

Ashe County Partnership for Children

Board of Directors

Statement of Purpose

General Function

The Board of Directors will provide leadership in developing programs and policies for the operation of the Partnership; to monitor the Partnership's financial health, programs, and overall performance; and to provide the Executive Director with the resources to meet the goals set by the Board and the needs of those the Partnership serves.

Responsibilities

Specific responsibilities of the Board of Directors shall include the following:

1. Ensure that the mission, vision, and principles are correctly focused on the needs of the community.
2. Make certain that activities are based on realistic and well-conceived strategic planning and implementation processes.
3. Ensure legal and ethical integrity and accountability.
4. Become thoroughly knowledgeable about the Partnership and its programs.
5. Attend at least 75% of Board meetings each year, and serve on one or more committees.
6. Actively participate in Board activities, ask questions on matters that you don't understand, and challenge positions where you think the Partnership is wrong.
7. Provide an on-going and vigorous examination and evaluation of the programs and projects that the Partnership funds or in which it is otherwise engaged.
8. Insist on full program and fiscal specificity and accountability throughout all aspects of the Partnership. Fully execute stewardship responsibilities including closely examining all program and financial information, reports, and recommendations.
9. Select the Executive Director; annually evaluate his/her performance; clearly define lines of responsibility between Board and staff, and ensure they are understood and honored by all parties.
10. Be a strong advocate for the Partnership and enhance its public standing. Board members have a credibility that staff members don't and can't.
11. Help identify and recruit new Board members. Make sure they are brought up to speed quickly and that agency jargon and acronyms are avoided in discussions.
12. Refrain from discussing or voting on any issues where there is a real or perceived conflict of interest.
13. Keep the Executive Director informed about community concerns.

Membership

The Board composition will be according to the board approved by-laws.

Staffing

The Executive Director shall give staff leadership to the Board of Directors. Other staff may be called upon to provide reports at Board meetings.