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April in Anson County is the Month of the Young Child

a month of focusing on the needs of young children and their families
and recognizing the programs and services that meet those needs



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25 years and counting . . .

2004

- Anson Community Hospital received a \$140,342 grant to collaborate with ACPC for Child Health Initiative to improve the prevention of unnecessary hospitalizations of young children in Anson County. This led to a permanent Child Passenger Safety checkpoint at the Partnership.
- Child Find Data Base created for all children birth to five years in Anson County to identify children without health insurance and primary health providers.
- First "Visit with Santa" after the Wadesboro Christmas parade, giving each child a free book and later a letter from Santa.
- 133 childcare providers received continuing education/training offered through Child Care Resource & Referral; these providers cared for 680 children in their facilities.
- ACPC launched Motherread, incorporating it into current parenting programs.
- More-at-Four launched in Anson County providing quality pre-kindergarten learning for 4-year-olds at no cost to families.

2005

- The first Eat Smart Move More training series provided to address childhood obesity prevention.
- Early Childhood Resource Center membership increased from 30 to 500.
- ACPC enrolled with the Second Harvest Food Bank to distribute more diapers, wipes, formula, and other food products to the community.
- ACPC hosted the first Week of the Young Child parade in Anson County.
- ACPC donated interactive science materials to the Wadesboro Rotary Planetarium.

2006

- The Eat Smart Move More training became the most popular training in the history of the Partnership with over 300 participants.
- ACPC sponsored the first "Books for Kids" book drive collecting over 1,500 new and gently used books in collaboration with Hampton B. Allen Library, Wal-Mart, and Wadesboro banks.
- The 2nd annual "Celebrate Young Children" parade for the Week of the Young Child held - the best-attended event in ACPC history, with 800 children and 200 childcare providers.
- \$45,500 in Education Support funding went to 42 childcare teachers, assistant teachers, family home providers, directors, and assistant directors who completed the Early Childhood Associates Degree program at SPCC, or studies in a related field, and/or were taking course work towards a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education or Child Development.
- ACPC sponsored the "School Readiness Summit: Let No Child

Start Behind". This summit included Anson County Board of Commissioners members, state legislative representatives, ACPC Board of Directors and staff, childcare providers, and children.

2007

- Shape NC grants provided to selected childcare providers to improve outdoor learning environments, as well as technical assistance to provide healthier food choices, reduce screen time, and increase physical activity in childcare facilities.
- The first annual Barn Blast fundraiser was held to fund Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in our county.
- Anson County's first Pre-K Fair for all children ages 3 and 4 residing in Anson County. The fair featured carnival food and activities and a one-stop application center which allowed parents to apply for multiple pre-kindergarten programs.
- Teen Outreach Program (TOP) served 17 students in the 7th, 8th and 9th grades to prevent teen pregnancy. At the end of the year, 100% of TOP participants reported that they were more confident about making smart decisions to delay intimate relations.
- The Partnership hosted the first annual 4-day Block Fest for 650 children in Anson County.
- Support Our Students (SOS) served 117 teens at Morven Elementary and Anson Middle School. Of these 117 participants, 98% maintained a passing grade in math and 94% maintained a passing grade in English. 93.5% enrolled in the program improved their behavior in school. This program provided positive, developmentally appropriate activities beyond the school day for middle school-aged students.

2008

- Extreme funding cuts caused many ACPC programs to cease.
- ACPC received a Bronze Award for Excellence for meeting and sustaining high-performance standards of early care and education, family support, and financial accountability.
- In collaboration with the First United Methodist Church, Open Doors Center opened to serve children through More at Four.
- ACPC launched Teacheread for childcare providers in the county.
- 80 Welcome Baby diaper bags were distributed to new mothers including educational materials, a registration form for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, and pamphlets on reducing the risk of SIDS.
- Anson County increased to 180 slots for the More at Four Program.
- Bonnie Morgan, TIPS Coordinator, featured as "A Difference Maker" in the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Campaign of North Carolina (APPCNC) "The Advocate" newsletter.
- Parents as Teachers launched serving 19 families and 22 children in the first year.