



Person County Partnership for Children

2006-2007 Annual Report

The Board of Directors and Staff of the Person County Partnership for Children (PCPFC) are pleased to share our 2006-2007 Annual Report. As the local Smart Start agency, our central goal is that all Person County children will enter school healthy and prepared for success. The Partnership was established in 1993 and began programming in 1994 with Smart Start funds from the Division of Child Development. In the 2006-07 fiscal year, the Partnership had administered over \$1.3 million in federal, state, local and private funds.

PCPFC provides funding for multiple projects in the community that offer education and support for preschool aged children with a particular emphasis on improving the quality and affordability of childcare, improving parenting skills, and improving preschool and family literacy.

In 2006-2007, the partnership funded 12 programs in Person County. Accomplishments included:

- Approximately 190 parents received education and assistance in finding high quality child care.
- Over 20 new and licensed child care slots were made available to the community.
- Over 40 child care facilities received child care health consultation in support of high quality health and safety practices.
- 25 children with behavioral concerns, in need of therapeutic intervention, were served through consultation and technical assistance services provided to 60 child care facilities
- 28 providers are enrolled in an Associate degree program at Piedmont Community College.
- Eight child care providers received scholarships to continue their education and are also enrolled in the Associate Degree Program at Piedmont Community College.
- 95 child care providers received bonuses for completing educational coursework.
- 15 local agencies utilized and collaborated with the Partnership; over 40 local businesses utilized and supported the Partnership.
- 1388 children received a free book each month through the Imagination Library Program. 120 new children were added.
- 25 families received emergency or crisis subsidy assistance, allowing children to remain in child care.
- 68 families received intensive family support and education through the nationally recognized Parents as Teachers program.

- **88 children were served through the More at Four Program in licensed facilities with three, four, or five star ratings.**
- **The annual Week of the Young Child in Person County was an overwhelming success with over 300 attending the awareness parade; 88 attending the Week of the Young Child Coffee hour; 125 attending the Provider Banquet; 80 participating in the first ever Friday Fun and Fitness event; 1700+ attending our annual signature event "Family A-Fair"**
- **3 Work First mothers gained their GED through their participation in our Adults and Children in Education family literacy program which is a component of the Partners In Literacy Activity**
- **Joined with the Person County Board of Education and Person County Commissioners to host a Forum on the Economic Impact of Early Care and Education. 90 interested individuals attended.**
- **109 children were served in the Angel Tree Project in which our agency enlisted the help of interested individual and corporate citizens and civic/work groups to provide Christmas toys and clothing to needy children.**

Because of these services:

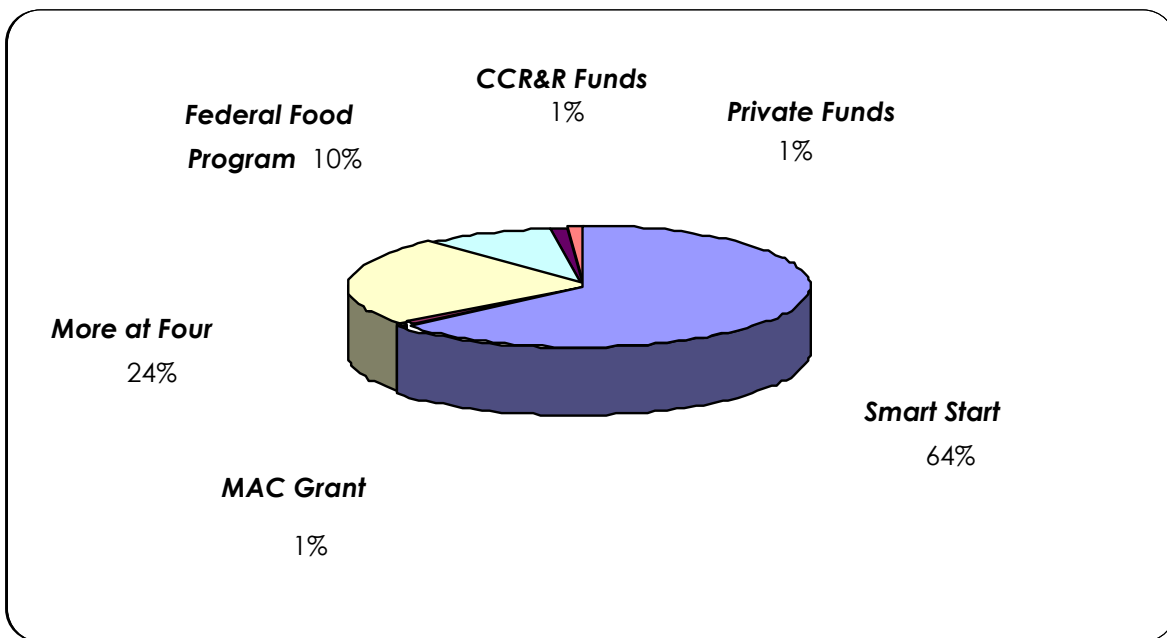
- **North Carolina uses a five point rating system (aka, five star rating system) to assign a quality rating to licensed child care facilities. A five star rating is the highest possible rating and indicative of high quality child care. The average star rating for all day cares in Person County is 3.86; with 74% of all children enrolled in four or five star care. This achievement exceeds state standards for high performance! The Division of Child Development in North Carolina created the star rated licensing system to provide parents with information about a childcare program's quality. This voluntary licensing system rates centers in the areas of staff education and program strength which are key indicators of quality.**
 - **In addition, the average star rating of facilities serving at risk children is 3.88 with 75% of children enrolled in four or five star care, exceeding state standards for high performance.**
 - **The average star rating of facilities serving children with special or developmental needs was 4.49 with 100% of children in facilities with four or five stars, again exceeding state standards for high performance.**
- **100% of children who are supported by day care subsidy are in licensed and regulated child care facilities. This ensures that at risk children are enrolled in facilities that receive oversight and quality assurance visits.**
- **76% of children enrolled in child care are in classrooms with teachers that have four (out of a total of five) education points; 47% are in classrooms with teachers that have five education points. Both measures exceed state standards for high performance.**

- 25% of children were enrolled in child care facilities that received national accreditation through the National Association for the Education of Young Children. This achievement exceeds state standards for high performance.
- 97% of parents who received family support and education services responded to a survey indicating that they felt more confident and competent in their parenting.
- 3.6% of children from birth through age two were identified as being potentially in need of developmental services; 6% of children ages three to five years old were identified. Identification helps to ensure that children receive the services they are entitled to and need.
- There was a 72% participation rate in Health Check, a state-subsidized health insurance program for children.

BUDGET INFO

The Person County Partnership for Children received \$1.3 million in funding from several sources in 2006-2007:

- Smart Start
- More at Four
- Federal Food Program
- Regional Child Care Resource and Referral—Child Care Services Agency
- Private Funds



By legislative mandate, at least 70% of Smart Start funds must be spent on child care subsidies or child-care related services. Remaining Smart Start funds are expended on a variety of family support, health, and administrative services. Additional sources of funding, including private

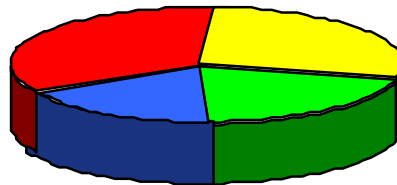
donations and fund-raising, are used to augment Smart Start and provide additional services in the community. The budget breakdown presented below provides specific information on 2006-2007 expenditures.

Child Care Quality- Related, 34%

- CCR&R
- Initiatives for Quality
- Professional Development
- Provider Support
- Community Services Team
- Head Start Expansion

Child Care Subsidies, 28%

- Subsidy
- Quality Bonus
- More at Four



Administration and Coordination Efforts, 18%

- Program Administration
- Program Coordination
- Program Evaluation and Monitoring

Family Support and Health, 20%

- Very Important Parents
- Partners in Literacy
- Community Services Team

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