738 Home Visits were Conducted by Parent Educators

302 Children Enrolled in NC Pre-K

988 Children Served Through Quality Support Services

370 Parents Received Child Care and/or Community Referrals

103 Child Care Providers Received Health Consultation Training

212 Child Care Professionals Completed Professional Development Plans

2060 New Children Enrolled in DPIL
We are pleased to share this special edition annual report with you illustrating our achievements from July 1, 2017- June 30, 2018 and celebrating our 20 years of service to the children and families of Iredell County.

I officially started my tenure as Executive Director on January 4, 2018, so I must thank and recognize Vivian Hamilton and Marta Koesling for their leadership and guidance as the first and second executive directors, respectively, of the Iredell County Partnership for Young Children. Their dedication and passion is ingrained in the heart and soul of this organization.

The Partnership has made great progress since it first opened its doors 20 years ago, however, there is much left to do. While we are proud to celebrate our accomplishments, we do so with the knowledge that there are still many challenges that lie ahead as the needs of our children and families continue to grow. We also know that communities thrive when children thrive and will continue to seek innovative ways to address the critical needs of the young children and families in our community and we look forward to a joint effort to achieve continued success in the coming year.

We look to the future with commitment and hope for a better tomorrow for our youngest citizens and invite you to join us on this journey to bring about positive changes that will last a lifetime!

Lisa M. Familo
Executive Director

As those interested in the development of young children in Iredell County and as early childhood educators, we know how important the first 2000 days are to a child’s early learning and development. Twenty years ago, the Iredell County Partnership for Young Children was formed and set out on a mission to educate families and the community on how to improve the early care and education, family support and health of our youngest and most valuable assets.

Since ICPYC opened in 1998, the children who are enrolled in supported centers are receiving the highest quality service in the history of the Partnership. Sixty-nine percent of our children served are now cared for in 4 and 5 Star centers. Over this same time period, the average star rating has increased from 2.43 to 4.02. In more than half of the supported centers, at least 75% of the lead teachers have college degrees. Last year over 361 teachers and directors at 22 facilities received direct technical assistance, training and support to expand their educational opportunities and increase quality of care.

The Partnership has also helped to educate parents on the importance of reading to children and providing a safe and healthy home environment for them to grow and thrive. Forty percent of the parents report reading to their children daily and 83% of children enrolled in Medicaid report receiving a well-child exam. Information and services on early intervention or special education services are also provided to help the children get an early jump start on learning. The Parents as Teachers Program reported providing services to 71 parents in 2017-18 and made parent referrals to 199 partner agencies in the community.

In the last year, ICPYC has launched the Dolly Parton Imagination Library initiative. Any child birth to age 4 can sign up for the program to receive an age appropriate book each month through his/her fifth birthday. In FY 17-18, 2461 children in Iredell County received books to read with their parents/caregivers.

ICPYC is celebrating 20 years of helping families and early childhood educators provide a solid foundation for our youngest community members. These children will grow up to be our next generation of leaders. Thanks for your support in helping to ensure that these first 2000 days are rock solid for our next generation.

Melanie Taylor, Ed.D
ICPYC Board Chair
**Our Mission**

To ensure that all children in Iredell County enter kindergarten healthy and ready to succeed.

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## FY 2017-2018 Community Impact

### Family Support

**Parents as Teachers** – Parent educators conducted 738 home visits to 71 parents. 199 referrals were made to partnering agencies for services. 40 children received developmental screenings.

**Together Time Playgroups** – 56 parent/caregivers and 53 children participated in weekly playgroups throughout Iredell County.

### Early Care & Education

**Child Care Solutions/Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R)** – 370 families received child care and/or community referrals and information related to selecting high quality child care.

**Comprehensive Benefits** – 64 child care providers from 11 facilities were reimbursed for health insurance benefits and participated in dental, life and short-term disability coverage, impacting 379 children.

**Early Learning Resource Center (ELRC)** – 171 families and 100 early childhood professionals joined the Early Learning Resource Center, utilizing the resource materials for their children a total of 932 times. 60 parents/guardians attended workshops in the ELRC.

**NC Pre-Kindergarten Coordination (NC Pre-K)** – 302 children were enrolled in high quality NC Pre-K classrooms. 30 child care professionals attended trainings or workshops. 454 technical assistance (TA) visits were provided to NC Pre-K classrooms.

**Professional Development** – 323 child care providers participated in 45 professional development workshops. 212 child care providers created professional development plans and 24 earned Education Awards for completing college coursework and/or degrees.

**Quality Support Specialists (QSS)** – 424 on-site technical assistance (TA) visits were conducted to support classrooms impacting 1,350 children.

**WAGE$® Project** – 54 child care providers in 33 facilities received a salary supplement based on their level of education.

### Child Health

**Child Care Health Consultant (CCHC)** – 195 on-site technical assistance (TA) visits were provided to 103 early childhood professionals at 47 child care facilities.

### Early Literacy

**Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library (DPIL)** – 12,602 books were distributed to 2,461 children enrolled in Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library.
Iredell County Partnership for Young Children
Financial Data
July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

**Revenue**
- NC Pre-Kindergarten Program: $1,653,365 (38.6%)
- NC Smart Start: $2,079,748 (48.5%)
- *Division of Child Development: $365,210 (8.5%)
- Grants: $59,091 (1.4%)
- Individual Gifts: $17,749 (0.4%)
- Other Income: $5,577 (0.1%)

Total Revenue: $4,196,955

**Expenditures**
- NC Pre-Kindergarten Program: $1,859,233 (44.4%)
- Early Care and Education: $1,014,198 (24.2%)
- Child Care Subsidies: $681,383 (16.3%)
- Family Support: $352,095 (8.4%)
- Administration: $201,885 (4.8%)
- Health and Safety Initiatives: $75,283 (1.8%)

Total Expenditures: $4,184,077

*The Iredell County Partnership for Young Children is the Lead Agency for a nine-county Child Care Resource and Referral region comprised of Alexander, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Iredell, McDowell, Mitchell, Yancey and Watauga counties. All funds flow through the Iredell County Partnership.*