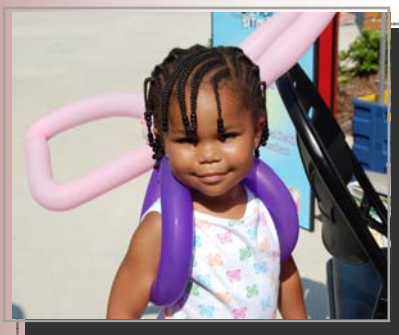


Alamance Partnership for Children



Shaping Today's Children,
Creating Tomorrow's Community.



Annual Report 2009-2010

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From Our Board Chair & Executive Director

Dear Friends of Alamance County Children,

Thank you for your interest in early childhood. Children are our most precious and valuable resource. However, early childhood education brings more to our community than just the protection of our future resources.

Consider the following quote:

“Early childhood education has a tremendous impact on our national security and the viability of the American dream.”

You might be surprised to learn that this comes from the Institute for a Competitive Workforce (ICW), an affiliate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Here’s another one: ***“Support for high-quality early education will help ensure that more young people are on track for successful careers, including the military.”***

This quote comes from a new organization made up of retired military four-star generals and admirals, called MISSION: READINESS. This group supports policies to help children birth to age five get the right start so they are prepared to succeed in life.

For years, education leaders and human service workers have known the importance of investing in children age birth to five. However, scientist, economists, and even military leaders are now saying the same thing. If we want healthier communities and a stronger nation, we have to invest in children when it matters the most – the first five years.

The Alamance Partnership for Children has been doing this work in Alamance County for the past thirteen years. We are proud to share with you the results of our work, the passion of our mission, and the stories of children and families who have benefited from our efforts.

To help strengthen our impact and contribute to making Alamance County a stronger and healthier community; we invite you to become involved in our work through the sharing of your time, talent, and treasure. To learn more about the Alamance Partnership for Children please visit our website at www.alamancechildren.org.

Cindy Watkins
Executive Director

Dear Supporter of Alamance Partnership for Children,

I’m proud to be associated with Alamance Partnership for Children, both as a volunteer and as a father who has been personally impacted by the work of the Partnership.



My son, who is now a second grader, spent his early years at a child care facility with teachers who provided high-quality care. His center was supported by the many resources available through the Alamance Partnership for Children.

My passion for early childhood education extends beyond the care provided for my own child. It extends to our entire community. Because the reality is this:

If we care about the health and economic well-being of our community, we must also care about the importance of investing in the early years.

The body of evidence of the impact on society of investing in children ages birth to five is irrefutable.

Consider these facts:

- 80-90% of brain development occurs during the first five years of life;
- The “education gap” does not begin in kindergarten, but begins in the first five years and grows larger with each passing year;
- The state of North Carolina spent approximately \$46,500,000 in 2007/08 for re-educating children who were retained in kindergarten.

These young children are our future parents, doctors, business leaders, teachers and taxpayers. Investing in their early education makes sense for them and for Alamance County as a whole.

And it’s the right thing to do.

Bryan Hagood
Board Chair



About Us and Our Programs

Alamance Partnership for Children has been serving children and families in Alamance County for more than a decade. Our work has touched the lives of thousands of children. Current programs include:

Child Care Health Consultant

The Child Care Health Consultant provides health education services for child care staff and children who are in licensed child care facilities in Alamance County. These services include on-site technical assistance to child care facilities to assist them in improving their compliance in the areas of health, safety, and sanitation.

Child Care Resource and Referral

Designed to help families find quality child care, this program includes referral to all types of child care, including after-school care, summer camps, nanny care, and pre-K programs. The overall goal is to improve overall quality of care in local facilities by offering technical assistance. This program also offers a resource library available to parents and child care providers.

WAGES

Provides salary supplements to child care professionals working with children birth to age five. The amount of salary supplement depends on several factors, including educational level and years of employment within a facility.

Professional Development Support

Smart Start funds purchase Early Childhood Education (ECE) textbooks, which are available for loan through the lending library at Alamance Community College. In addition, a Professional Development Support Specialist provides services to child care providers in order

to increase their education levels.

Parents as Teachers (PAT)

Parents as Teachers is a comprehensive parenting program which provides support to Alamance County families through home visits with a certified PAT Educator.



Partners In Literacy

The Partners in Literacy program provides a variety of pre-literacy programs to the children of Alamance County. These include:

- ◆ Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, which sends a book a month for free to children birth to age five in select school zones;
- ◆ Reach Out and Read, which provides a free book at every well-child visit between birth and age five at Burlington and Mebane Pediatrics; and
- ◆ Motherread®, a literacy program that helps parents bond with their children through the act of reading together.

Incredible Years (IY)

The Incredible Years Program is offered to the parents of children 3-5 and 6-12. This program works with parents whose children are exhibiting challenging behaviors and helps promote positive parenting strategies and manage children's behavior. IY is funded by generous grants from Alamance Alliance and a Strengthening Families grant through the Alamance Health Department.



Perinatal Substance Abuse

Horizons provides comprehensive substance abuse treatment to pregnant women and mothers in Alamance County.

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Child Care Services

- **18** facilities participated in Smart Start–funded activities designed to maintain or increase their star ratings to three or higher.
- **634** child care teaching staff attended trainings designed to help them be more effective in the classroom and raise the quality of their facility.
- **525** families received a referral for child care. This included full day care, summer care, after-school care, nanny care, pre-K, and half day pre-school programs. **50%** of families reported enrolling their child in a facility with a star rating of four or higher.
- **WAGES** served the community by helping to keep child care provider turnover at 10%, vs. a statewide goal of at or below 25%. Supplements were issued to **200** child care providers, with an average payment of \$1,284.

Health

- **266** child care providers received health and safety training.
- Of sites who were provided technical assistance by the Child Care Health Consultant, **95%** received “Superior” Health and Sanitation Ratings.
- **1400** children were impacted by services provided by the Child Care Health Consultant.
- More than **60** child care facilities were impacted by the work of the Child Care Health Consultant.

Literacy

- **More than 300** children signed up in 2009-2010 to receive books through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. More than 600 children under five are now receiving one free book a month through this program.
- **1000** new children participated in the Reach Out and Read program. This means that more than 4000 children in Alamance County have received a book at a well-child visit to Burlington or Mebane Pediatrics.
- **42** families participated in the Motherhead or Motherhead B.A.B.Y. program.

Family Services

- **94** families were served this year through home visits by the Parents As Teachers program.
- **100%** of families surveyed reported feeling confident about their parenting skills.
- **100%** of families who had children with questionable developmental screenings were referred to Early Intervention Services.
- **95%** of Parents as Teachers families now have a primary health care provider.

Incredible Years

- **3** Incredible Years sessions were offered to Alamance County parents.
- **16** parents completed the training class.
- **20** children were impacted by this parent training.
- **65%** of families reported an increase in their child's social competence.

Would you like to support the work of Alamance Partnership for Children?

There are two easy ways to support Alamance County's youngest citizens with your tax-deductible contribution.

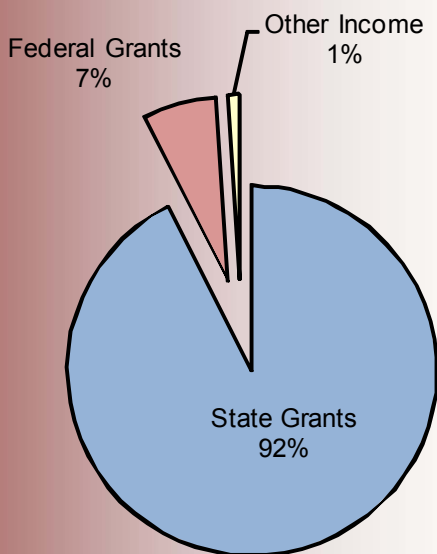
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To make a contribution by check, please mail to 2322 River Road, Burlington, NC 27217.

Financial Overview 2009-2010

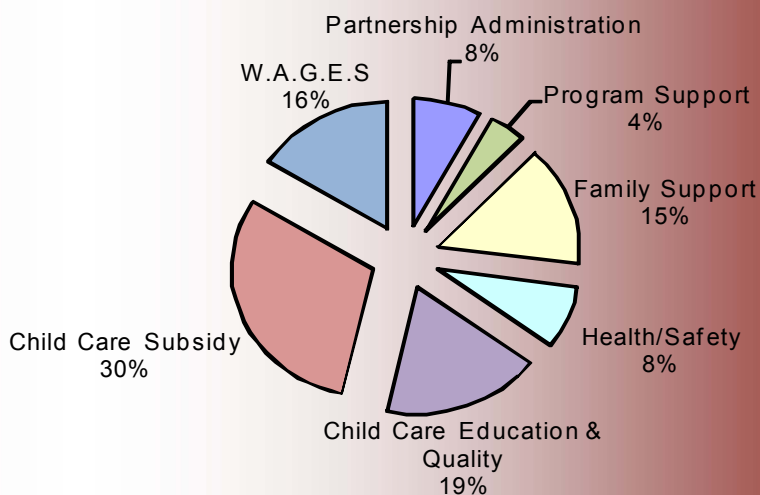
Revenues

Fiscal Year 09-10



Expenditures

Fiscal Year 09-10



Revenues

Fiscal Year 08-09

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| Federal Grants | 2% |
| State Grants | 96% |
| Other Income | 2% |

Expenditures

Fiscal Year 08-09

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| Child Care Education and Quality | 16% |
| Child Care Subsidy/WAGE\$ | 48% |
| Family Support | 14% |
| Health /Safety | 9% |
| Partnership Admin. | 8% |
| Program Support | 5% |

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