



**Fiscal Year  
2008-2009  
Annual Report**



***Creating Hope. Together.***



**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.**

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## Perspectives

Ashe County Partnership for Children is entering our 15<sup>th</sup> year of service to the community. The accomplishments over the last decade and a half are monumental. Through efforts such as the Child Care Resource and Referral program and the Wilkes Community College salary supplements program, we have bolstered the quality of Ashe County’s early childhood education programs to the highest ranks in the state. By joining resources with the Department of Social Services, the child care subsidy program has expanded the availability of financial assistance with child care tuition to more families. By virtue of a web of resources and community support, we have established and nurtured a domestic violence prevention program that includes case management, outreach, shelter services, and more. Through collaboration with the Ashe County Health Department, we have ensured that every new mother in Ashe has the opportunity to have a postpartum home visit, that all young children have the opportunity for a free health assessment and immunizations yearly, and that all young children have the ability to receive dental varnishes and dental screenings. Finally, through the efforts of the family literacy and family support programs, families have benefited from opportunities to complete their high school diploma or GED, to learn English, and to acquire life and parenting skills in a supportive setting that serves the entire family.



Ashe County Partnership for Children has devoted time and energy in the last year reflecting on these accomplishments as well as listening to the voices of agency partners, community members who use our programs, and volunteers. In response, we have launched a new era of services with the updated logo and the forward-reaching message of our new tagline – “Creating Hope. Together.” The brochure has been updated, and our new website will be unveiled in the next few months. Our future plans include beginning a community needs assessment to ensure that we are indeed continuing to create stellar programs that respond to the needs of the county’s youngest citizens and their families.

*- Patricia Calloway, Board Chair & Sarah Wolf, Executive Director*

## Success Story

One of our most recent success stories involves a married mother of 3, “Suzie”, who passed her GED in April of 2009. She enrolled in September, 2008, and brought her 18 month old son with her. He began in the infant room and then moved into the toddler room when he turned 2. Suzie attended regularly, was very much an outgoing, friendly member of the GED class, and even recruited another student. This other student was a friend who was attending the GED class at the Ashe campus of Wilkes Community College but had told her that he felt uncomfortable and overwhelmed because of the size of the class at the Ashe campus. So he changed to our program, worked very hard, and finished his GED within 3 months after having been laid off from the closing at Leviton. He encouraged Suzie to go ahead and take the GED, that she could definitely do this, and that she would be successful. One day Suzie and I were standing in the kitchen washing our lunch dishes, and she said to me, “You know, I’m afraid to take the GED, afraid that I might not pass it, but I’m gonna do it, because all my life, I’ve never finished anything that I started, and I’m gonna finish this to show my kids.”



She did, indeed, finish and passed her GED with flying colors. Not to stop there, over the summer she began taking classes at WCC and now plans to enter the nursing program after finishing her prerequisites. She has gained a lot of confidence and tells us how proud her husband and children are of her accomplishment. She is the epitome of why this program is here, and the investment that it is for the county.

-Ann Canon, Family Support Director

## MEASUREMENTS OF SUCCESS

**DENTAL  
PROGRAM  
SERVED 258  
CHILDREN**

**COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH SERVICES REFERRED 89  
CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS TO ADDITIONAL  
SERVICES DURING HEALTH SCREENING**

**62 TEACHING STAFF RECEIVED  
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
BONUSES**

**144 DV CLIENTS WERE SERVED**

**25 ADULT DV  
CLIENTS AND  
9 CHILDREN  
WERE HOUSED  
IN OUR  
SHELTER**

**POST PARTUM HOME VISITS SERVED  
35 PARENTS**

**44 TEACHING  
STAFF WERE  
ENROLLED IN A  
COLLEGE  
CREDIT COURSE**

**18 CHILD CARE FACILITIES MAINTAINED THEIR  
STAR RATING OF 3 OR HIGHER**

# Financial Summary

Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets  
(unaudited) for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009

## Receipts

Smart Start Grants *	\$	446,920
State Awards		180,126
Federal Awards		375,916
Local Awards		11,980
Private Contributions		94,136
Special Fundraising		1,454
Interest & Investment Earnings		2,140
Building & Kitchen Operations		62,216
Thrift Shop		39,492
Accounting Services Reimbursements		47,715
Sales Tax Refunds		4,640
Other Receipts		7,103
<b>Total Funds Administered</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,273,838</b>

## Expenditures

Child Care & Educational Affordability	\$	56,888
Child Care & Education Quality		204,007
Family Support		397,454
Health & Safety		33,250
Domestic Violence Prevention & Awareness		299,813
Building & Kitchen Operations		93,642
Program Coordination		38,426
Management & General Support		182,377
Sales Tax Paid		4,694
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,310,551</b>
Excess of Receipts over Expenditures	\$	(36,712)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year		120,472
<b>Net Assets at End of Year</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>83,759</b>



Ashe County Partnership for  
Children programs are funded  
in part by Smart Start

\* 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 \$146,830.

