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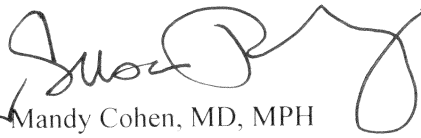
The Honorable Tim Moore, Co-Chair  
Joint Legislative Commission on  
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North Carolina General Assembly  
Room 2304, Legislative Building  
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Dear Chairmen:

The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, offers the North Carolina Children's Trust Fund annual report in accordance with North Carolina General Statute (N.C.G.S) 7B-1302(b). This statutory provision requires that the Department of Health and Human Services report annually on revenues and expenditures of the Children's Trust Fund to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations.

Should you have any questions regarding the report, please contact Wayne Black, Director of the Division of Social Services at 919-527-6335 or [Wayne.Black@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Wayne.Black@dhhs.nc.gov).

Sincerely,

  
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# **North Carolina Children's Trust Fund**

## **North Carolina General Statute 7B-1302(b)**



### **Report to**

### **The Joint Legislative Commission on**

### **Government Operations**

**by**

**NC Department of Health and Human Services**

**May 1, 2018**

## **Introduction**

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §7B-1302(b), the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) shall report revenues and expenditures of the Children's Trust Fund to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations. DHHS, through the Division of Social Services (NCDSS), provides the staff and support services for implementing the Children's Trust Fund in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 7B-1301 and offers this report on the Fund's revenues and expenditures for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2016-2017.

## **SFY 2016-2017 Children's Trust Fund Activities**

The North Carolina Children's Trust Fund programming supports cross-agency collaborative, community-based initiatives to provide outreach, support, and services to individuals and families identified as being at-risk of compromised health and safety. They strive to eliminate or reduce those risks by promoting protective factors that strengthen and support families.

In SFY 2017, North Carolina Children's Trust Program Services supported 7 community-based agencies that provided the following evidence-based, evidence-informed programs: Circle of Parents, Darkness to Light, Incredible Years, Nurturing Parenting Program, Parent-Child Interaction Therapy, Parents as Teachers, Parents as Teachers Play Groups, SafeCare, and Stewards of Children.

These voluntary, free services helped increase the capacity of parents and caregivers to care for their children, helped children develop healthy coping mechanisms, improved caregiver-child relationships, and reduced family stress. In addition, these seven Children's Trust Fund Programs demonstrated collaborative relationships with community partners and meaningful family engagement.

Children's Trust Fund Programs were required to meet the following requirements:

1. Provide voluntary services based on the Principles of Family Support Practice.
2. Demonstrate a commitment to meaningful parent engagement and leadership opportunities.
3. Provide prevention services that target populations most at risk of child abuse or neglect.
4. Promote two or more of the five protective factors linked to lower incidence of child abuse and neglect.
5. Provide a program or service that demonstrates an acceptable level of evidence-based or evidence informed practice. All applicants must demonstrate a clear plan for implementation support.
6. Use outcome accountability and evaluation tools to demonstrate positive outcomes for children and families.

In SFY 2017, the Division of Social Services obligated approximately \$797,219 in Children's Trust Fund dollars in addition to a 25% agency match to support the following seven community-based agencies. This was their first year providing Children's Trust Family Support Programming in a three-year grant cycle.

#### **Ashe Partnership for Children**

Ashe Partnership for Children provided Parents as Teachers (PAT) for families in Ashe County with children, from prenatal to five years old, in their homes and community locations. These services included home visits, group meetings, referrals and resources. Ashe Partnership for Children served 39 parents/caregivers and 45 children in SFY 2017.

#### **Burke County Public Schools**

Burke County Public Schools provided Nurturing Parent Program (NPP) for families in Burke County with children grades Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. NPP services included home visits as well as school and community visits. Burke County Public Schools also served families with children, from birth to age 18 years, with Circle of Parents (COP) weekly support group meetings. Their COP groups targeted kinship / grandparent caregivers and Latino parents. Burke County Public schools served 67 parents/caregivers and 70 children in SFY 2017.

#### **Exchange Clubs' Child Abuse Prevention Center in Durham**

Exchange Club's Child Abuse Prevention Center in Durham provided Parent Child Interaction Therapy and SafeCare for families in Durham County with children ages two to twelve years in the family's home, the center, or other community locations. Exchange Club's Child Abuse Prevention Center in Durham served 46 parents/caregivers and 81 children in SFY 2017.

#### **Iredell Partnership for Children**

Iredell Partnership for Children provided Parents as Teachers play groups for families in Iredell County with children, from birth to five years old, in community locations through weekly groups. Services included educational information, connection opportunities, resources, and referrals. Iredell Partnership for Children served 41 parents/caregivers and 44 children in SFY 2017.

#### **Partnership for Children of Johnston County**

The Partnership for Children of Johnston County provided Incredible Years Pre-School BASIC Parent Program for families in Johnston County with children ages 3-6. They also served families with children, ages birth to five years old, with Nurturing Parent Program. Services included group meetings and/or home-visiting, which occurred in clients' homes, the agency or other community sites. The Partnership for Children of Johnston County served 28 caregivers/parents and 30 children in SFY 2017.

#### **Person County Cooperative Extension**

Person County Cooperative Extension provided Parents as Teachers (PAT) for families in Person County with children, from prenatal to five years old, with monthly home visits and group meetings. Services included educational information, resources, and referrals. Services occurred in the home, agency location, and other various sites as needed. Person County Cooperative Extension served 67 parents/caregivers and 84 children in SFY 2017.

### **Smart Start of New Hanover County**

Smart Start of New Hanover County provided Parents as Teachers (PAT) for families in New Hanover County with children, from prenatal to five years old. They also served families with children, birth to age 18 years, with Circle of Parents (COP) support group meetings. Services included home visitation, group meetings, educational information, connections, resources, and referrals. Smart Start of New Hanover County served 56 parents/caregivers and 64 children in SFY 2017.

### **Children's Trust Fund Fiscal Data**

#### **SFY 2016-2017 Revenues**

In SFY 2016-2017, a total of \$648,805 in new revenue was generated to add to the North Carolina Children's Trust Fund. Of this total:

- \$371,072 was received from marriage license fees
- \$ 20,565 was received from the special license plate fees (Kids First)
- \$257,168 was provided from required contractor match

#### **SFY 2016-2017 Expenditures**

The goal of the Department, through the Division of Social Services, remains to ensure appropriate funding is provided to support the success of the identified evidence based community abuse and neglect prevention programs. Therefore, a total of \$1,045,164 was expended through 7 community-based agencies to deliver child abuse and neglect prevention programming during the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Of this total:

- \$783,884 was expended through NC Children's Trust Funds
- \$261,280 was expended through provider match