

## North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services

North Carolina received a 1-year Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5) Planning Grant in December 2022 and a 3-year Renewal Grant in 2020. The following is a snapshot of these grants.

### Top PDG B-5 Renewal Grant Accomplishments

- ▶ Facilitated collaboration between early childhood system partners and families to implement activities that increase supports for families and provide opportunities for family engagement and leadership, engaging over 31,000 families.
- ▶ Developed a comprehensive [strategic plan](#) for the state to examine housing and early childhood systems and identify steps to close gaps and enhance the services under the advisement of Yay Babies! Homelessness Workgroup.
- ▶ Established the [Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health Endorsement®](#) credential in North Carolina.
- ▶ Partnered with [PBS North Carolina](#) to engage parents and educators through an extensive communication and outreach initiative to increase their knowledge of resources and services to support children's education and development.
- ▶ Launched the Family Connects universal home visiting pilot and evaluation in three regions serving over 3,000 families.
- ▶ Developed an electronic Transition Report feature in Teaching Strategies GOLD® to support the transition to kindergarten planning and the sharing of child formative assessment data between Pre-K/preschool and kindergarten programs.
- ▶ Launched the implementation phase of Babies First NC to provide intensive coaching, professional development, and financial supports to improve the quality of infant-toddler child care programs.
- ▶ Facilitated modernization of the North Carolina Early Childhood Integrated Data System dashboards and data selector features and launched integration of new program data from the Early Hearing Detection Intervention Program, home visiting, and Head Start.

### Planning Grant Activities<sup>1</sup>

- ▶ **Family Engagement:** North Carolina plans to develop policy recommendations to increase family engagement and supports for families engaged in the early care and learning network beginning with the NC Pre-K Program and scaling to Subsidized Child Care. North Carolina will also design customized learning experiences and supports for up to 100 family child care home educators and families attending the 2023 Impact Early Childhood Education Summit.
- ▶ **Workforce:** North Carolina plans to establish an actionable and sustainable plan to embed family engagement and business management content in mandatory, family child care home pre-licensing workshop curriculum. Family child care home technical assistance providers will also receive training and coaching in acquiring the Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health credential, including participation in the Reflective Supervision Learning Collaborative.
- ▶ **Program Quality:** North Carolina will conduct a pilot to inform the design of sustainable subsidy models for family child care home providers. The pilot will pay increased subsidy rates to up to 200 family child care home providers throughout the state that currently participate in the Subsidized Child Care Program, supporting the cost of care for approximately 800 children and their families. The pilot will provide training and resources to family child care home providers to improve program quality and business practices.

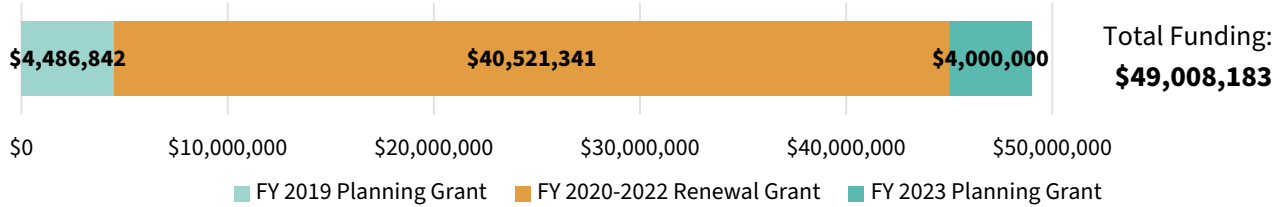
### PDG B-5 Partners

- ▶ North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services: Division of Child Development & Early Education (Child Care Development Fund, Subsidized Child Care Program, NC Pre-K, etc.), Division of Child & Family Well-Being (IDEA Part C), North Carolina Early Childhood Integrated Data System, and the Family Engagement & Leadership Coalition
- ▶ North Carolina Department of Public Instruction: Early Head Start and Head Start, IDEA Part B, Title I
- ▶ North Carolina Partnership for Children: Family Connects Home Visiting and Local Family Engagement & Leadership Initiatives
- ▶ North Carolina Community College System
- ▶ University of North Carolina System (including PBS NC)
- ▶ Tribal Organizations

<sup>1</sup> These activities are in addition to North Carolina updating its Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan.

- ▶ Non-profits (e.g., North Carolina Child Care Resource & Referral Council, North Carolina Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Association)

## Total Federal PDG B-5 Grant Funding Through December 2022



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