

# FY2023 Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant Report

<b>Organization Name:</b>	H3 Collective -Fostering Hopes - formally "Under 1 Sky Village Foundation"	
<b>Project Name:</b>	Bridging Trauma with Mentors for Youth in Foster Care: Return to Project	
<b>Reporting Quarter:</b> (Check one)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quarter 1 (July 1, 2022 - September 30, 2022)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quarter 2 (October 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quarter 3 (January 1, 2023 - March 31, 2023)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Quarter 4 (April 1, 2023 - June 30, 2023)

## Narrative summary of grant related activities

Please provide a brief summary (no more than 1500 characters). You may attach supplemental documents if needed.

<b>Quarter 1</b>	<p>With our program year already underway, we were so glad to be recruiting new mentors to work with our youth that were already enrolled but lacked mentors. We now have a solid bench of mentors who have been trianed and screened and are ready to be "matched". This program continues to be our most impactful, with one Caregiver telling us: "His U1S mentor is his only support that he counts on right now. He trusts his mentor." We offer one-on-one mentoring to youth who are not enrolled in our camp programs as well, and with the growing numbers of trained mentors, we have been able to reach back out to DSS and offer mentoring services to more youth. As we enter Q2 of this grant, our goal is to exceed our initial plans given the growin number of people hwo want to be involved!</p>
<b>Quarter 2</b>	<p>As you will see in our Results, three more Mentors have been matched this quarter, and three new applicants have been screened and trained (waiting to be matched). While our growth in new enrolled youth has been largely in other Counties (with Henderson and Transylvania being the two fastest growing) we are working with Buncombe County DSS to continue enrolling youth here as well. Here is one Buncombe Youth's Mentor Meet-up story from December, 2022: This 17-year-old has a self-determined goal of getting to a healthy weight and her mentor is helping by encouraging the teen to be healthy and active while finding out what brings her joy. For their last meeting the mentee expressed an interest in going to an indoor air-sports facility/trampoline park. On the way there and back, the mentor had her mentee play her favorite songs and they sang out loud together, then talked about what was happening in the youth's life and how she was dealing with things. At the trampoline park, they spent 90 minutes bouncing, going through obstacle courses, and jumping into foam pits. This mentor has weekly phone calls with her mentee on top of monthly visits where they plan something fun to do. There is something very special about a 17-year-old girl feeling comfortable, safe, and confident with an adult she trusts. She has a mentor who continues to show up for her in every way, who helps her greatest strengths shine through, and who will be there for her as she transitions out of the foster care system into adulthood.</p>

<b>Quarter 3</b>	Under 1 Sky officially merged with H3 Collective (DBA Fostering Hopes) on January 1, 2023. This merger will allow both organizations to increase their reach while reducing overhead and operating expenses. Because our program year for youth (camps, mentoring, etc.) runs April through December, from January through March we are working hard on enrollment. This entails meeting with DSS leads in each county to promote the programs and then meeting individually with DSS social workers to enroll specific youth they believe will benefit from our programming. This year we have already enrolled a whopping 26 youth! Our Youth Services Director and Fostering Hopes' President have been working hard on this enrollment piece. Meanwhile, our Camp Director has been planning an entire year of activities for youth aged 7-18 in the foster system.
<b>Quarter 4</b>	Following the successful merger of the two organizations, we have been able to launch our 2023 camp year with huge success. To date we have 31 youth enrolled in our camp program, with more youth being added month on month. We have been able to recruit and train a pool of 17 camp counselors who are available to us throughout the year. On top of this, we have also been able to recruit and train 26 mentors for our youth. Seeing the growth in numbers across the board and the successful camp programs we have been able to host (April, May, June & July), we are incredibly excited for our planned programming for the rest of this calendar year.

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## Progress toward annual goals

Measure	Annual Goal	Actual Results (Enter Data)				Progress
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
Number of mentors recruited, screened and enrolled	12	7	3	12	8	30
Number of mentor and foster youth mentee matches that are made and observed	12	5	5	12	12	34
Number of foster youth goals written	24	10	13	10	5	38
Number of check-ins with foster youth Care Team	144	27	57	20	63	167

### Comments:

January - March was focused on program development and enrollment of youth,

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## Use of funds to date and any budget considerations

Spending Category	Starting	Total Spending (Enter Data)				Amount
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
Personnel	\$ 9,700	\$ 2,425	\$ 3,725	\$ 3,550		\$ -
Training	\$ 1,000	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 335	\$ 165
Supplies/Materials	\$ 500	\$ 200	\$ 279	\$ 21		\$ -
Meetings	\$ 500	\$ 223	\$ 110	\$ 167		\$ -
Equipment/Furniture						\$ -
Printing/Marketing						\$ -
Licensing/Memberships/Dues/Subscriptions						\$ -
Client Support						\$ -
Contracts						\$ -
Professional Services						\$ -
Insurance and Bonds						\$ -
Building Maintenance						\$ -
List other cost						\$ -
List other cost						\$ -
List other cost						\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,700</b>	<b>\$ 3,098</b>	<b>\$ 4,364</b>	<b>\$ 3,738</b>	<b>\$ 335</b>	<b>\$ 165</b>

**Comments:**

Because this quarter was entirely focused on enrollment and making matches between Mentors and Youth, our Youth Services Director has been working non-stop. We spent funds on meetings with prospective Mentors and mentees. During the staffing change over that occurred, it appears that invoices were not submitted for training that took place in Q3. I have included those and attached receipts for Q4, but recognize that we may not be able to retroactively submit for those.