

President's Report
Executive Committee (Acting on Behalf of Board)
Charles Morris Room
Thursday, November 20, 2025

A. NCPC/DCDEE Updates / Legislative Updates

1. NCPC

- This month's special stories from Provider Services and the Parents for Higher Education program is attached.
- NCPC's onsite monitoring of the Smart Start grant occurred last week. Staff is responding to any additional requests as the monitors complete their review.
- Carry-forward funding [\$214,209] is now available for contract amendments. Staff is reviewing all requests along with considering funding implications from other grant funding to make decisions on the allocation of the carry-forward funding.

2. DCDEE

- **Region 5:** Payment for these activities is up to date. Waiting on executed amendments for additional funds for HSB ad B3QI to finish out their six-month contracts.
- Waiting for results of the RFAs for HSB and B3QI and Infant & Toddler Salary Supplements.
- **NC Pre-K:** Requests were submitted for extension for Long Term Substitutes and are being processed. Of the 18 submitted, 10 have already been approved.

3. State Level

- Funding continues at last year's levels. NC is currently the only state without a final state budget for FY26.
- Law makers are in session this week, but are not expected to vote on the budget or Medicaid funding. Lawmakers are not expected to have any more voting sessions until sometime in 2026.
- DHHS decreases in Medicaid reimbursement rates went in to effect October 1st, with real-time impact starting in November.
- For details of the session and federal updates, refer to the NC Center for Nonprofits' [November 14th Public Policy update](#).

4. Federal Level

- The federal government officially re-opened Wednesday night after President Donald Trump signed into law a bill (**H.R. 5371**) to provide temporary funding for the federal government through January 30, ending the longest government shutdown in U.S. history after 43 days. The new **continuing resolution** provides funding for the full federal government through January 30, 2026 and provides full-year funding (through September 30, 2026) for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), military construction, veterans' services, and congressional staff. It also reinstates federal employees whose jobs were terminated during the 43-day government shutdown.
- SNAP benefits were to be loaded on EBT cards November 14th.
- The looming expiration of enhanced premium tax credits on Affordable Care Act (ACA) Marketplace health plans was not addressed. The expiration of those tax credits will mean **significant increases in health costs** for North Carolinians in 2026.

5. Local Level

- The quarterly collaborative meeting of PFC, DSS, and the Health Department will be Friday,

November 21.

- BC/BS is collaborating with the Diaper Bank of NC to have distributions in 3 areas of the state. The flyer is attached.

B. Grant Opportunities/Updates/RFPs

- Our County and City of Fayetteville grants are all active. Building construction has started. No requests for payment have been submitted yet by the building contractor. Requests for reimbursements and data requests are being managed by fiscal and programmatic staff.
- No word yet on the grant requests submitted to the Cannon Foundation and Golden *LEAF* for capital funding for Phase III of the Building project. Additional information was sent to the Cannon Foundation that the building project has started.

C. Staff Updates

- **Early Literacy and Play Coordinator and Communications & Digital Media Specialist – recruiting and interviewing.** If you are interested in or would like to refer a candidate for these full-time positions, please contact Anthony Ramos (aramos@ccpfc.org) for more information.
- **Welcome to Alisha Bradshaw, NC Pre-K Caseworker. Alicia started Monday, November 3.** As a Caseworker for NC Pre-K, she will assist families with NC Pre-K eligibility and application requirements, and help connect families to needed services and resources in the community. Alisha grew up in Germany and earned a Bachelor's in Social Work from UNC Pembroke. She has worked as a Foster Care Social Worker with Sampson County DSS and as a Family Advocate with Head Start before joining PFC, where she continues to follow her passion for helping children and families thrive and become self-sufficient.
- **Farewell to Michelle Glacken, Birth-to-3 Specialist.** Michelle first joined PFC in September 2016 where she provided specialized technical assistance to child care providers across Region 5. After relocating out of state in 2020, Michelle returned to NC and to PFC in 2024, resuming work with our Birth-to-Three team. She is a steadfast advocate for high-quality care for children ages 0-3. She will soon be stepping into a larger role within the same field, moving to the CDSA. We wish her well in this transition and know that our paths will most likely cross in her new role. At this time, there are no plans to fill this vacancy, but the Programs team will evaluate needs and next steps as part of ongoing planning.
- **Staff Development Fundraiser: Hot Dog / Chili Plate Sale, October 30.** Thanks to everyone for making the fundraiser a success. Raised \$1,038.00 as of 11-20-2025.

D. Events/Recognitions

- **NC Pre-K Let's Get Enrolled – Applications for the 2025-2026 school year are still being accepted.** Please share the URL: [LetsGetEnrolled.com](https://letsgetenrolled.com). Contact Ar-Nita Davis (adavis@ccpfc.org).
- **The PFC United Way Campaign/Food and School Supply Drive wrapped up on November 19. Funds raised for United Way were \$2,770,28 with 394 food items donated. Thanks to everyone for their support.**
- **Grilled Cheese Festival** – November 15 at Dirtbag Ales. We are deeply grateful to our amazing community for turning out in overwhelming support of PFC and our first Grilled Cheese Festival fundraiser! Their patience through tech hiccups and long lines – especially with two food trucks not attending – meant the world to us. A special thank you goes to **Dirtbag Ales** for their incredible partnership and support in making this event possible. **Results \$10,579.48 gross less \$4,697.41 expenses = 5,882.07 net as of 11-17-2025. The event also generated \$6,796 of in-kind value, including \$5,000 for the venue and 1,796 in volunteer time. Tickets sold: A total of 506 tickets were sold – 177 presale and 329 onsite the day of the event. What a great first-time event!! Proposing securing event date for November 2026.**
- **Barnes and Noble Book Drive** – The dates for this year's book drive are November 1 – December 15. We are thrilled to be recipients of the local store's book drive. On the first day of the book drive, 100 books were donated.

- **Giving Tuesday:** We are gearing up for the Cumberland Community Foundation's Giving Tuesday event again this year. **Giving Tuesday donations are amplified through generous donors to the Cumberland Community Foundation.** The link goes live on November 24 at 9 AM and goes through December 2 closing at 11:59 PM. If you have questions, contact Daniele Malvesti-Petti (dmalvesti@ccpfc.org).
- **Little Land 2026 – Save the date for March 14, 2026.** More details to come.