

FY2022 Buncombe County Early Childhood Grant Report

Organization Name:	Buncombe Partnership for Children	
Project Name:	Staffed Family Child Care Network to Increase FCCH Slots	
Reporting Quarter: (Check one)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quarter 1 (July 1, 2021 - September 30, 2021)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quarter 2 (October 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021)
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Quarter 4 (April 1, 2022 - June 30, 2022)

Narrative summary of grant related activities

Please provide brief responses that fit within the box provided

Overall project updates:	<p>We have continued in this quarter to support the Family Child Care Home providers with the weekly virtual meetings in the Community of Practice. Average weekly attendance is 7. The providers bring their own topics and concerns to the group, and support each other with resources and experience. We have also provided more specific technical assistance to providers on unique topics of concern as they arise. One of the providers who regularly attends meetings has become active in the state-level FCCH workgroup, and reports back about the discussions to the group, as well as solicits feedback to share with the larger community. We have also held several virtual meetings with licensing consultants to help clarify regulations, around Covid safety and other topics. There has again been increased interest this quarter from individuals thinking about opening a FCCH, though all are still at the early stages of consideration and planning. Our outreach continues to help connect with and support possible providers. We held a free informational session this quarter for potential providers, to give a broad overview of the licensing process and to answer specific questions and concerns.</p>
Activities related to increasing equity, diversity and inclusion:	<p>While FCCH licensing workshops from the DCDEE are only offered in English, we are able to provide start-up supports in Spanish and English, including one potential provider who wants to open a Spanish-speaking program in her home focusing on infants. The ARPA funds from DCDEE, in the form of business stabilization grants for child care, will hopefully allow FCCHs to sustain program costs and increase wages during this time. The state has weighted the grant formula to ensure that programs serving children with child care subsidy and infants/toddlers receive money to sustain these slots.</p> <p>Staff works closely with state-wide FCCH advocates and other FCCH technical assistance providers to ensure that practices used are appropriate and that services provided are meeting the needs of both existing and potential providers. All BPFC staff participate in staff racial equity discussions and have completed work with the Adaway Group's Whiteness at Work series and accompanying materials. Time is set aside at each staff meeting to reflect on our agency practices and norms as we explore ways to do our work with an equity lens.</p>

Activities related to increasing operational excellence:	Evaluations of training and technical assistance are reviewed by program leadership and discussed with staff. Staff also solicits regular feedback from providers via Zoom meetings, emails, and phone calls, to help clarify their specific needs and how we can best provide meaningful supports. Staff works closely with state-wide FCCH advocates and other FCCH technical assistance providers to ensure that practices used are appropriate and that services provided are meeting the needs of both existing and potential providers.
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Progress toward annual goals

Measure	Annual Goal	Actual Results (Enter Data) Please only include new data for the specific quarter				Progress toward Annual Goal
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
Number of individuals receiving technical assistance from BPFC staff	10	8	2	3	2	15
Number of individuals receiving start-up grants for materials and/or required workshops	3	0	0	0	0	0
Number of new slots created in Family Child Care Homes	16	0	0	0	0	0
Number of currently licensed Family Child Care Home Providers receiving Technical Assistance and/or Professional Development from BPFC Staff	10	8	1	3	2	14
Number of Family Child Care Homes using the Wonderschool platform	7	7	0	0	0	7

Comments:

TA begun earlier in the year continues, as does the weekly Community of Practice for FCCH providers. We have received inquires about start-up support, but most do not continue beyond the beginning stages of considering opening a FCCH due to logistical challenges. Number of providers participating in TA and/or PD exceeds current licenced homes in Buncombe County due to the participation of providers who closed their homes during the grant year as well as the participation of two people who operate "Centers in a Residence"

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Use of funds to date and any budget considerations

Spending Category	Starting Budget	Total Spending (Enter Data)				Amount Remaining
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
Personnel	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 2,284.00	\$ 1,568.05	\$ 3,037.03	\$ 3,380.73	\$ 1,730.19
Travel/Training	\$ 300.00					\$ 300.00
Technology	\$ 7,000.00					\$ 7,000.00
Curriculum/Assessments						\$ -
Licensing/Dues						\$ -
Nutrition						\$ -
Transportation						\$ -
Supplies/Materials	\$ 1,250.00					\$ 1,250.00
Building Maintenance/Repair	\$ 165.00	\$ 293.00	\$ 9.23	\$ 7.85	\$ 6.87	\$ (151.95)
Rent/Occupancy/Utilities	\$ 450.00	\$ 129.00	\$ 66.33	\$ 71.94	\$ 69.98	\$ 112.75
Furniture						\$ -
Playground/Outdoor space						\$ -
Printing/Marketing/Website/Postage	\$ 1,750.00				\$ 1,008.00	\$ 742.00
Admin Expenses (Legal, Accounting, Insurance,					\$ 3,862.00	\$ (3,862.00)
Other (please list)	\$ 6,011.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 2.96	\$ 138.80	\$ 2.00	\$ 5,860.24
Total	\$ 28,926.00	\$ 2,713.00	\$ 1,646.57	\$ 3,255.62	\$ 8,329.58	\$ 12,981.23

Comments: