

Partners for
Children & Families

2025-2026

COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

Supporting Children by Strengthening the Systems Around Them



A Message from Leadership

Growing to Meet the Needs of Moore County Families

For more than 30 years, Partners for Children & Families has worked alongside families, educators, and community partners to help Moore County's youngest children get the strong start they deserve. Today, that work is more important than ever as families navigate rising costs, changing needs, and growing challenges.

In response, Partners continues to grow. Over the past three years, despite flat state funding for early childhood services, we have doubled our organizational capacity and increased direct services by 20 percent. More children are receiving books, more families are accessing support, and more educators are gaining the resources they need to help young children thrive.

A key part of that growth has been the expansion of our Family Resource Center, where families can access essentials, parenting support, educational resources, and connections to services in one welcoming location. We are also continuing to strengthen early literacy, school readiness, child care quality, and access to high-quality early learning opportunities throughout Moore County.

The stories and results in this report reflect the power of community investment. Every achievement highlighted in these pages is made possible by families, donors, volunteers, educators, businesses, foundations, and public partners who share our belief that every child deserves the opportunity to succeed.

Thank you for being part of this work. Together, we are building stronger families, stronger learners, and stronger communities.

With gratitude,



Stuart Mills
Executive Director



Linda Parsons
Board Chair, Partners for Children & Families
President & CEO, Moore Chamber of Commerce



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Organizational
capacity in
three years

20%

Increase in
direct services



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OUR IMPACT AT A GLANCE



128,855

Meals and snacks reimbursed



40,667

Diapers and pull-ups distributed



39,580

Books distributed



5,000+

Children served



413

Educators supported



83

NC Pre-K children enrolled



93

Parents coached

Stronger Early Childhood Communities

Supporting the Systems that Support Children.

We strengthen the network of educators, child care providers, schools, and community partners that helps young children thrive.

With these programs, we're investing in;

Quality care. Strong educators. Healthy starts.

NC Pre-K

83 children gained access to high-quality NC Pre-K, building the skills and confidence needed for kindergarten.

DSS Child Care Subsidy

495 children received child care subsidies, helping families access safe, affordable, and high-quality child care.

NC Tri-Share Child Care Subsidy

NC Tri-Share reduces child care costs for eligible families by splitting costs equally among participating employers, employees, and the state of North Carolina. The pilot program brought together **18** employers and **35** child care providers to expand access to child care, with **21** employees and **28** children enrolled in the program.

Positive Early Childhood Education Program (PECE)

4 child care facilities, **6** classrooms, and **9** early childhood educators participated in PECE, strengthening classroom practices and supporting high-quality learning environments for young children.



Celebrating early childhood educators at our Week of the Young Child dinner.

Child Care Health Consultation

63 child care facilities received comprehensive health consultation, while **26** trainings equipped **110** child care staff across **5** facilities with knowledge and strategies to support children's health and well-being.

WAGES

26 child care facilities participated, supporting **50** early childhood educators serving **886** children. Educators received an average six-month salary supplement of **\$1,661**, while participating facilities saw turnover rates decrease to **11%**.

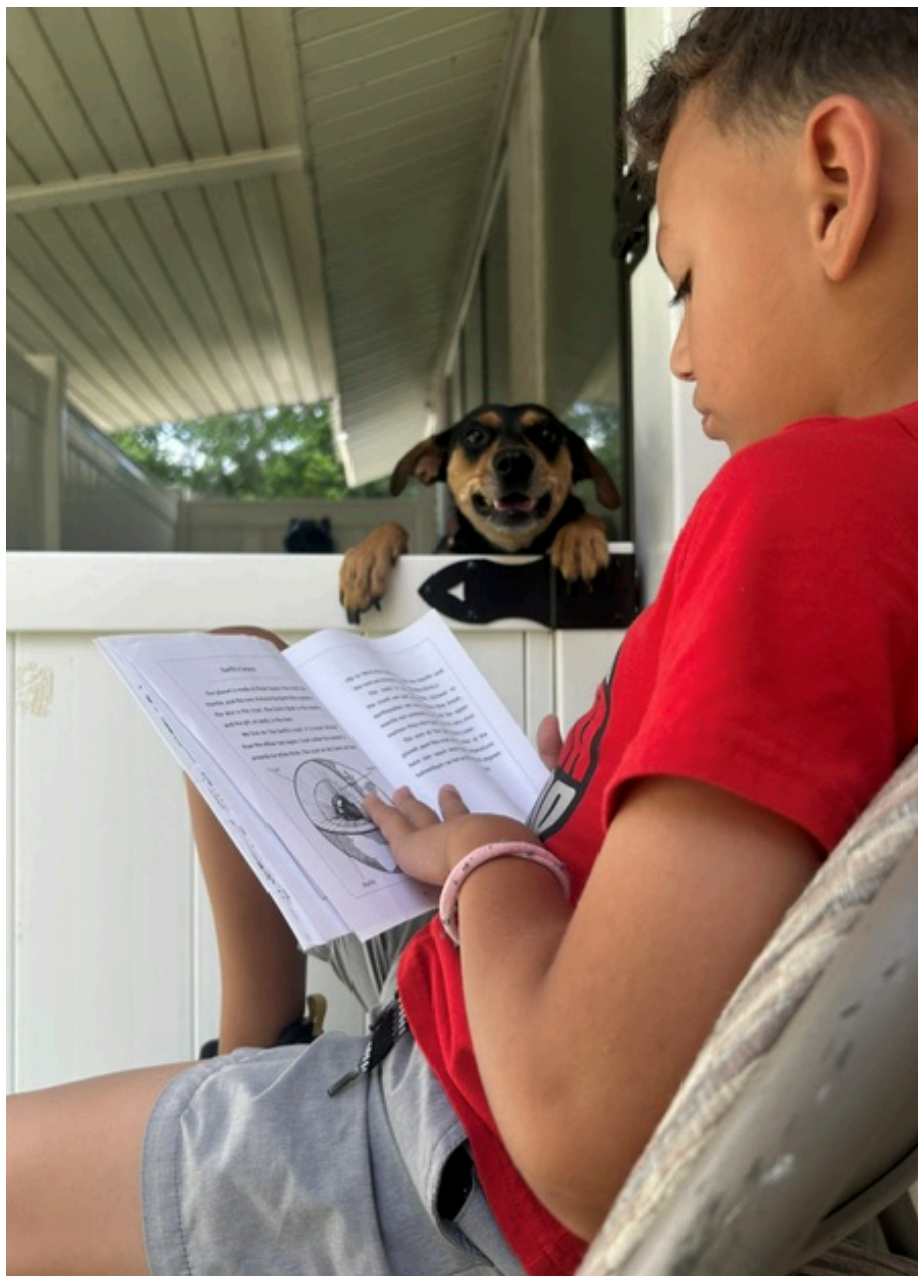
CACFP Food Program

29 family child care homes provided nutritious meals and snacks to **814** children, with **128,855** meals and snacks reimbursed through the program.

Stronger Learners

Building a Love of Learning from the Start

Through books, literacy programs, and creative play opportunities, children across Moore County are developing the skills they need for success in school and beyond.



Xavier and a friend read together through our partnership with Caring Hearts for Canines.

With these programs, we're investing in:

School readiness. Curiosity. Lifelong learning.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

2,801 children received free, age-appropriate books every month, supporting early literacy and a lifelong love of reading.

Summer Reading Stations

1,833 children visited our Summer Reading Stations across Moore County (an 80% increase over last year), with **3,957** books distributed to children ages birth to 13.

New Books-Good Looks

629 books were distributed across **6** Moore County barbershops, giving children the opportunity to take home a new book while receiving a haircut.

Raising a Reader

509 children and their families participated in early literacy experiences that support a lifelong love of reading.

Play Mobile

3,026 preschool children engaged in hands-on learning and play across **19** Play Mobile events, supporting healthy development.

Stronger Families

The Family Resource Center: A Front Door to Support

The Family Resource Center brings together resources, relationships, and opportunities that help families thrive. Through the Essentials Care Pantry, Triple P, the Learning Through Play Lending Library, and the soon-to-launch Family Success Program families can access support for both immediate needs and long-term success in one welcoming location.

Families may come for diapers and essentials, parenting support, or educational play materials, but they often discover a broader network of services designed to strengthen family well-being. As the largest Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) initiative in North Carolina, Partners for Children & Families provides evidence-based parenting support for families with children from birth through age 12. Soon, the Family Success Program will add a new layer of support, helping families set goals, overcome barriers, and build a path toward long-term economic stability.

Together, these programs create a connected system of support that meets families where they are and grows with them over time.



**Immediate
Needs**



**Parenting
Support**



Resources



**Long-Term
Stability**



MEET RAQUEL

"What began as help with pull-ups became the support our family needed to grow, heal, and thrive."

"I cannot say enough good things about Partners for Children & Families. I was given temporary guardianship of two young children, ages 4 and 5, with just hours' notice and very little support or guidance. The added financial strain created real concern about how I would manage on a fixed income while still giving them the life they deserve. Just two days later, I found the Essentials Care Pantry. Learning we would need pull-ups at night was one more expense I simply wasn't prepared for, and the pantry was an absolute blessing. It immediately eased a burden that would have been difficult for our family to manage."

Through my visits, I learned about Triple P. As many can imagine, children who have been shuffled through the system can have complex emotions and behaviors. As we've moved from temporary placement to full custody, and now toward adoption, I've wanted to do everything possible to support their growth and well-being. Diane has been an invaluable coach, resource, confidant, and friend throughout that journey. My children adore her and always look forward to our visits."

The Learning Through Play Lending Library has also become a special place for us to play, bond, and learn together. And the Summer Reading Stations have helped us build excitement around books and reading while growing our home library. We especially loved the splash pad locations and often planned our days around them."

I'm truly not sure where we would be today without Partners for Children & Families. We have come so far from where we started, and we continue to grow not only as individuals, but most importantly as a family."

-Raquel N. Aliff

FRC IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS



718

Adults & Children served



552

Essentials Care Pantry visits



40,667

Diapers & Pull-ups distributed



85

Lending Library visits



93

Parents & Guardians participated in Triple P

Spotlight Story: How Local Giving Created 25 New NC Pre-K Seats

Local Partnerships. Lasting Impact.

NC Pre-K provides free, high-quality preschool funded primarily by the state for children from families facing economic challenges...but available seats have not meet local demand.



**THIS YEAR, PARTNERS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES
SECURED ALTERNATIVE FUNDING FOR:**

17

NC PRE-K SEATS

at HOPE Academy in
Robbins using our SmartStart
funds

6

NC PRE-K SEATS

at Westmoore Elementary
through grant support from
Moore Women - A Giving Circle

**THOSE INVESTMENTS HELPED SPARK
AN EVEN BIGGER WIN:**

***25 NEW State-Funded
Permanent NC Pre-K Seats***

Beginning August 2026:

- 17 seats in private child care centers
- 8 seats in Moore County Schools

What started as a locally funded solution became a permanent expansion of early learning opportunities for Moore County children.

Our Community

Our Partners. Our Strength.



Volunteers sort books for Summer Reading Stations

Public Partners

- NC Partnership for Children
- NC Department of Health and Human Services
- Moore County Schools
- Moore County Department of Social Services

Major Funders & Community Supporters

- United Way of Moore County
- Moore Women - A Giving Circle
- McPeake Hotels
- SanStone Health & Rehabilitation
- Pee Dee Electric
- McSwain Trust
- Moore County Community Foundation
- Central Electric Membership Corporation – Operation Round Up
- Emmanuel Episcopal Thrift Shop
- Moore County Children's Endowment
- Golf Capital Chorus
- BlueCross BlueShield of NC Foundation
- Food Lion Charitable Foundation
- Lin Hutaff's Pinehurst Realty Group
- First Capital Bank
- Rotary Club of the Sandhills
- The Village Chapel
- Truist
- Sandhills Community College
- Bradshaw Capital Management LLC
- Randolph Electric Membership Corporation
- First Bank
- Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church

We are grateful to the many individuals, organizations, and funders who invest in educators, children, and families in Moore County.

Board Recognition

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Looking Ahead

Building What Comes Next

In the year ahead, we will continue building a stronger system of support for children and families by:

- Launching the Family Success Program to help families with young children build economic mobility and achieve long-term goals.
- Expanding Triple P Positive Parenting, giving more parents the tools and confidence to support their children's healthy development.
- Growing the Family Resource Center as a central hub connecting families to coordinated services and support.
- Introducing Darkness to Light training to strengthen community awareness and prevention of child sexual abuse.
- Reaching more families experiencing parenting challenges, financial pressures, and other life stressors, connecting them with support before challenges become crises.

Together with our partners, we are creating more opportunities for children to thrive, families to build stability, and communities to grow stronger.



Join Us



The future of Moore County depends on today's children.

Whether you volunteer, donate, partner with us, or simply share our mission, your support creates opportunities for children to thrive.

Together, we can ensure every child enters school healthy, confident, and ready to succeed.



GIVE

Your donation helps us meet immediate needs and build lasting change.



VOLUNTEER

Share your time and talents to support families and programs.



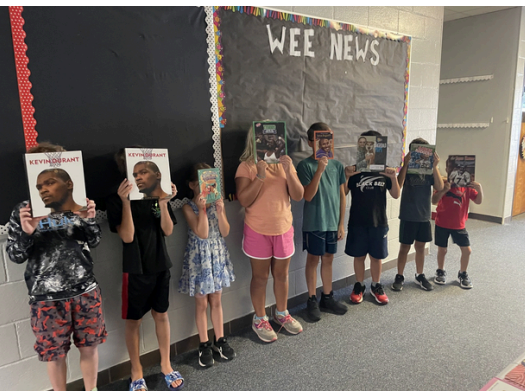
PARTNER

Together, we can do more for Moore County Children.



SPREAD THE WORD

Help us raise awareness and support our mission.



Every book shared, every diaper distributed, every family supported, and every new preschool seat created begins with community investment. Thank you for helping Moore County's children get the strong start they deserve.



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