



ASHE COUNTY
Partnership For Children

Fiscal Year

2010-2011



Creating Hope. Together.

Making a Difference...

CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL:

One of the components of the Ashe County CCR&R is the resource known as the Lending Library. The Library itself has just been relocated to a wonderfully bright and cheerful space that early childhood educators are finding very inviting. One of our Family Child Care Home (FCCH) owners, Pam, came by and checked out the Dental Kit which includes information on good dental hygiene, children's books and the giant teeth which the children enjoy brushing with the giant toothbrush. She was using these materials in her daily activities when one of her moms, Heather, became inspired and on her own, purchased additional books on the subject and also kits including toothbrushes and toothpaste for all the children. In addition, Pam scheduled a visit from the health department nurse who came to her FCCH and provided more information on good dental hygiene. This is just one example of how providing quality materials can serve as inspiration to enhance educational and creative activities in the lives of our children.



35 Parents received referrals for child care services.

32 On-site technical assistance visits were made to centers and homes

FAMILY SUPPORT:

In the Spring of 2011, our GED Circle of Parents group read a novel together. Funding allowed us to purchase each student a copy of the book. The students took turns reading aloud during Circle of Parents time until they finished the book. While reading together, the students discussed the vocabulary, life lessons learned, character development, how the main character reminded them strongly of a teacher here, and about the slang that was so prevalent in the book. Upon completion, the group watched the movie together and discussed how it differed from the book. At our month end celebration students were asked to share a favorite memory. One student shared that reading this book was one of the greatest highlights of her time in our program. She shared with the group that she had never wanted to read and had not read a novel on her own. While reading the book together she found herself not wanting to put the book down. She says "Now, I can't wait to read another novel. Reading is one of my best memories."

35 Parents were served through our Circle of Parents Group.

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A SAFE HOME FOR EVERYONE:

On October 31st, 2008 Robbie Howell held his wife, Deanna Walters, and their then 2-year-old daughter hostage overnight. From November 1st through November 6th Robbie repeatedly beat, kicked, smothered, bit, scratched, and starved Deanna in the sleeper cab of his 18-wheeler (all in front of their daughter) while his cousin drove to California and back. Oklahoma law enforcement stopped the truck after Deanna's friends and family reported that Robbie had taken them. Deanna was so badly beaten that her glasses would not fit on her face; her entire body was covered with huge black bruises.

Our Case Manager / Court Advocate, Stacy Cox, began working with Deanna mid-November 2008 and in December 2008 suggested local law enforcement involve the FBI since Robbie assaulted Deanna across state lines. Despite several conversations resulting in, "No, we won't take the case," Stacy, Deanna, and Deanna's mom continued to make countless phone calls, emails, and held meetings with local, state, and national authorities. Mid-October 2009, almost a year after the interstate assault, Assistant U.S. Attorney Kimlani Ford agreed to accept Deanna's case and the evidence gathering began. Stacy worked closely with the Victim's Witness Specialist to coordinate services before and during federal court. She also helped prepare Deanna to testify against Robbie by meeting with her on a regular basis so that Deanna could practice telling her story and discuss concerns and anxieties.

The federal trial began August 24th, 2010 and lasted three days. Stacy supported Deanna during court proceedings and communicated trial progress since Deanna was not allowed in the court room. Then on March 11th, 2011 a federal grand jury indicted Robbie Howell on interstate domestic violence and kidnapping charges. Deanna attended Robbie's sentencing hearing on June 14th, 2011 and shared how Robbie's brutality had affected her and their now 5-year-old, daughter. Robbie was sentenced to 250 months (over 20 years) in federal prison.



Deanna exhibited enormous strength, determination, and courage to first survive seven days of horrific mental, emotional, and physical violence, and then to persevere through 2 ½ years

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A SAFE HOME FOR EVERYONE continued...

of legal proceedings to achieve justice for her daughter and herself. In August 2011, Deanna participated in a “Survivors Panel” and shared her story with over 300 attendees at the Federal Domestic Violence Conference held in Greensboro, NC. The Howell case was also featured at the conference, facilitated by the prosecuting attorney and the Victim Witness Specialist. Stacy continues to connect Deanna with opportunities to share her survivor story and speak about intimate partner violence. Deanna now attends school, volunteers as an ASHE crisis line advocate, and plans to become a victim’s assistant with the FBI.

ASHE Case Manager/Court Advocate Stacy Cox displayed superb advocacy work in her diligent efforts getting Deanna’s case heard on the federal level. At the Federal DV Conference law enforcement, U.S and district attorneys, advocates, judges, survivors, and other experts in the field recognized Stacy’s advocacy work with a standing ovation. When asked what she thought about the recognition she received Stacy replied, “Well, wouldn’t everybody else do the same? When you see injustice happening wouldn’t you try to help as best you could?” And the answer, Stacy, is yes, we *should* do the same. You create the example we should all follow.

162 adults and 23 children were served by A Safe Home for Everyone.

27 adults and 21 children needed a safe place to stay and were housed in our shelter.

Our Staff



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217 children received oral health exams or treatment.

64 child care providers received a Professional Development Bonus.

40 new mothers and their infant received at least one post partum home visit.

138 children were provided comprehensive health services.

Financial Summary

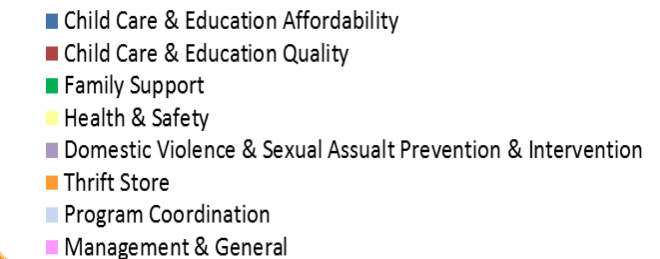
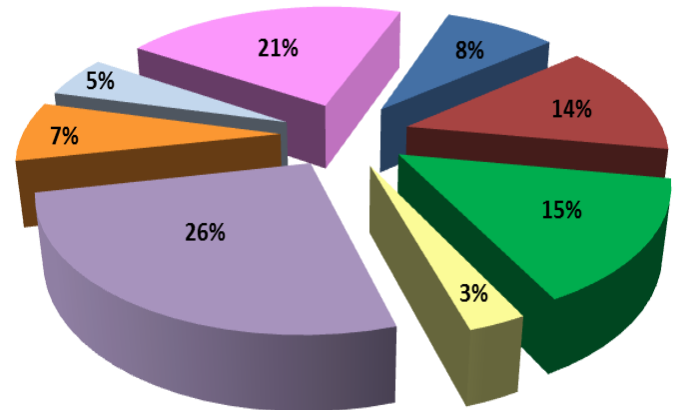
Receipts

Smart Start Funding *	\$	385,940
State Awards		108,937
Federal Awards		178,030
Local Awards		13,700
Private Contributions & Fundraising		56,394
Thrift Store		63,006
Interest & Investment Earnings		837
Accounting Services Reimbursement		37,203
Sales Tax Refunds		3,001
Other Receipts		42,825
Total Funds Administered	\$	889,873

Expenditures

Child Care & Education Affordability	\$	72,784
Child Care & Education Quality		117,839
Family Support		126,651
Health & Safety		24,778
Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Prevention & Intervention		225,970
Thrift Store		62,212
Program Coordination		43,790
Management & General		184,247
Sales Tax Paid		3,181
Refund of Prior Year Grant		4,678
Total Expenditures	\$	866,129

Excess of Receipts over Expenditures	\$	23,745
Net Assets at Beginning of Year		117,242
Net Assets at End of Year	\$	140,987



* Amount does not include funds for Subsidy. This was a separate contract between North Carolina Partnership for Children and Department of Health and Human Services. Total Subsidy Contract for Ashe County \$138,712.



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Thank You!

During fiscal year 2010-2011, we had 157 volunteers who donated a total of 5,579 hours of their time. We also had donations from community members, organizations, businesses, and churches in the amount of \$56,164. We would like to say a special "Thank You" to those of you who help support our organization and programs through your donations and volunteer hours. You are what helps us be successful and provide the needed services and opportunities to citizens of Ashe County.



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The mission of Ashe County Partnership for Children is to nurture an active, supportive community that provides choices, opportunities and encouragement for all children and families of Ashe County to be healthy, educated, and self-reliant.