

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Durham's Partnership for Children has a 23 year track record of meeting the highest standards of non-profit corporate accountability. Created within the Smart Start network to serve Durham County, and selected as the first and only NC Pre-K (originally More at Four) contractor for Durham County, DPfC consistently moves beyond its formal role of Smart Start and NC Pre-K administration with innovation and community-based leadership. DPfC takes seriously its role as the early childhood system convener, facilitating community conversations to identify emerging needs and then convening thought-leaders and those most impacted by policy and program decision to craft action plans. This expansion of Durham PreK Management Services, in collaboration with CCSA, illustrates this clearly.

DPfC operates within a local framework for the early childhood system. DPfC is a repository of data on young children, with a history of research projects initiated in-house as well as completed in collaboration with local and national research experts. Innovation is a hallmark of the Partnership, including examples such as the establishment of one of the first NC Pre-K data base and site selection processes, now adopted as a norm for the state and the creation of a previously unprecedented universal pre-k application process with multiple partners that respond to parents' needs in order to increase applications and participation from the highest need neighborhoods and most vulnerable communities. Other examples include the planning, funding identification, program implementation and evaluation of the Durham Touchpoints Collaborative, which has grown to include Racial Equity, family mental health and maternal depression, and toxic stress and poverty. Similar work that has been executed by DPfC over the past five years includes:

North Carolina Partnership for Children – Smart Start Grant

2013 - \$5,160,054	2014 - \$5,079,830	2015 - \$5,041,857
2016 - \$5,054,727	2017 - \$5,059,354	

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – Early Head Start Grant(s)

2013 - \$1,722,200	2014 - \$1,672,142	2015 - \$1,881,087
2016 - \$3,117,286	2017 - \$3,198,712	

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NC Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Child Development and Early Education – NC Pre-K Grant

2013 - \$2,057,257	2014 - \$1,805,563	2015 - \$1,882,817
2016 - \$1,931,909	2017 - \$1,874,207	

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Oak Foundation – Durham Touchpoints Collaborative and Early Childhood Training Institute in collaboration with the Brazelton Touchpoints Center and Boston Children's Hospital

2012-2015 - \$300,000	2015-2018 - \$300,000
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