

Alamance Partnership for Children Annual Report for 2022-2023



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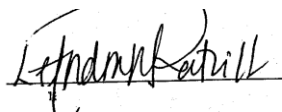
Letter from the Board Chair

The 2022-2023 fiscal year was a year of change and growth for the Alamance Partnership for Children. A new Executive Director, Ms. Cass Wolfe, MS, Child Development, joined the Partnership on November 1, 2022. Cass came to the Partnership with decades of early childhood and leadership experience. At the same time, we added a Program Coordinator for Incredible Years and our Kaleidoscope Play and Learn groups, along with a Program Support Specialist. In the spring, the team grew again with a Program Director, an Early Childhood Specialist and Parent Educator for our Parents as Teachers program. The addition of new staff meant that the Partnership was once again able to provide a full array of programs and services to early childhood educators, parents, and young children in the county. As the new Executive Director, Cass also reconnected to local community partners, guided the development of new partnerships, and recruited new board members for the coming fiscal year.

The staff of the Alamance Partnership for Children remains committed to the programs that serve our families and children with our mission to help every young child grow, learn, and thrive. With our partners, colleagues, and friends across the county like yourself, we will continue to make a difference in the lives of young children and their families.

Please enjoy reading about our work from July 2022 through June 2023. For more information, please visit us on social media and at our website, www.alamancechildren.org.

Sincerely,



LeAndra Ratliff
Alamance Partnership for Children Board Chair



Welcome to the Alamance Partnership for Children

The Alamance Partnership for Children is a non-profit organization serving young children and families in Alamance County. We are an early childhood initiative designed to ensure that young children enter school healthy and ready to succeed. The Partnership is the local administrator for Smart Start and NC Pre-Kindergarten funds. We also provide a variety of services for children, families, and early childhood providers.

This report contains highlights from our 2022-2023 program year. For more information, please contact the Partnership at:

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Our mission is to help every young child grow, learn, and thrive.

Why Early Childhood?

The earliest years of childhood are critical. Experiences during this time shape the structure of the brain. Because today's children are tomorrow's leaders, everyone has a stake in making sure that all children have the experiences they need to thrive. Smart Start brings together the people involved in a young child's life - families, teachers, doctors, caregivers, social workers, and many others - to ensure every child has all they need for healthy growth and development.



The Alamance Partnership Increases Access to High Quality Early Education Programs

Child Care Subsidies

Alamance Partnership for Children, in partnership with the Alamance Department of Social Services, helps support the cost of attending high-quality (four or five star) early education programming. Eligible families receive a monthly subsidy to help defray tuition costs. In 2022-2023, over 200 children received subsidy support at least once during the year.



North Carolina Pre-Kindergarten Program

Alamance Partnership for Children staff support access to early education for eligible prekindergarten children by administering the North Carolina Pre-Kindergarten program (NC Pre-K), in partnership with Alamance-Burlington School System, Head Start and local early childhood programs. The NC Pre-K program is free to eligible children and provides high-quality programming with features such as Early Learning Standards, professional requirements for teachers, a 1:9 staff: child ratio, developmental screenings, use of evidence-based curricula, and monitoring and technical assistance.

There were 490 placements in Alamance County in 2022-2023; 527 total children were served.



NC Pre-K is designed to “provide high-quality educational experiences to enhance school readiness for eligible four-year-old children.” The program addresses child development in five critical domains:

- Approaches to play and learning
- Emotional and social development
- Health and Physical Development
- Language development and communication
- Cognitive development

For more information about NC Pre-K, click [here](#).



The Alamance Partnership Raises the Quality of Early Care and Education

Quality Child Care

The Partnership's Quality Child Care program supports local early care and education programs with a variety of support services, including:

- Technical assistance: Technical assistance in the form of coaching and modeling provided to early childhood educators working in licensed and/or G.S. 110 child care facilities serving children birth to five years old.
- Training for child care providers: Training for DCDEE credit hours provided on child care related topics and coordination of CEU opportunities
- LENA GROW devices are used as an assessment tool in early childhood settings to measure the language environment in classrooms.



In 2022-2023, 22 classrooms across 14 facilities received technical assistance. Eighty-five educators, across 28 facilities, participated in one or more of 37 trainings.



LENA stands for Language Environment Analysis. This innovative program works by giving educators and child care providers data on the quality of their language interactions with children. Program staff then work with educators and providers with strategies for improving language environments for all children. In 2022-2023, six classrooms across four centers and one family child care home participated in the Partnership's LENA initiative. For more information about LENA, click [here](#).



The Child Care WAGES program provides an education based professional development supplement to qualifying early childhood educators. The supplements reward education and continuity of care and as a result children benefit from more stable relationships with better educated teachers. In 2022-2023, 130 educators from 49 facilities received at least one supplement. For more information about WAGES, click [here](#).

Outdoor Learning Environment (OLE)

The Partnership's Outdoor Learning Environment is an innovative Natural Learning Initiative.



The Natural Learning Initiative was designed to apply “community-based, equity-driven design thinking to creating healthy natural play and learning environments, where all children and their families can thrive, learn healthy life habits, and set in motion a life course of peace and love for nature.” For more information about the Natural Learning Initiative, click [here](#).

The OLE serves as a terrific and fun meeting space for families and providers. In addition, Partnership staff work in the community to help local early childhood programs build their own Outdoor Learning Environments, providing trainings and grant support to qualifying sites. In 2022-2023, 45 educators across 11 facilities participated in trainings. Three sites received grant support for building their own Outdoor Learning Environment and six sites received technical assistance in support of improving their outdoor learning spaces.



The Alamance Partnership Supports Parents

Parents as Teachers

The Parents as Teachers (PAT) program serves local families and implements the National Parents as Teachers model. The program provides home visitation services that are tailored to each family's needs. These are augmented with Group Connections, for families to meet and learn together. The home visits are opportunities to discuss child development and milestones and provide tips, strategies, and referrals to families.



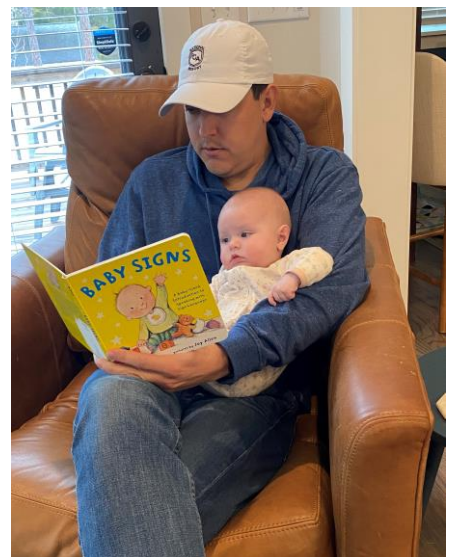
In 2022-2023, the program served 67 children in 53 families with over 450 home visits.



The Parents as Teachers model is built around four core services:

- Personal, home-based, visits
- Group Connections
- Developmental screenings
- Referrals to community resources and supports

For more information about Parents as Teachers, click [here](#).



Kaleidoscope Play and Learn

Kaleidoscope Play and Learn is a facilitated playgroup that meets once a week at various locations in Alamance County. The weekly playgroups are opportunities for parents and children to socialize and participate in hands-on developmentally and age-appropriate activities that demonstrate vital aspects of a high-quality early childhood experience and appropriate teaching, modeling, and learning through play concepts. In 2022-2023, 273 children ages birth to five and 184 parents or guardians participated in one or more playgroups.



Incredible Years

The Incredible Years program is designed for parents of children aged three to five or six to twelve with challenging behaviors, as reported by the child's guardian. The 14-week curriculum offers weekly facilitated sessions. Parents and guardians meet, learn, and share together as they participate in the evidence-based program.



Incredible Years was designed to provide “professionals and families with the skills they need to promote social-emotional learning (SEL), academic skills, and positive behavioral outcomes of children across various cultures and socioeconomic groups.” More information about Incredible Years can be found [here](#).

In 2022-2023, 35 parents or guardians of children ages three-to-five participated in services; 43 children were impacted. Seventeen parents of children ages 6-12 (18 children) and 11 Spanish-speaking parents (19 children ages 3 through 12) also participated in sessions.



The Alamance Partnership Promotes Early Literacy

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

The Partnership supports Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, which mails age-appropriate books to registered children birth up to age five (0-5) monthly. The program is free to all children and is supported through a variety of funding mechanisms. In 2022-2023, more than 5,000 children ages birth to five in the county received at least one book through the program.

Click <https://imaginationlibrary.com/usa/> to learn more about Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Click [here](#) to enroll your child in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.



Reach Out and Read

Reach Out and Read is an evidence-based approach to supporting pre-literacy in young children. In this program, trained medical providers incorporate guidance about literacy into regularly scheduled pediatric check-ups or well-child visits. In addition, children receive a new, culturally- and developmentally appropriate book to take home and read with their parents.

In 2022-2023, over 430 children were served, in partnership with three Alamance County medical practices. More than 5,700 books were distributed.



Reach Out and Read was designed to “integrate reading into pediatric practices, advise families about the importance of reading with their children, and share books that serve as a catalyst for healthy childhood development.” For more information, click [here](#).



The Alamance Partnership is Active in the Community

Community Events—you may have seen us at the...

August 2022

- Burlington Housing Authority National Night Out
- St. Mark's Church Backpack Celebration
- North Graham Elementary School Kindergarten Fair

September 2022

- Child Care Provider Banquet
- Esperanza 2022 Hispanic Heritage Festival

October 2022

- Roll and Read

November 2022

- Festival Dia De Los Muertos

April 2023

- Day of the Child

June 2023

- Outdoor Learning Environment Ribbon Cutting Events

Funders and Sponsors

Thank you to all our wonderful funders, sponsors, and partners!



2022-2023 Board of Directors

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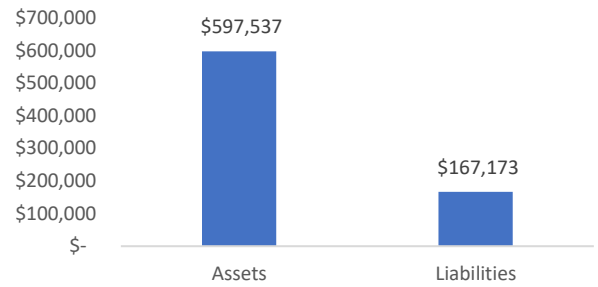
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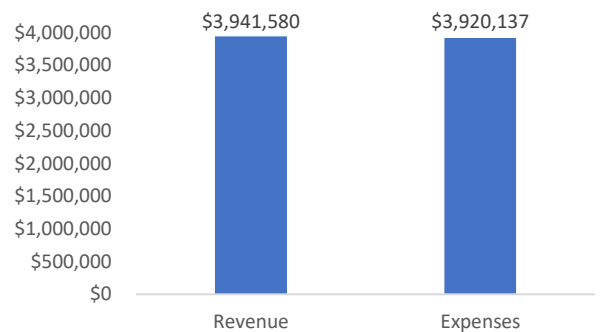
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2022-2023 Assets and Liabilities



2022-2023 Revenues and Expenses



2022-2023 Staff

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Nancy Carpenter- HR/Finance Director

Di'Quasia Champ - Incredible Years / Kaleidoscope Coordinator

Carina Hoover - NC Pre-K Family Support Specialist

Michelle Howe -Outreach and Literacy Specialist

Angela Lowery-Taylor-Child Care Services Manager

Monika Marszalek - Early Childhood Specialist-Outdoor Learning

Janay Powell- NC Pre-K Manager

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