

Leadership Opportunities, Advocacy & Resources for NC Parent/Family Leaders 11/23/19

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State Policy Advocacy

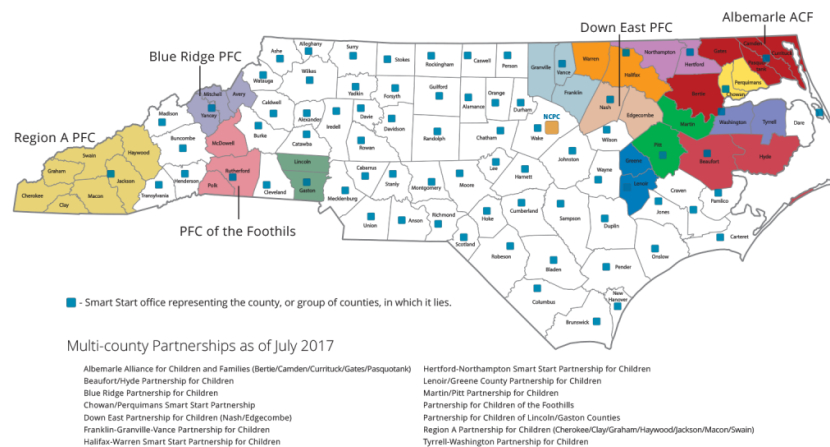
- Think Babies NC <https://www.ncearlyeducationcoalition.org/think-babies-nc/>
 - Policy Priorities for NC families & young children
 - Advocacy trainings; social media toolkit; free online action network
 - May 28, 2020: “Strolling Thunder” Advocacy Day
- Moms Rising <https://www.momsrising.org/>
 - Sheila Arias – NC Campaign Associate
 - Email: Beth@MomsRising.org
 - Twitter: @MomsRising
 - Facebook: facebook.com/momsrising.org
 - Text Keyword MOMS to 747464
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- NC Child <https://www.ncchild.org/>
 - Policy for children all ages - Medicaid, economic opportunity, education
 - Advocacy Toolkit - 3 types of advocacy: <https://www.ncchild.org/publication/advocacy-toolkit/>

Equity-Focused

- NC Early Childhood Foundation (early childhood issues awareness) <https://buildthefoundation.org/>
 - Pathways to Grade Level Reading - Pathways Action Framework to help North Carolina align around policy, practice and capacity-building strategies to shift prioritized measures of success, particularly for children of color. <https://buildthefoundation.org/initiative/pathways-to-grade-level-reading/>
 - First 2000 Days Campaign <https://buildthefoundation.org/initiative/first-2000-days/>
- Parent Leader Network (national organization to support equity in early childhood agencies and systems) <https://cssp.org/our-work/project/parent-leader-network/>
 - Guilford, NC Chapter (any NC parent can join)
 - Amber Robinson- md2va78@gmail.com; Sean Morris
 - Will help your community set up your own chapter

Local Birth-5 Resources & Support

- **Smart Start - Local Partnerships for Children (birth-5) in each county**
<http://www.smartstart.org/smart-start-in-your-community/>
 - Board of Directors – parents needed on Boards
 - Family Engagement Local Coalitions (Guilford, Johnston, Orange, Randolph, Wake)
 - Literacy Initiatives
 - Dolly Parton Imagination Library <https://imaginationlibrary.com/usa/find-my-program/>
 - Campaign for Grade-Level Reading <https://buildthefoundation.org/initiative/campaign-for-grade-level-reading/>
 - Child Well-Being Initiatives – examples:
 - Guilford - Ready for School, Ready for Life <https://getreadyguilford.org/>
 - Durham -Volunteer webpage <http://dpfc.net/get-involved/volunteer/>
 - Johnston – Parenting Support <http://www.partnershipforchildrenjoco.org/supporting-families/parenting-support/>
 - Parenting Education
 - Incredible Years
 - Triple P – free online <https://www.triplep-parenting.com/nc-en/find-help/triple-p-online/>
 - NC Care 360 (online health and human services resources) <https://nccare360.org/>



Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) & Resilience, Child Social Emotional Health & Behavior

- **ACEs Connection**
 - Parenting with ACEs <https://www.acesconnection.com/g/Parenting-with-ACEs>
 - ACEs Science 101 <https://acestoohigh.com/aces-101/>
- **NC Infant Mental Health Association**
 - Mental health, Attachment, Social Emotional Health <http://www.ncimha.org/resources/#talking-points>

- **Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations of Early Learning**
 - Social & emotional development, behavior
<http://csefel.vanderbilt.edu/resources/family.html>
- **Prevent Child Abuse NC**
 - “Connections Matter” Trainings to learn how to educate the public on topics of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), trauma, brain development, and resilience.
<https://www.preventchildabusenc.org/connections-matter-nc/take-action/>
 - Fatherhood <https://www.preventchildabusenc.org/resource-hub/fatherhood/>
- **NC Families United** <https://www.ncfamiliesunited.org/>
 - Advocacy and “system of care” services for children for children, youth, and families with serious emotional, behavioral and/or mental health challenges.

Education and Special Needs

- **Early Childhood Education**
 - **Division of Child Development and Early Education** - Licenses, monitors, funds and provides technical assistance to child care programs
<https://ncchildcare.ncdhhs.gov/Home/About>
 - NC Prekindergarten Program (NC PREK)
 - Subsidized Child Care Program (Subsidy)
 - Child Care Resource and Referral: <http://childcarerrnc.org/index.php>
 - **Early Head Start & Head Start** <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/earlylearning/>
- **Early Intervention**
 - **CDSA (birth-2)** <https://beearly.nc.gov/index.php/contact/cdsa>
 - **Preschool Exceptional Children’s Program (3-5)** (under NC Office of Early Learning)
<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/earlylearning/>
 - **LICC (Local Interagency Coordinating Council)** <https://beearly.nc.gov/index.php/icc/licc>
- **School settings** <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/parents/>
 - School Family Engagement Toolkit for Parents
<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/enhanced-assessment/family-engagement/>
 - Ask if there is a “Family and Community Engagement Liaison”. Know that your input is valuable and your involvement is key to your child's success.
 - Check your schools website, call the secretary, or ask the classroom teacher for the most up to date information about events coming up that are entry points for Parent Involvement.
 - Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APPT) is a great model of building collaboration between parents and teachers; ask if your school uses this or a similar model.
- **The Arc of North Carolina** (special needs) <https://www.arcnc.org/>
 - Gerri Smith gsmith@arcnc.org

- **Exceptional Children’s Assistance Center** (special needs education & advocacy)
<https://www.ecac-parentcenter.org/>
- **Fatherhood**
 - Day 2 Day Dads - Family Resource Center of Raleigh (Annual Conference; and Wake, Durham and Edgecombe Counties) <http://www.frdsa.org/fatherhood-program/>
 - National Fatherhood Initiative- program locator
<http://nationalfatherhoodinitiative.force.com/FatherhoodProgramLocator>
 - National Center for Fathering <http://fathers.com/>
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NCF4dads/>

National-level Early Childhood Resources, Policy Advocacy, Science and Research

- **Zero to Three** <https://www.zerotothree.org/>
- **Center on the Developing Child, Harvard University** <https://developingchild.harvard.edu/>
- **The National Association for the Education of Young Children** <https://www.naeyc.org/>
 - NC Chapter <https://ncaeyc.org/about/>
- **First Five Years Fund** <https://www.ffyf.org/>