2015 NC Rtt - ELC Grant Partners Meeting

NC Head Start Family Engagement Standards Project

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• Tied to NC’s Quality Rating Improvement System Overhaul

→ Expectation of new “Family Engagement” Standards to be introduced into the QRIS

• All licensed childcare providers (private, military, religious-sponsored, public schools) were eligible to receive FREE technical assistance on family engagement implementation based on the Head Start model
Wave 1 Hubs

Hub #1 ~ Macon Program for Progress

Hub #2 ~ Verner Center for Early Learning (MACFC)

Hub #3 ~ Western Carolina Community Action

Hub #4 ~ Blue Ridge Opportunity Commission

Hub #8 ~ Franklin Vance Warren

Hub #9 ~ WAGES

Hub #12 ~ Cumberland Community Action Program

Hub #13 ~ Economic Improvement Council
Wave II Hubs

- Hubs #5/21 ~ Guilford Child Development
- Hubs #6/22 ~ CH-TOP
- Hub #7 ~ CCAP
- Hub #10 ~ CADA
- Hub #11 ~ Coastal Community Action
- Hub #14 ~ Pender Co. Schools
- Hub #15 ~ Southeastern Community and Family Services, Inc. (Four Co. Comm. Action)
- Hub #16 ~ Union County Comm. Action
- Hub #17 ~ Cleveland Co. Schools
- Hub #18 ~ Four Square Comm. Action
- Hubs #19/20 ~ Alexander Co. Schools
PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION OVERVIEW

- **Training**
  a) Nurture within parents an active, ongoing interest in their child’s development and education

- **Coaching**
  b) Become or remain regularly involved with the activities of their child’s childcare program

- **Follow-up support services**
  c) Establish effective methods of ongoing, two-way communication

  d) Support successful transitions of children into other preschool programs or into Kindergarten
WHY

To build the capacities of licensed childcare providers to implement effective strategies to engage the parents and families of the children they serve

To help providers comply with a new set of Family Engagement standards that may become part of the NC star-rated license system
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Key

• Trained about one-third of licensed providers across the State*

• Beginning to receive impact data, showing evidence of change in practice of providers

Residual

• 45% of NC’s new Early Head Start - CC P’ship grantees are programs that led Rtt-ELC Family Engagement Hubs

• Extending this work by weaving similar F-E strategies into NC Foundations for Early Learning online training modules (FPG)
Questions?