

Rockingham County Partnership for Children QUARTERLY UPDATE 3.31.19



4,696 CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 5 in Rockingham County.

CHILDREN IN ROCKINGHAM COUNTY: BY THE NUMBERS



860
babies

were born in Rockingham County in 2018. 937 were born in 2017.

WHITE BABIES ARE ALMOST

3

times more likely to survive past their first year than black babies.

WHITE MOTHERS ARE

2.5 TIMES MORE LIKELY

to live through childbirth related complications than black mothers.



HOME-BASED VISITING PROGRAMS ARE ONLY ABLE TO SERVE

5%

of eligible families in Rockingham County.



52.1%

of children in Rockingham County live in poor or low-income homes.

STATE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION: AN OVERVIEW OF THE DATA

CHILDREN IN CHILD CARE



- 30% of children 0 to 5 (14% of children 0 to 3) are enrolled in licensed child care.
- 59% in 4 or 5 star care
- 68% of subsidized children in 4 or 5 star care

3 & 4 YEAR OLDS IN CHILD CARE



- Head Start: 254 children
- NC Pre-K: 228 children
- RCS Preschool: 192 children
- Private Childcare: 341 children

AVERAGE STAR RATINGS



- All programs: 4.06 stars
- Programs serving subsidized children: 4.24 stars
- Star ratings for infant/toddler: 3.5 stars (excludes GS-110s)

48.6%

OF 3RD GRADE STUDENTS

scored **proficient** in **reading** on end of grade tests for school year 2017-2018 in Rockingham County.

Third grade reading scores are a predictor of high school graduation. Students not reading on grade-level by the end of third grade are **FOUR** times more likely to drop out.

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The mission of the Rockingham County Partnership for Children (RCPC) is to help children enter school healthy and ready to succeed. RCPC is the leader in early childhood education and services for families in Rockingham County. Because 90% of a child's brain development happens in the first five years of life, optimizing healthy birth outcomes and the next 2,000 days is critically important. RCPC works to give young children the best possible start and a strong foundation – so they can grow to be healthy and well-rounded students, employees, and members of society. As the early childhood education hub for Rockingham County, RCPC advocates for comprehensive and equitable services for all children and families, builds capacity of early childhood educators, and meets the needs of our community.

We Believe In:

- providing equitable access to early childhood education programs for all children and families.
- using data to create a culture of innovation and meeting the diverse needs of children and families.
- creating partnerships and collaborations while nurturing relationships.
- empowering families by listening to their voices and advocating for their needs.
- building a highly-skilled, proactive team committed to continuous learning, integrity, and justice.



CONNECT. SUPPORT. BUILD

Sustaining community growth and change by equipping families and early childhood educators with the knowledge, skills, and resources to solve their most pressing needs.

Outcomes:

- RCPC staff recognized as experts in the field of early childhood education.
- Position the organization as THE hub for families and early childhood educators in need of connection to resources, services, and support.

HOW ARE WE DOING? AN UPDATE ON OUTCOMES

NEW OPPORTUNITIES



- Birth to Three: Invest in Me Presentations: Elected Officials & Community Leaders, Community Partners, upcoming: NCWorks Career Center Managers (regional)
- KidsReadyNC-supporting community leaders & stakeholders to improve system outcomes for children 0-3 focusing on social-emotional health. Partners include: RCS, RC Head Start, RC Education Foundation, Reidsville Area Foundation, Dept. of Juvenile Justice, RC Board of Commissioners, RCC, Help Inc., ConeHealth, RC DHHS

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS



RCPC Staff serve on a number of community task forces & committees with a goal of ensuring the needs of young children & families are part of the conversation. Current commitments include:

- Rockingham County Education Foundation Board of Directors
- RESET Rockingham Steering Committee
- RCS School Health Advisory Committee & Mental Health Advisory Committee
- Human Trafficking Multidisciplinary Team
- LICC
- Rockingham County Community Collaborative

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



Conference Presentations

- Renee & Ashley, PAT Parent Educators presented a workshop at the Smart Start Conference titled *Race Matters: Building Positive Identity in Children of Color*.

Upcoming training/conference opportunities include:

- NFP Staff: US Lactation Consultant Assoc. Conference & Perinatal Mood & Anxiety Disorder Course
- Reconnect for Resilience
- NIRN: Summer Institute on Implementation Science