaws (copied provided)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Members reviewed the attached Bylaws and asked for feedback.○ Mary Sonnenberg, President, provided additional upcoming changes, such as, quorum will change from 33% to 50%. The Board will make the final approval.	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>
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	<p>C. SOAR Community Coalition – Wanda Wesley provided the updates for S.OA.R. (Strengths in Overcoming Adversity thru Resiliency):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting is scheduled for February 13th at 3:00 pm at the Child Advocacy Center (222 Rowan Street). Faith Bromner is the new Chair. • Parent Café – Friday, March 7, 2025 at 9:00 am at the NC Pre-K office on Hillsboro Street (monthly). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Building on the 5 Protective Factors 		
<p>VII. Division Updates</p> <p>A. Family Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NC Pre-K • Consumer Education & Referral <p>B. Provider Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaleidoscope & Library • Technical Assistance & Training • Region 5 (B3QI, FCC, HSB, & School-Age) 	<p>A. Family Services: Ar-Nita Davis, Program Manager, gave the updates for NC Pre-K (report provided):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NC Pre-K App System Waitlist: under 60 • FY 25-26 NC Pre-K Progress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School Year Open Enrollment started January 22, 2025 ○ First round of placement will start March 17, 2025 ○ Over 500 application received • NC Pre-K 2024-2025 Site Monitoring Completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ October 31, 2024 – January 15, 2025 ○ Currently completing follow-up visits • DCDEE 2024-2025 Extensions Request for Teachers/Teacher Assistants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Due January 10, 2025 ○ For sites/classrooms – 168-day period exceeded ○ Total of 22 (20 LTSLT & 2 LTSTA) • NC Pre-K Program Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The NC Pre-K APP system has been updated with new values for the income tables per the attached document. The updated values will be used to calculate income eligibility. ○ The poverty percentage category for all child applications that enter for the 2025-26 NC Pre-K school year (information provided). ○ The Scorecard has also been updated with the new values and is ready to be printed for the child applications that are now entering the 2025-26 NC Pre-K school year. ○ The NC Pre-K Program Requirements and Guidance Manual, Section 3, will be updated with the revised Table 1 and Table 2 values for the upcoming NC Pre-K school year. 	None	None



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NC Pre-K Site Administrators’ Meeting – Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 12:00 pm (in-person)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Mary Mathis, from Cumberland Community Development Center (formerly Trinity), is retiring. She will be honored during this meeting. <p>Wanda Wesley added that signage is posted at all elementary school and an email will be sent out on Sunday, February 16, 2025.</p> <p>Sheila Rowe, Program Manager, provided the updates for Consumer Education & Referral (report provided):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regional Caseworkers:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Participated in outreach events (in Hoke, Moore, Robeson, & Scotland counties)○ Assisted 222 families (in-person, via telephone, & online consumer resources & referrals)• Trainings Attended:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Serving Young Children Experiencing Homelessness (Sheila Rowe, Ebony Peterkin, & Makalia Stewart) <p>B. Provider Services:</p> <p>Mary Welch, Program Manager, provided the updates for Kaleidoscope & Library, Technical Assistance, and Trainings (report provided).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kaleidoscope Play & Learn – Facilitated by Provider Services Coach Shontina Purdie.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Meets three times a week. Tuesday at 9:30 am at Clark Park (outdoors), Thursday Morning at 9:30 am at Fasinete-U Children’s Museum and Thursday at 2:00 pm pm at PFC’s Lending Library○ Registration is online (free).• Lending Library – officially open to the public starting February 3, 2025.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Provider Coach Shontina will oversee the library.○ Hours: M-TH 8 am-5 pm, closed 1-2pm for lunch and Friday 8am-12pm○ Annual Fee: \$5.00. other fees for variety of services.○ During Qtrs 3 & 4, will offer extended hours some evenings & Saturdays with additional activities.		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Materials Grant – all orders submitted in January with an expectation of delivery in February/March.• Collaboration: Working closely with the Cumberland County Health Department Consultants, Nicole Richardson & Auxil Grimes, at different sites providing technical support & trainings, such as, hand washing and sanitation.• Meetings/Outreach Events:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ ERS Overview w/NCRLAP – November 13, 2024○ Collaborative Conversations with DCDEE – December 5, 2024• Professional Development:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ NC CCR&R Institute – February 19-20, 2025 in Greensboro (Sylvia Murphy attending)○ Safe Sitters – March 29th for preteens & teens: 12-17 year olds (flyer provided)○ Collaboration with TEACH – February 27, 2025 (flyer attached) <p>Sheila Rowe, Program Manager, provided the updates for Region 5(report provided):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HSBs – Healthy Behavior Coaches:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 140 site visits○ 81 unduplicated providers in 22 childcare programs○ Provided 21 HSB trainings• B3QI – Birth to Three Specialists:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 102 site visits in 31 programs○ Facilitates: Infant/Toddler Safe Sleep & SIDS Reduction and Infant/Toddler Zone trainings• Regional Coach:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 85 site visits○ 52 unduplicated providers in 16 programs○ Facilitates: NCFELD and BSAC, Building Incredible Relationships trainings• Lead Coach:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 45 site visits○ 38 unduplicated providers in 26 programs○ Facilitates: The School-Age Connections and Administrative Action trainings		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FCCH-Family Child Care Consultants:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 111 site visits in 23 FCCH programs○ 9 Family Child Care Homes received the materials or the business tool kit grant○ 4 family child care homes received the pre-licensing grant• Upcoming Events:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Little Land: Big Play – February 15, 2025 at the Crown Coliseum○ NC CCR&R Institute – February 19-20, 2025 in Greensboro		
VIII. Information	The next CCR&R Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2025 at 9:00 am.	None	None
IX. Adjournment	As there was no further business, the Chair noted the meeting adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.	Adjourned	None

Submittal: The minutes of the above stated meeting are submitted for approval.

Secretary for the Meeting

Date

Approval: Based on committee consensus, the minutes of the above stated meeting are hereby approved as presented and/or corrected.

Committee Chair

Date

President's Report
Executive Committee (Acting on Behalf of Board)
Charles Morris Room
Thursday, May 22, 2025

A. NCPC/DCDEE Updates / Legislative Updates

1. NCPC

- Legislative updates are provided to Local Partnerships every other week.
- The Smart Staff conference was well attended and we will be sharing information at staff and board meetings.

2. DCDEE

- Submission of Contract Activity Descriptions, budgets and logic models have been uploaded in to the NCPC Contract system. They are being reviewed by our Program Officer and then will be forwarded to the contracting department.
- In process with Region 5 contracts. The Core contract is being extended through June 30, 2026. The Family Child Care Home project is being ended on June 30, 2025 and is currently being wrapped up. The Healthy Social Behavior (HSB) project is being extended through December 31, 2025 and the Birth-3 Quality Initiative (B3QI) is being extended through January 30, 2026. All projects are being RFPd out.
- **NC Pre-K – Still waiting on allocation and budget for SFY26.** Information now anticipated to be received by May 23 and due back to contracting office by June 6. A new form has been added this year to list out all subcontractees as part of the contracting process.

3. State Level

- Cross-over occurred on bills on May 8. The House released their budget. House and Senate budgets are in Conference Committee.
- Refer to the NC Center for Nonprofits May 16th Public Policy update for details of the session thus far as well as Federal updates.

4. Federal Level

- We continue to monitor changing policies and updates and stay in close contact with our grant funders. The NC Center for Nonprofits update also covers federal issues.
- Congress is concurrently working reconciliation for FY25 and on annual appropriations for FY26, which determines discretionary yearly spending (e.g., CCDBG Head Start), and a reconciliation bill, which affects mandatory spending (e.g., Medicaid, CCES, and SNAP).
- Regions for Head Start have been reconfigured. At this point, budget work is ongoing.

5. Local Level

- We continue to engage with the Joint City and County Liaison Committee on their work to ensure that residents have access to childcare. The meeting with the Liaison Committee to present on child care issues and on Tri-Share with Stuart Mills from Moore County has been rescheduled for June 16th. We are working with Brenda Jackson, DSS Director and PFC Board member on this presentation. Partners for Children & Families in Moore County is the hub for the Tri-Share Pilot for our region.

B. Grant Opportunities/Updates/RFPs

- City of Fayetteville CDBG Grant for Building Renovations – Bids for Phase 3 were opened on April 30th and we had three complete bids. We are working on the contract for the awardee and will be meeting with him and Fleming & Associates on May 28 to plan out the timeline and start of

construction. We are excited to finally be moving forward with this project in collaboration with the City of Fayetteville funding. Our construction loan with First Bank has been extended until December 31, 2025 to provide the additional funding for Phase 3.

- City of Fayetteville ARPA project – Workforce development cohort recruited and moving forward. Beginning to submit reimbursement requests for Family Connects in May.

C. Staff Updates

- We are currently reviewing recruitment strategies and do not have active postings for vacant positions, but we will accept general inquiries until postings are resumed.
- Interested in or know someone who may be interested in positions at PFC? Submit a resume and letter of interest to HR at aramos@ccpfc.org. Direct questions to HR at 910-826-3075.

D. Events/Recognitions

- Dr. Connelly was recognized in a special event celebrating him as he retires on May 15 by members of the community, across the state and a special recognition from Governor Josh Stein. Dr. Connelly was awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine. This is the highest honor awarded by NC Governors and is made to persons who have made significant contributions to the state and their communities through their exemplary service and exceptional accomplishments. It was an honor to be present to see Dr. Connelly receive this award. The Order become honorary North Carolina Ambassadors. The Partnership has been a beneficiary of Dr. Connelly's service to this community and a champion for early childhood education and K-12 education throughout his career.
- **Kaleidoscope Play and Learn** – two additional staff have been trained to conduct the play groups.
- **NC Pre-K Let's Get Enrolled – We have launched applications for the 2025-2026 school year.** Please share the URL: [LetsGetEnrolled.com](https://letsgetenrolled.com).
- **Staff Development Day** – May 5th. Staff participated in a number of team building activities throughout the day. It was an engaging and fun day, providing staff time to get to know each other better and participate in activities where they worked together in different teams.
- **Grilled Cheese Festival – Save the date for November 15, 2025.** We are excited about this new event. Marketing information is being developed and released late May. More details to come. Please share our posts on social media.
- **Little Land 2026 – Save the date for March 14, 2026.** More details to come.

A Special Story: Bridging the Gap Through Hands-On Learning

In recent months, the Child Care Health Consultant (CCHC) team has observed a concerning trend many child care centers and family child care homes are not fully engaging with CCHC services as intended. While technical assistance and coaching are regularly offered on-site, some providers decline these opportunities, opting instead for training sessions that provide DCDEE credit hours. Unfortunately, many are attending these sessions without implementing the knowledge into daily practice. As a result, licensing consultants have issued an increased number of corrective actions, and Environmental Health Specialists have noted more point deductions during evaluations.

Recognizing the need for a more impactful approach, the CCHC team took intentional steps in Quarter 3 to meet providers where they are and better support various learning styles. This led to the development of an in-person, hands-on workshop tailored specifically for early educators.

The workshop provided a much-needed space for interactive learning, where educators could actively engage with the material, ask questions, and immediately apply concepts through practical demonstrations. It also gave the CCHC team a valuable opportunity to address specific areas of concern that had been repeatedly misunderstood or misapplied in child care settings.

The response from participants was overwhelmingly positive. Many early educators expressed how much they valued the hands-on experience, noting that it was more relatable and easier to apply than virtual formats. Several even requested more in-person workshops moving forward, highlighting the importance of training that goes beyond credit hours and focuses on real change in practice.

This experience reaffirmed the importance of adapting our approach to support all learners especially in a field as critical as early childhood education. Through connection, collaboration, and practical training, the CCHC team is committed to helping providers not only meet compliance but also create healthier, safer environments for young children to thrive.

Retirement Celebration Honoring

Dr. Marvin Connelly, Jr.

Leadership, Excellence and Service

John D. Fuller, Sr. Recreational/Athletic Complex

Thursday, May 15, 2025

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Dinner Hour

Musical Presentations:

Cape Fear High School Orchestra

Massey Hill Classical High School Orchestra

6:30 p.m.

Official Program

(Remarks limited to 2-3 minutes)

Opening Remarks.....Melissa Wade-Cutler, Emcee

Posting of the Colors.....South View High School JROTC

Invocation.....Apostle Georgia Walker

Remarks/Special Presentations

Musical Selection.....James and Breanna Hill

Remarks/Special Presentations

Musical Selection.....Smith 16 Choral Group from E.E. Smith High School

Remarks/Special Presentations

Musical Selection.....Dr. Sheldon Harvey

Special Presentation.....Dr. Elena Ashburn, Office of Governor Josh Stein

Tribute Video Presentation

Special Remarks.....Dr. Marvin Connelly, Jr.

Closing Remarks.....Melissa Wade-Cutler



**CUMBERLAND
COUNTY SCHOOLS**

Dr. Marvin Connelly, Jr.

Superintendent, Cumberland County Schools

Dr. Marvin Connelly, Jr., has dedicated over 34 years of exemplary service to public education in North Carolina, combining visionary leadership, innovative practices and an unwavering commitment to excellence for all students. After a distinguished career, Dr. Connelly has announced his retirement from Cumberland County Schools (CCS), effective July 1, 2025.

Since 2018, Dr. Connelly has served as superintendent of CCS, where he leads one of North Carolina's largest school systems, encompassing 86 schools, nearly 50,000 students and 6,500 employees. As the district's chief executive officer and instructional leader, he manages a budget exceeding \$600 million while implementing strategies that ensure a high-quality, rigorous education for every student.

Prior to his tenure in Cumberland County, Dr. Connelly held key leadership roles in the Wake County Public School System (WCPSS), including Chief of Staff and Assistant Superintendent for Student Support Services. His career includes experiences as a middle and high school principal, special education teacher and teacher assistant, illustrating his dedication to supporting students at every level.

Dr. Connelly's educational background includes a doctorate in Educational Leadership from East Carolina University (ECU) and master's degrees in Special Education and School Administration from North Carolina State University. A proud military veteran, Dr. Connelly served as a U.S. Army officer, including time in the 82nd Airborne Division, and rose to the rank of Major in the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR).

Dr. Connelly's service extends beyond education into his faith and community work. As Senior Pastor of St. Augusta Baptist Church in Fuquay-Varina, he has provided spiritual leadership and spearheaded community initiatives to address critical needs. He has also contributed to numerous boards and organizations, including Habitat for Humanity, the John Rex Foundation, the National Alliance of Black School Educators, the AASA Governing Board, the State Board of Education and the ECU College of Education Professional Advisory Board.

Dr. Connelly has received numerous accolades for his leadership, including the 2024 North Carolina A. Craig Phillips Superintendent of the Year, the Sandhills Regional Superintendent of the Year, the NAACP Educator of the Year Award and induction into the ECU Hall of Fame. A published author and respected voice in education, Dr. Connelly remains committed to fostering partnerships and driving student success.

A devoted husband to Joyce Ann Connelly, Dr. Connelly is the proud father of four adult children, grandfather of 11 and great-grandfather of one. As he prepares for retirement, Dr. Connelly leaves behind a legacy of service, leadership and impact that exemplifies the highest ideals of public service in North Carolina.

Thank you!

We deeply appreciate everyone who joined us to celebrate Dr. Marvin Connelly, Jr.'s remarkable career. Your presence made this event truly special, and we are grateful for your support.

Special Thanks to Our Event Sponsors:

Fayetteville Cumberland County Ministerial Council (FCCMC)
Greater Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce
Superior Bakery
Cumberland County Schools

Your partnership helped make this celebration possible. Again, thank you for honoring Dr. Connelly's legacy!

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Board Responsibility

The review of the financial statements is the responsibility of the Committee and Board Members of PFC.

The detailed financial reports have been provided to you via email or via the PFC website and will be provided electronically during the meeting.

April 30, 2025

ONLY THE HIGHLIGHTED ITEMS NEED TO BE DISCUSSED.

1 Balance Sheet

- a. The cash balances; investments and liabilities are at the anticipated amounts and are sufficient for the current needs.

2 Smart Start Grant [State Funds]

- a. PFC's Smart Start grant budgets are reflected at 100% of full allocation effective July 1, 2024.
- b. The total allocation for FY2024-2025 at 100% is \$6,832,478, including DSS and WAGE\$.
- c. In July 2024, PFC reverted \$309,478.16 for unspent FY23-24 Smart Start Services funds and anticipate to receive back \$307,816.
- d. PFC's Management and staff recently reviewed and realigned applicable Smart Start budgets with a March 31, 2025 effective date.

3 NC Pre-Kindergarten Grant [State and Federal Funds]

- a. PFC is in full contract with DCDEE effective July 1, 2024.
- b. The total FY2024-2025 contract is \$9,854,106 which consists of \$4,580,047 of federal funds and \$5,274,059 of state funds.
- c. The FY2024-2025 contract for NC Pre-K **administrative funds is 24% or \$216,000 less than FY2023-2024.**
The Direct Services funds remained the same.
DCDEE has also deemed certain expenditures such as auto expenses as no longer allowable from the grant funds.
PFC is strategizing ways to sustain this funding stream due to the unexpected timing and unexpected amount of the grant reduction.
- d. Historically this distribution of state and federal funds is amended by DCDEE before or at yearend.
- e. PFC received an advance of 1/10th of the direct services grant in September 2024.
The amount of the total requested advance is \$915,459.
NC Pre-K funds for the July and for the August 2024 FSRs were also received in September 2024.
- f. Due to the amount of federal funds received, the Partnership **will be** audited extensively for fiscal responsibility and federal compliances, i.e. an A-133 audit since we plan to spend at least \$750,000 in federal funds for the fiscal year.
- g. The single audit threshold will increase from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 effective October 1, 2024.

4 Southwestern Child Development Commission, Inc. [SWCDC] - Region 5 Grants [Federal Funds]

- a. The **Region 5 Core** grant is in contract effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; and July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The grant amount is \$395,367 for each of the two years [\$790,734 total]. The contract was executed on August 28, 2023. An additional \$10,933 of reversion distribution funds was added to the original budget amount for FY24-25. The total budget is now \$406,300. **The contract was amended on November 7, 2024.**
- b. The Region 5 **Birth to Three Quality [B3QI] Initiative** grant is in contract, effective August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2025. The grant amount is \$166,977. The contract was executed on August 29, 2024. An additional \$15,499 of reversion distribution funds was added to the original budget amount for FY24-25. The total budget is now \$182,476. **The contract was amended on December 2, 2024.**
- c. The Region 5 **Healthy Social Behaviors [HSB]** grant is in contract effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The grant amount is \$268,003. **The contract was executed on August 27, 2024.** An additional \$14,740 of reversion distribution funds was added to the original budget amount for FY24-25. The total budget is now \$282,743. **The contract was amended on January 24, 2025.**
- d. The Region 5 **Family Child Care Project [FCC]** grant is in contract effective September 1, 2023 through February 14, 2024 ; and February 15, 2024 through February 14, 2025. **The contract was executed on September 25, 2023.** The grant amount is \$81,584 for the 5.5 months contract period and \$186,900 for the 12 months contract period. DCDEE has approved a request from SWCDC to extend the FCC TA contract to 6-30-2025 to align more closely with the other CCR&R contracts. This extension has been approved as a no-cost extension, and SWCDC will be utilizing existing dollars through reversions to redistribute funds to ensure that all agencies have the appropriate funds needed to cover costs for their contracts through June 30, 2025. A **DECREASE** of \$18,782 of unspent funds is being released from the original contract amount for FY24-25. The Total budget for February 15, 2024 through June 30, 2025 is now \$249,702, from \$268,484. **The contract was amended on March 12, 2025.**
On April 30, 2025, SWCDC notified PFC and the Region participants via a virtual meeting that the Region 5 Family Child Care Project [FCC] will end as of June 30, 2025 and will not be renewed for funding.

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5 All Funding Sources

- The cash balance at month-end is as projected and is sufficient for the requirements of the upcoming month and at yearend.
- The \$200,000 cash advance received from the City of Fayetteville in September 2022 for the federal ARPA Grant was returned to the City on November 14, 2024, due to their request to terminate the current contract and enter into a new contract at a later date.
- The City of Fayetteville entered a new federal ARPA Grant [Revenue Replacement] with the Partnership in December 2024. The new contract is reimbursement-based and will be used to support family connects and workforce development expenditures. The contract has an NTE of \$400,000 and the contract period is December 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026.

6 Unrestricted State Revenues (USR) - Fund 208

- The goal is to continue to use these funds only when other funding streams cannot be used or are not available.
- On May 13, 2024, PFC management redeemed the Lumbee Bank CD#4 as approved by the Board. The maturity date was May 18, 2024. A new Lumbee Bank CD#5 with a higher yield and a shorter term was purchased. The redeemed Lumbee Bank CD#4 of \$209,427.38 plus interest earned of \$9,737.24 was used to purchase the new CD#5 for \$219,164.62 which is a 5-month CD with an interest rate of 4.88% and matures on October 13, 2024. Research has shown that a new CD with a higher interest rate will be the best option at the time of maturity. PFC will follow this option.
- On October 16, 2024, PFC management redeemed the Lumbee Bank CD#5, as approved by the Board. The maturity date was October 13, 2024. A new Lumbee Bank CD#6 with a higher yield was purchased. The redeemed Lumbee Bank CD#5 of \$219,164.62 plus interest earned of \$4,533.67 was used to purchase the new CD#6 for \$223,698.29, which is a 9-month CD with an interest rate of 4.11% and **matures on July 16, 2025.**

- The cash equivalent balances in Fund 208 consists of the following at the end of the month:

PNC Bank Money Market Account	70,091.27	Does not include interest earned in Fund 899 ; \$100,000
Lumbee Bank - Certificate of Deposit #5	-	New CD purchased on May 13, 2024; Matures on October 13, 2024
Lumbee Bank - Certificate of Deposit #6	223,698.29	New CD purchased on October 16, 2024; Matures on July 16, 2025
Lumbee Bank - Checking Account [from investments]	250.00	Deposited \$100 initially; deposited \$25 in FY20-21; deposited; \$50 in July 2023; and deposited \$50 in January 2025.
First Bank Money Market Account	100,000.00	New account opened on November 27, 2023.
Morgan Stanley E*TRADE Account	118,000.00	Gains/Losses are not reflected in the financial statements
	512,039.56	

Interest Earned - Fund 899	
PNC Bank Money Market	32,914.84
First Bank Money Market	4,558.71
	37,473.55

Investments - Fund 208	512,039.56
Interest Earned - Fund 899	37,473.55
TOTAL INVESTMENTS PLUS INTEREST	549,513.11

- There is currently a **negative** balance in the operating funds portion of the USR funding stream for the current fiscal year. Currently this is due to the construction loan payments beginning in March 2025. As expenditures are realized that are in excess of the current cash balance, Management will transfer funds before June 30, 2025.

- Funds from the PNC Money Market account, which are in Fund 208, are now being used as part of the First Bank Construction loan interest and principal payments. At a later date before yearend, actual funds in the PNC Money Market account will be transferred to the Bank of America operating account to cover the loan payments.

7 Cash and In-kind Report

- The 19% match requirement reflected on the monthly report is reflected at 100% of the full allocation, and **does** include the prior year reverted funds maximum amount [\$307,816].
- PFC's Leadership Team, staff and Board members will continue to discuss and implement strategies to meet our match requirement.
- PFC did not meet the 19% match requirement for FY2324, FY2223, FY2122, FY2021, FY1920, FY1819, FY1718 nor for FY1617.
- Since the 19% required match was not met for the FY ended June 30, 2024, there will be no contribution to the PFC endowment.
- Income from **fundraisers** are to be reflected at the net amount only and after the event is over. Therefore, receipts from sponsors and donors will not be reported for Cash and In-kind purposes until such time.

CCR&R Programs Updates

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Submitted by: Ar-Nita Davis (NC Pre-K Program Manager)

Reporting Period: January – May, 2025

Program:	PFC NC Pre-K Program Cumberland County
Programmatic Updates: 2024-2025 sy	Programmatic Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. NC Pre-K Total Allocation Change: 1421B. NC Pre-K Sites: 55C. NC Pre-K Classrooms: 87D. End of School Year May 23, 2025E. DCDEE Extensions Request for Teachers/Teacher Assistants ApprovedF. 2024-2025 Transition to Kindergarten CelebrationsG. 2024-2025 County Plan and Kid Annual Close Down (Roll Over) June 30, 2025
Programmatic Updates: 2025-2026 sy	2025-2026 NC Pre-K Progress May 29, 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Effective February 27, 2025, the site selection cycle has been extended from two to three years to provide greater stability for centers and families.B. 2025-2026 Cumberland County Allocation Decrease 1440 to 1414C. SchoolMint (Enroll) Applications Received: 1673D. NC Pre-K App System: Waitlist-979E. NC Pre-K App System: Placed-306F. NC Pre-Provider Training<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. 2025-2026 Annual Pre-K Conference Postponed2. Ages and Stages Training (June)

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Meetings/Outreach Events Attended:	<p>I. Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. DCDEE NC Pre-K, Collaboration meetings with Head Start and Cumberland Schools,B. One Continuum CommunityC. NC Pre-NC Pre-K Monthly K Site Administrators Monthly MeetingsD. DCDEE Closeout Statewide MeetingE. DCDEE Café 'NC Pre-K Monthly Café Meeting. <p>II. Events: Cumberland County Department of Public Health. (None)</p>
Professional Development opportunities attended or attended by Team	<p>A. Smart Start Conference</p>
Current and Upcoming Projects:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. NC Pre-K Site AdministratorsB. 2025-2026 Pre-K RecruitmentC. 2025-2026 NC Pre-K Processes and Procedures (Revising)
Additional Information:	

CCR&R Programs Updates

Program:	Provider Services Coaches
Site Visits:	<p>PS Coaches continue to provide support to 45+ childcare facilities (Centers & Homes)</p> <p>Material Grants – awarded to 15 (Center & Homes) with over 50 classrooms being served. All orders delivered. Assessments complete. Working with closing out sites for this fiscal year and starting the recruiting process for FY 25-26.</p> <p>Trainings for Administrative Actions that requires additional TA from Coaches and Specialist.</p> <p>Continuous collaboration with CCHC (Nicole Richardson & Auxl. Grimes) with different sites.</p>
Meetings/Outreach Events Attended:	<p>Hosted Pinwheel Planting: April 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Facilities (3 FCCHs & 1 CTR) participated with 25 children in attendance <p>Prevent Child Abuse: April 12</p>
Professional Development opportunities attended or attended by Team:	<p>Smart Start Conference: April 29 – May 2 (Sheila J, Vivlica R & Mary W)</p> <p>Building Classroom Quality: May – June (Sheila J)</p> <p>CLASS Prek Training: June 23 – 25 (Valerie M)</p>
Current and Upcoming Projects:	Workforce Development Program starting in June with the first Information session scheduled June 24, 2025.

	Further instructions will be shared with the full program tentatively scheduled to start July – August.
Upcoming Events:	<p>Collaboration meeting with DCDEE: June 12, 2025</p> <p>Provider’s Appreciation: Refresh & Renew</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 19, 2025 at FTCC <p>Quarterly Virtual Information Session scheduled for the FY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 21, 2025 • November 20, 2025 • February 19, 2026 • May 21, 2026
Additional Updates:	<p>Training Calendar for FY 24/25 Trainings scheduled throughout remaining of June. Currently new trainings are being added for new FY 25-26. In the process of working on contracts for contractors for new FY. Trainings offered during July and August will be staff conducted.</p> <p>Library – Ordered new material for circulation. Since opening have seen a great number of families utilizing the space and material. Hosting Storytime/Activities and Dolly Parton Imagination Story Time (5th Fridays).</p> <p>Collaboration with PBS Rootle Discovery Corner – awarded the corner for our support to children an families. Each corner includes a bookshelf filled with literacy games, books, hands-on learning materials, STEM activities, and PBS KIDS materials, all centered around play-based learning. The corners are designed to support parents, caregivers, and educators, offering simple, engaging ways to promote school readiness and early literacy</p>

	<p>Changing the hours of operation effective, June 9th 2025. Monday – Thursday (10am – 4pm) and Friday (CLOSED).</p> <p>KP&L – Additional Facilitators trained in May 2025 (E. Peterkin & M. Stewart).</p> <p>Continuously meeting 3x/week:</p> <p>Tuesday – Clark Park (Outdoors) @ 10:00am</p> <p>Thursday – Fascinate U (Indoors) @ 9:30am</p> <p>Thursday – PFC (Indoors) @ 2:00pm</p>
	<p>Closing different TA sites for the FY24-25. Recruiting for FY 25-26 with a lot emphasis on the new QRIS Modernization process</p>

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Program:	Region 5 July 1, 2024– May 30, 2025
Site Visits:	<p>HSBs-Healthy Social Behavior Coaches-</p> <p>210-site visits, 109-unduplicated provider in 61 childcare classrooms-facilitating monthly behavior related trainings on the calendar and administrative actions.</p> <p>Birth-To-Three-Birth To Three Specialist</p> <p>190-site visits, in-31-childcare programs. Training- Infant/Toddler Safe Sleep & SIDS Reduction in Childcare and Infant/Toddler Zone trainings.</p> <p>Regional Coach-</p> <p>140- site visits, 64-unduplicated providers, 18-childcare programs and facilitating NCFELD and Basic School age Care Building Incredible Relationships</p> <p>Lead Coach- 84-site visits, 56-unduplicated providers, 37-childcare programs and facilitating The School age Connection and Administrative Action trainings.</p> <p>FCCH-Family Childcare Consultants, 216-site visits, 32-FCCH programs, Certified In providing CPR/First Aid</p> <p>Regional Caseworkers-Ebony Peterkin- and Makalia Stewart-July – May participated in 35, outreach events, provided 441 Consultations, 370 referrals and 38 enhanced referrals to families in-person, via phone and online.</p>

Meetings/Outreach Events Attended:	<p>Regional Caseworker-</p> <p>March</p> <p>Scotland County Resource Fair-Scotland 3/6/25</p> <p>NC Works Hoke/Outreach-Hoke 3/13/25</p> <p>Postpartum/Newborn Care/Carseat Safety Class -Cumberland 3/27/25</p> <p>April</p> <p>Child Abuse Prevention Kick-off -Cumberland 4/1/25</p> <p>Community Connection Resource Fair 4/2/25</p> <p>Healthy Start Parenting Series and Monthly Mom's Group -Robeson 4/9/25</p> <p>Resource Fair – Robeson 4/15/25</p> <p>Southeastern Community Action Community Resource Fair -Hoke 4/22/25</p> <p>Community Baby Shower -Cumberland 4/26/25</p> <p>May</p> <p>Hoke County Health Fair -Hoke 5/13/25</p>
Professional Development opportunities attended or attended by Team:	<p>Makalia and Ebony attended the Train-the-trainer for Kaleidoscope Play and Learn Mayth and 7th.</p>
Current and Upcoming Projects:	
Upcoming Events:	
Additional Updates:	

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