



The North Carolina Early  
Childhood Advisory Council

# NC RACE TO THE TOP- EARLY LEARNING CHALLENGE GRANT (RTT-ELC)

[earlylearningchallenge.nc.gov](http://earlylearningchallenge.nc.gov)



# OVERVIEW

- Federal grant program administered jointly by the U.S. Departments of Education and Health and Human Services
- NC awarded \$69.9 million from 2012-2016
- Grant will close December 2016



# PARTNERS

- Division of Child Development & Early Education
- Division of Public Health
- Department of Public Instruction
- NC Partnership for Children
- University, Community College, local and nonprofit agency partners statewide



# GRANT GOALS

- Build an effective early childhood system in North Carolina
- Improve the quality of early learning and development programs for children
- Promote early learning and development outcomes for children



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# SHARED SUCCESSES

- Invested in the parents, teachers, and professionals that shape children's early experiences and environments
- Valued and prioritized the families of young children
- Supported rural communities
- Valued outcomes and broke down silos
- Led the nation through innovation and helped advance the early learning field



# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

## **Building Capacity to Use Data to Inform Early Childhood Policy and Programs**

NC Early Childhood Integrated Data System  
(NC ECIDS)

[www.ecids.nc.gov](http://www.ecids.nc.gov)

Smart Start Data Project



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## **Using Data and Assessment to Support Children's Learning and Development**

NC K-3 Formative Assessment

FirstSchool



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## **Enhancing the Quality of Early Learning Programs**

NC Star Rated License Validation Study

Early Childhood Quality Improvement Pathway System (EQuIPS)

Faith-Based Engagement





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## **Promoting Professional Development of the Early Learning Workforce**

- early learning standards and curriculum
- children's emotional and social development
- family engagement
- cultural competence
- infants and toddlers



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## **Promoting Professional Development of the Early Learning Workforce**

- leadership development
- enhanced Community College programs
- enhanced technical assistance
- T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Scholarships
- Child Care WAGE\$ salary supplements
- Birth-Kindergarten (B-K) teacher licensure



# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

## Supporting Healthy Development

### Child Care Health Consultation

### Assuring Better Child Health and Development (ABCD)



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## **Building Community Capacity to Support Children's Learning and Development**

Transformation Zone

(Beaufort, Bertie, Chowan, Hyde Counties)

Triple P



# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Detailed information about every funded project  
is available at:

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Video and fact sheets coming soon!