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25 years and counting . . .

2009

- ACPC recognized at Smart Start Conference with an award for 100% board giving for 5 years.
- ACPC became the lead agency for Anson Safe Kids Coalition.
- The ACPC budget was cut by 15.86%

2010

- ACPC launched Raising A Reader.
- ACPC collaborated with local childcare facilities to use the Nutritional and Physical Activity Self-Assessment for Child Care (NAP SACC) to promote healthy living.

2012

- ACPC launched Reach Out and Read in collaboration with Anson Pediatrics and Wadesboro Family Medicine from an \$18,000 grant.
- Due to extreme funding cuts, the TOP program was terminated after providing services to teens for 12 years.

2014

- After 17 years of service, the TIPS program was terminated due to loss of funding.
- Anson County ranked as one of the top 10 generous counties in the United States per capita in Philanthropy Today.
- Dana Maness, ACPC Board Chair, received the Ashley O. Thrift Volunteer Award for outstanding leadership.

2015

- ACPC and the Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition placed 1,000 blue pinwheels in the front of the Anson County Court House during the Week of the Young Child for Prevent Child Abuse Month.
- The first annual Play Daze for the NC Pre-K students at Little Park was a success with approximately 150 children in attendance.
- Raising a Reader expands to serve more than 600 children in Anson County.
- ACPC sponsored Ready Rosie, a text messaging system providing parents videos with developmentally appropriate activities to engage in with their children.

2016

- Elaine B. Scarborough, founding Executive Director and the first staff member of ACPC, retired after 19 years of service.

2017

- The first registered Little Free Library in Anson County was placed in honor of Elaine B. Scarborough for her outstanding service to ACPC. Now there are little libraries in every town in Anson County, thanks to community partners.
- Dolly Parton's Imagination Library launched statewide. ACPC received partial funding for the local program.

2018

- ACPC set a fundraising record, securing more than \$82,000 at Barn Blast for Partnership programs.

2019

- ACPC launched Proud Parents which is a playgroup model designed to provide children with intentional, developmentally appropriate learning experiences and provides caregivers with information, resources, support, and connections to promote optimal child development.
- In collaboration with Atrium Healthcare, NC Pre-K teachers trained on Healthy Together 5210 to launch at all NC Pre-K sites.

2020

- The global pandemic altered everyday operations for most people as COVID-19 entered the USA. Many businesses, schools, and organizations moved to virtual operations to reduce in-person contact to slow the spread of the virus.
- ACPC distributed paper towels, bleach, toilet paper, hand sanitizer, and milk to childcare providers unable to find the resources during the shortage.
- ACPC collaborated with Anson County Schools to deliver approximately 5,000 school meals during the pandemic.
- ACPC delivered more than 500 food boxes to families in the county during the pandemic.
- Despite the pandemic, more than 140 providers have attended professional development trainings through the Partnership.
- ACPC launched a YouTube channel for the virtual Raising a Reader program and offered learn-at-home bags with books and activities.



The Anson County Partnership for Children is one of the most important organizations in our community. Research clearly shows that a high-quality birth to kindergarten education narrows the achievement gap for students throughout the remainder of their educational journey, resulting in a better quality of life for these children as they grow to adulthood. Without the Partnership, many families would not have the foundation by which to launch out of economic, social, and educational hardships; but with them, hope and prosperity become achievable. South Piedmont Community College is proud to support and collaborate with the Partnership to provide education for our children, their families, and their caretakers. When we lift up our children, we lift up our community."

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