

**North Carolina Children's Trust Fund Expenditures
State Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

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Report to

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by

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Introduction

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §7B-1302(b), the NC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) shall report revenues and expenditures of the Children's Trust Fund to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations. DHHS, through the Division of Social Services (DSS), provides the staff and support services for implementing the Children's Trust Fund in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 7B-1301 and offers this report on the Fund's revenues and expenditures for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2020-2021.

SFY 2020-2021 Children's Trust Fund Activities

The North Carolina Children's Trust Fund programming supports cross-agency collaborative, community-based initiatives to provide outreach, support, and services to individuals and families identified as being at-risk of compromised health and safety. They strive to eliminate or reduce those risks by promoting protective factors that strengthen and support families.

In SFY 2020-2021, North Carolina Children's Trust Program Services supported six community-based agencies that provided the following evidence-based, evidence-informed programs: Circle of Parents, Incredible Years, Nurturing Parenting Program, Parent-Child Interaction Therapy, Parents as Teachers, Parents as Teachers Play Groups, and SafeCare.

These voluntary, free services helped increase the capacity of parents and caregivers to care for their children, helped children develop healthy coping mechanisms, improved caregiver-child relationships, and reduced family stress. In addition, these six Children's Trust Fund Programs demonstrated collaborative relationships with community partners and meaningful family engagement.

Children's Trust Fund Programs were required to meet the following requirements:

1. Provide voluntary services based on the Principles of Family Support Practice.
2. Demonstrate a commitment to meaningful parent engagement and leadership opportunities.
3. Provide prevention services that target populations most at risk of child abuse or neglect.
4. Promote two or more of the five protective factors linked to lower incidence of child abuse and neglect.
5. Provide a program or service that demonstrates an acceptable level of evidence-based or evidence informed practice. All applicants must demonstrate a clear plan for implementation support.
6. Use outcome accountability and evaluation tools to demonstrate positive outcomes for children and families.

In SFY 2020-2021, the Division of Social Services obligated \$676,048 in NC Children's Trust Fund dollars in addition to a 25% agency match to support the following six community-based agencies. This was their fifth year providing Children's Trust Family Support Programming in the grant cycle. The six agencies listed in this report were funded with the NC CTF through a

competitive Request for Applications (RFA) process starting in SFY 2017 as part of a 3-year grant cycle with a 2-year extension. NCDSS has included them in the previous four NC CTF reports. The 2021 NC CTF Report covers the final year of the overall five year grant cycle.

Ashe Partnership for Children

Ashe Partnership for Children provided Parents as Teachers (PAT) for families in Ashe County with children, from prenatal to five years old, in their homes and community locations. These services included home visits, group meetings, referrals and resources. Ashe Partnership for Children served 21 parents/caregivers and 31 children in SFY 2020-2021.

Burke County Public Schools

Burke County Public Schools provided Nurturing Parent Program (NPP) for families in Burke County with children grades Pre-K through 5th grade. NPP services included home visits as well as school and community visits. Burke County Public Schools also served families with children, from birth to age 18 years, with Circle of Parents (COP) weekly support group meetings. Their COP groups targeted kinship / grandparent caregivers and Latino parents. Burke County Public schools served 57 parents/caregivers and 15 children in SFY 2020-2021.

Exchange Clubs' Child Abuse Prevention Center in Durham

Exchange Club's Child Abuse Prevention Center in Durham provided Parent Child Interaction Therapy and SafeCare for families in Durham County with children ages two to twelve years in the family's home, the center, or other community locations. Exchange Club's Child Abuse Prevention Center in Durham served 20 parents/caregivers and 28 children in SFY 2020-2021.

Iredell Partnership for Children

Iredell Partnership for Children provided Parents as Teachers play groups for families in Iredell County with children, from birth to five years old, in community locations through weekly groups. Services included educational information, connection opportunities, resources, and referrals. Iredell Partnership for Children served 13 parents/caregivers and 19 children in SFY 2020-2021.

Partnership for Children of Johnston County

The Partnership for Children of Johnston County provided Incredible Years Pre-School BASIC Parent Program for families in Johnston County with children ages 3-6. They also served families with children, ages birth to five years old, with Nurturing Parent Program. Services included group meetings and/or home-visiting, which occurred in clients' homes, the agency or other community sites. The Partnership for Children of Johnston County served 47 caregivers/parents and 54 children in SFY 2020-2021.

Smart Start of New Hanover County

Smart Start of New Hanover County provided Parents as Teachers (PAT) for families in New Hanover County with children, from prenatal to five years old. They also served families with children, birth to age 18 years, with Circle of Parents (COP) support group meetings. Services included home visitation, group meetings, educational information, connections, resources, and referrals. Smart Start of New Hanover County served 31 parents/caregivers and 66 children in SFY 2020-2021.

Children's Trust Fund Fiscal Data

SFY 2020-2021 Revenues

In SFY 2020-2021, a total of \$563,332 in revenue was generated for the North Carolina Children's Trust Fund. Of this total:

- \$340,433 was received from marriage license fees
- \$ 17,535 was received from the special license plate fees (Kids First)
- \$205,364 was provided from required contractor match

SFY 2020-2021 Expenditures

In SFY 2020-2021, a total of \$821,481 was expended through six community-based agencies to deliver child abuse and neglect prevention programming. Of this total:

- \$616,117 was expended through NC Children's Trust Funds
- \$205,364 was expended through provider match