



The mission of the Anson County Partnership for Children is helping make Anson County a better place to be a child and to raise a child.



25 years and counting . . .

1994-1995

- Monthly Smart Start Planning Committee meetings held to discuss the need for Smart Start in Anson County.

1996

- The Anson County Partnership for Children founded.

1997

- Hosted Ribbon Cutting and Open House at the Partnership office on 303 East View Street, Wadesboro.
- Teen Information and Parenting Service (TIPS) began offering services to teen parents. Services included parenting, childcare, education, transportation, and counseling. As the program grew, the program boasted a 0% school dropout rate among participants.
- The first ACPC newsletter sent to childcare providers in the county.

1998

- ACPC donated story-telling packets to the Hampton B. Allen Library for check out.
- Education Wage Incentive grants provided for childcare providers.
- The first Regional Child Care Conference held in collaboration with Richmond, Stanly, and Montgomery counties.
- The first annual "Walls to Climb" event held, focusing on teen pregnancy prevention with 47 adolescents in attendance.
- Buckle Up Anson formed to distribute child safety seats to parents of young children.
- With a \$10,000 grant from CP&L, a public playground built at the 303 East View office in Wadesboro.

1999

- ACPC hosted the second annual Regional Childcare Conference at Ansonville Elementary School with 195 participants.
- The First Week of the Young Child celebration held in Anson County.
- ACPC collaborated with Anson Developmental Day to construct Anson Children's Center. The groundbreaking ceremony took place in September.
- Child Care Resources and Referral staff began providing technical assistance, professional development, and other services to childcare providers in Anson County.
- Teen Outreach Program (TOP) for teen pregnancy prevention began providing services in the county.

- The first Annual Childcare Appreciation Banquet held to honor childcare providers in the county.

2000

- ACPC hosted a regional luncheon with legislators to advocate for children.
- \$440,000 Smart Start Reversion funds received for the expansion of Anson Children's Center, Galileo, Family Resource Center, and Childcare Subsidy.
- Anson Children's Center opened debt-free.

2001

- Local family practitioner, Dr. Josephine Lake, and ACPC committee members featured in the statewide televised Blue Cross Blue Shield Smart Start Parent Campaign.
- Quality Enhancement Grants provided to Anson County childcare providers and local parks to create developmentally appropriate Outdoor Learning Environments.
- In collaboration with UCCA Head Start and Anson County Schools, ACPC assisted with the renovation project of Central Center for Children and Families in Wadesboro.

2002

- Central Center for Children and Families opened in the renovated building on White Store Road. The center currently serves three- and four-year-old children and is a prominent part of the NC Pre-K program.
- ACPC hosted Regional Child Care Conference at Wadesboro Primary school with 305 participants.
- Smart Start allocations cut by 15% statewide.

2003

- ACPC awarded the Outstanding Community-Based Organization Award at the statewide Baby Love Conference for its outstanding support and contributions to pregnant women, children, and families.
- In collaboration with the Anson County Health Department, ACPC began offering Nurturing Parenting classes.
- A \$50,000 grant awarded to ACPC to aid in constructing the Model Outdoor Learning Environment at Central Center for Children and Families.
- ACPC offices moved to 117 South Greene Street and expanded the Early Childhood Resource Center.
- Smart Start allocations cut by 7.5% statewide.

The Anson County Partnership for Children has been a game changer over the past 25 years for Anson County Schools. Superintendents normally seek out these types of partnerships to ensure student success in the early years of school. The value that Anson County Partnership for Children has accumulated over the years has been priceless. Anson County Partnership for Children has assisted in increasing graduation rates, helped raise student IQ scores, and helped lower the need for Exceptional Children placements. They have done a tremendous job to help close the achievement gap for Anson County Schools. We look forward to the next 25 years.

Howard McLean, Superintendent of Anson County Schools



I'm so proud of the impact of the Anson County Partnership for Children. For 25 years, ACPC has supported children and families through quality programming, family support services, high-quality child care, and impactful early literacy programs. Using the collective impact of the Smart Start network and the strengths of Anson County, ACPC has expertly served the community as a hub for early childhood services providers and families with young children, bringing together resources and programming to ensure that every child is ready to learn and succeed. It is an honor to support the Anson County Partnership and all the Smart Start local partnerships in working towards a brighter future for each child in every community in North Carolina

Amy Stephens Cubbage, President of the NC Partnership for Children

