



Proposal for Creation of a Durham County Early Childhood Action Plan

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Where does this idea come from?

- State ECAP published Feb. 2019
 - Vision: All North Carolina children will get a healthy start and develop to their full potential in safe and nurturing families, schools and communities.
 - Shows 10 key outcome gaps in 3 sub-areas: Healthy, Safe and Nurtured, and Learning and Ready to Succeed
 - Includes guiding principles and key metrics
 - State rep.s indicated desire for local gov'ts to create their own



Why *should* Durham have an ECAP?

- Improved access to state and national grants and gov't support (e.g. SAMHSA and Pritzker work)
- Better organization of our local EC thinking, planning, and execution.
 - E.g. We can help ourselves understand the broader context for Reach Out and Read, Pre-K, Wash and Learn, Boston Basics, child-care subsidy expansion, ACES, and others.
- Better organization and division of labor among local EC partners



Why now?

- SAMHSA “Ready” project (\$4m)
- Pritzker EC innovation grant opportunity
- ACES work
- Early literacy work
- EC Systems Coordinator hire
- Durham Pre-K
- Family Connects Durham expansion
- Duke Pediatrics engagement



Why should (E)DCI lead this effort?

- They are not our only early childhood leader, but...
 - Decade of work as local early education collective action *backbone* agency
 - Dropping the E and becoming Durham Children's Initiative
 - History of securing outside funding
 - Steady desire to lead this work



Questions / Discussion

