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

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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
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

Smart Start Data Project
PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Using Data and Assessment to Support Children’s Learning and Development

NC K-3 Formative Assessment

FirstSchool
PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Enhancing the Quality of Early Learning Programs

NC Star Rated License Validation Study

Early Childhood Quality Improvement Pathway System (EQuIIPS)

Faith-Based Engagement
PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

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
Project Highlights

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
Supporting Healthy Development

Child Care Health Consultation

Assuring Better Child Health and Development (ABCD)
Building Community Capacity to Support Children’s Learning and Development

Transformation Zone
(Beaufort, Bertie, Chowan, Hyde Counties)

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Detailed information about every funded project is available at:

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Video and fact sheets coming soon!