

**Durham PreK
Quarter 2 Report
October 1, 2018 – January 31, 2019**



Refer to Scope of Work for full information about project categories

Children and Families

- Durham PreK Governance Committee approved Durham PreK eligibility requirements and sliding scale in November 2018
 - Free for families at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and household size
 - Start charging a parent fee at 300% FPL on a flat percent of a family's gross monthly income
 - Use a tiered system that starts the flat percent at 4% at 300% FPL and moves to 7% at 350% FPL
- Continued meetings with service delivery agencies and partner agencies – Durham Public Schools (DPS), Head Start, and Durham's Partnership for Children (DPfC) to conduct process and system analyses to create an expanded application process and plan for the 2019-2020 school year
- Application appointments for school year (SY) 2019-2020 start February 4, 2019. First round of applications, developmental screenings and placements will extend through the end of May 2019 with continued rolling admissions after this period

Preschool Providers

- Durham PreK Governance Committee (Governance) approved Durham PreK Provider Requirements and Policies
- Governance approved Durham PreK reimbursement system
 - \$1250 per child, per month for classrooms with B-K Licensed teachers
 - \$1200 per child, per month for classrooms with teachers actively working toward B-K License
- Governance approved teacher compensation through SY 2018-2019
 - Follow Durham Public Schools' Salary Schedule for B-K Licensed teachers
 - Follow NC Department of Public Instruction Salary Schedule for non B-K teachers
 - Follow Durham Public Schools' Certified Salary Schedule for teacher assistants and pay \$12.75 an hour at a minimum for teacher assistants with an AA degree
- Released RFA for Pipeline to Durham PreK to all legally operating centers and schools in Durham
 - Hosted a Durham PreK quality improvement TA services information session for all center directors on October 3 and a webinar of the information on October 4, 2018
 - 34 programs submitted applications; scored by a team with a TA Pipeline rubric
 - 18 sites selected, 5 programs wait listed (space limited by budget)
 - Durham PreK TA service contracts began in November
 - Pipeline classrooms receive weekly TA; currently drafting in-depth professional development plans with teachers
- Released RFA for initial 5 pilot Durham PreK classrooms on December 17, 2018 to all legally operating 4- and 5-star centers and schools in Durham
 - Hosted a Durham PreK RFA Help Session on January 4, 2019

- 19 programs submitted applications on January 8, 2019; application review process and selection concludes on February 8, 2019
- 5 classrooms to open March 2019 as Durham PreK sites
- Planning RFA for SY2019-2020 Durham PreK classrooms in collaboration with DPfC (NC Pre-K)
 - 13 Durham PreK classrooms to open in August 2019
- Creating short and long-term goals based on current NC Pre-K classrooms and enrollment and geographic areas identified in Durham's Supply and Demand study
- Ongoing meetings with Durham Public Schools' Early Childhood leadership regarding the onboarding of the Whitted School to Durham PreK program status

Systems Development

- ***Pre-K and Early Care Career Expo*** for teachers planned for June 1, 2019 at Durham Technical Community College. Presented by CCSA, Durham Tech, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship Program, North Carolina Central University, University of North Carolina- Greensboro, University of North Carolina- Chapel Hill, Mount Olive University, and DPfC
 - Goal is to provide teachers with information about how to return to school for an AA or BS degree or B-K license and to inform current and potential teachers about the variety of career opportunities in early childhood education and specifically in Durham PreK
- Meetings are ongoing with collaborative partners to negotiate MOUs to coordinate implementation strategies and data sharing
- Ongoing database development for collecting, processing and tracking child, family, site, classroom, staffing, enrollment, attendance and payment information
 - Stage 1 of database to be operational for SY2019-2020
- Creating a communication plan that includes branding, outreach and marketing strategies
 - Durham PreK program information, updates and applications are currently posted on CCSA website
 - Dedicated Durham PreK website and branding beginning
 - RFP process to secure creative company completed; entering contract with design company for Durham PreK logo, style guide and website development

Management and Oversight

- Continued work hiring staff members to support Durham PreK implementation
- Continued development of the Durham PreK Governance Committee; by-laws and meetings
 - Governance meetings held on November 30, 2018 and February 1, 2019
 - Next Governance meeting scheduled for March 15, 2019