



Annual Report FY 22-23



of lifting children to better beginnings



Twenty-five years ago, the Iredell County Partnership for Young Children was created as the local Smart Start initiative to ensure that children birth to age five are getting what they need early in life to thrive. Guided by our commitment to lift children to better beginnings, we embarked on a journey to provide services focused on raising the quality of early care and education, supporting families, advancing child health, and expanding early literacy.

From our humble beginnings, we have established strong roots and spread our delicate wings. We have endured reduced budgets, office closures, and consolidated services, adapting to the economic climate while seeking innovative ways to meet the needs of our community with intention. We utilized strategic partnerships and innovation to achieve more with less and became the contract administrator for Iredell County's NC Pre-K program as well as the lead agency for a nine county child care resource and referral network.

A quarter century of championing quality services for children, families, and the early childhood workforce has impacted hundreds of thousands of Iredell County residents, resulting in positive outcomes and meaningful change. As we celebrate 25 years of lifting children to better beginnings, we do so with a recommitment to redouble our efforts to ensure that all young children are healthy, learning, and thriving in families that are supported by services and resources essential for success in school and life.

Our mission is your mission. We all have a stake in what happens to children in the first five years. A vital and productive society with a prosperous and sustainable future is built on a foundation of healthy child development. We are fighting for children, for families, for the early childhood workforce, for our community, and for you. And together, we can fulfill the promise of today's children to become healthy, thriving, contributing members of their communities.

We look back over the last 25 years with deep appreciation for the unwavering support of our community partners, donors, volunteers, and champions in service. And we look to the future with commitment and hope for a better tomorrow for our youngest citizens and invite you to join us on this journey to bring about positive changes that will last a lifetime. Children have one chance at childhood. They can't afford to wait, and neither can we!

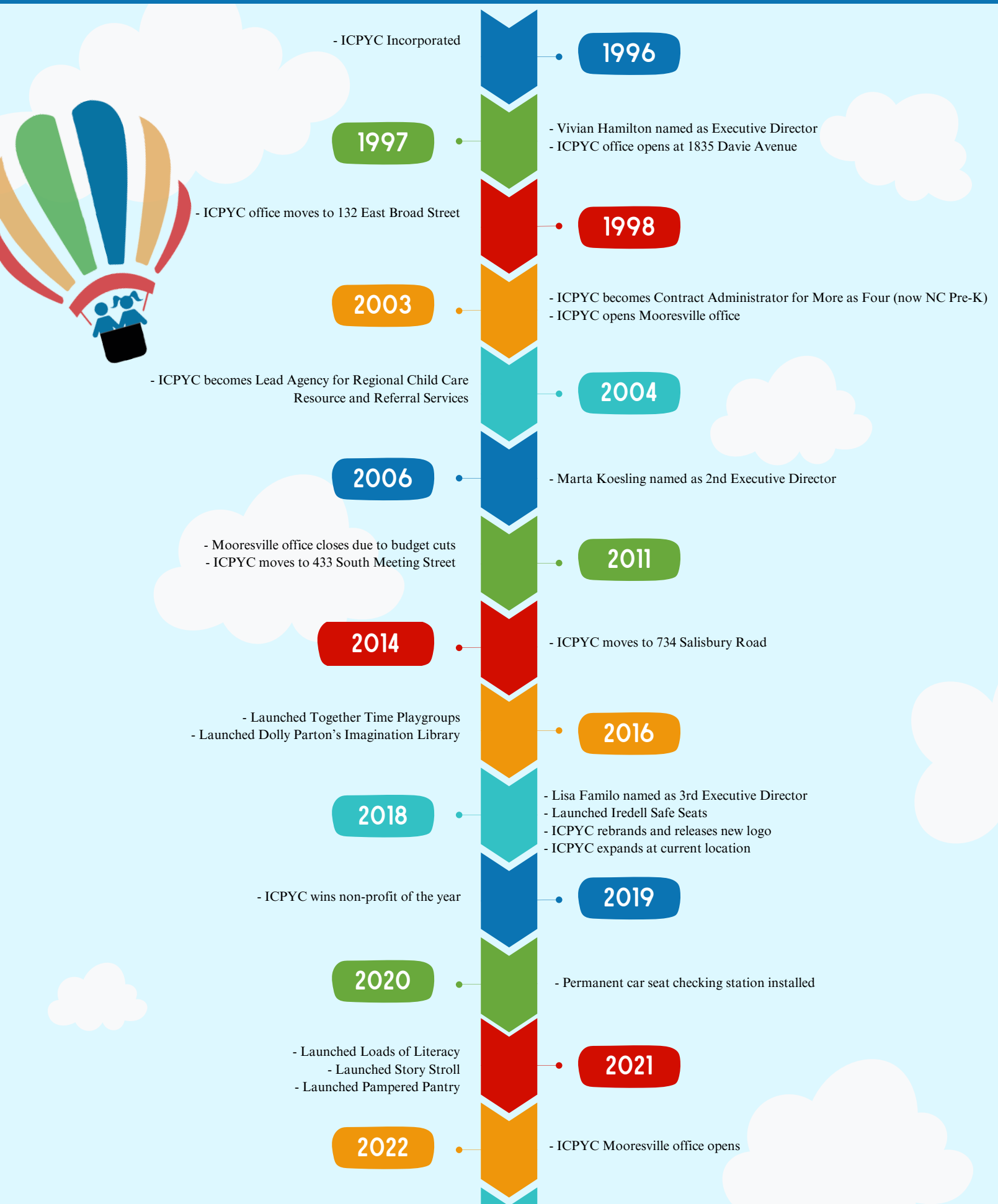
Sincerely,



Lisa M. Familo
Executive Director



LOOKING BACK ON 25 YEARS





LIFTING CHILDREN TO BETTER BEGINNINGS



VISION:

All children,
families, and early
childhood
professionals thrive
within a supportive
community.

MISSION:

Lifting children to better
beginnings by providing
services that strengthen
families, raise the quality
of early care and
education, promote
health and safety, and
expand literacy.

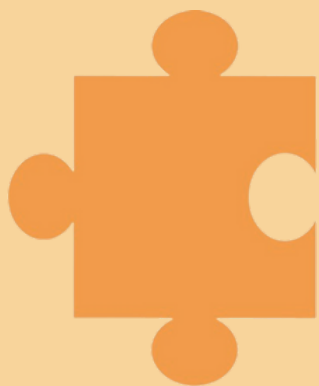


FAMILY SUPPORT



ICPYC offers family-focused programs that improve parenting and promote involvement. Family support programs give parents tools to increase their knowledge of early childhood development and positive parenting practices.

EARLY CARE & EDUCATION



ICPYC supports initiatives to maintain the high-quality early care and education system, support the education needs of the early childhood workforce, and ensure families have access to high-quality care that is child-focused and family-friendly.

CHILD HEALTH



ICPYC strives to improve outcomes for children by increasing access to healthcare and by working with medical providers, health departments, families, and community partners to improve the health and safety of young children.

LITERACY



ICPYC supports programs that encourage families to engage in daily reading habits early for later school success. By combining early initiatives with effective family strengthening programs, an environment that encourages strong parent/child interactions and an early love of reading is created.



***Dolly Parton's
Imagination Library:***

1,550 new children enrolled
in Dolly Parton's Imagination
Library.

WAGES:

64 early childhood
educators received a
salary supplement based
on their level of education
to continue their
educational journey.



***Quality Support
Services (QSS):***

193 on-site technical
assistance (TA) visits were
conducted to support
classrooms, impacting
1,581 children.



Parents As Teachers: Parent
Educators conducted **428** home
visits to **51** parents/guardians
and **45** children.



Iredell Safe Seats:

92 car seats were inspected
by certified child passenger
safety technicians and **100**
car seats were provided or
replaced for children in
immediate need.



***Child Care Resource &
Referral (CCR&R):***

384 parents/guardians
received information about
finding child care and the
importance of high-quality
child care. **499**
parents/guardians received
referrals to community
resources or services.

**NC Pre-Kindergarten
Coordination:**

367 children enrolled in high quality NC Pre-K classrooms.

**Reach Out & Read:**

9,199 books were distributed throughout **7** pediatric medical practices.

**Pampered Pantry:**

The Pampered Pantry provided **881** packs of diapers and wipes to **296** children and **123** families.

**Comprehensive Benefits:**

63 early childhood educators were reimbursed for health insurance benefits and participated in dental, life, and short-term disability coverage, impacting **322** children.

**Early Learning
Resource Center (ELRC):**

77 parents/caregivers and **33** child care facilities utilized resource materials.

**Professional Development:**

847 early childhood educators participated in **128** professional development trainings.

Smart Start

Smart Start is a Network of 75 nonprofit partnerships serving all 100 North Carolina counties. Smart Start provides tools and resources to fully engage young children in learning opportunities, so they can grow to be healthy, productive, and well-rounded students, parents, workers, and leaders.

NC Pre-K

The statewide NC Pre-K program prepares eligible 4-year-olds for school by providing high-quality early education in both public and private settings. The program is community-based, voluntary, and designed to serve 4-year-olds who will benefit most from services.

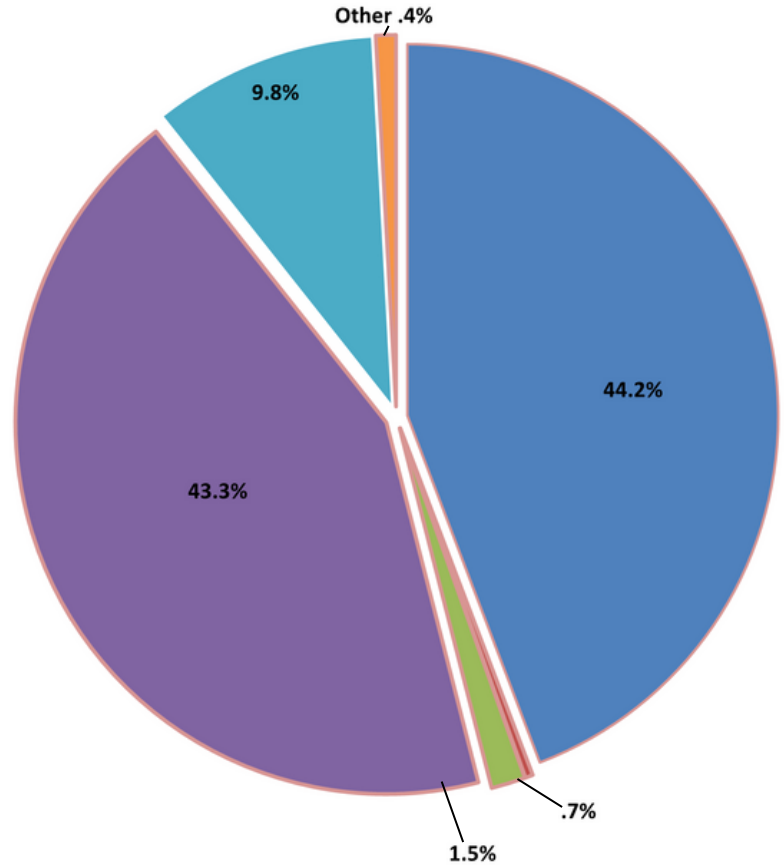
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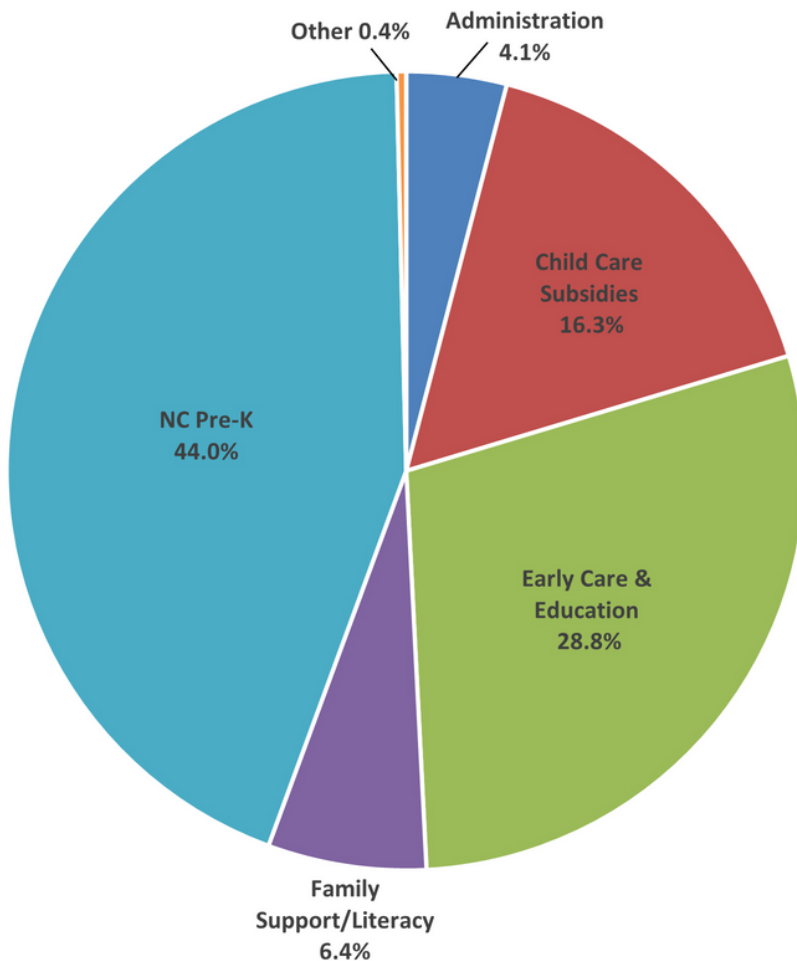
Iredell County Partnership for Young Children, Inc.
Financial Data for Annual Report
July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

| | Revenue | % age |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| NC Smart Start | \$ 2,111,189 | 44.2% |
| Grants | \$ 15,876 | 0.3% |
| Individual Gifts | \$ 71,182 | 1.5% |
| NC Pre-Kindergarten Program | \$ 2,069,856 | 43.3% |
| Division of Child Development | \$ 467,998 | 9.8% |
| Other | \$ 41,716 | 0.9% |
| | <u>\$ 4,777,817</u> | <u>100.00%</u> |

Total Revenue \$4,777,817



Total Expenditures \$4,841,621



Expenditures

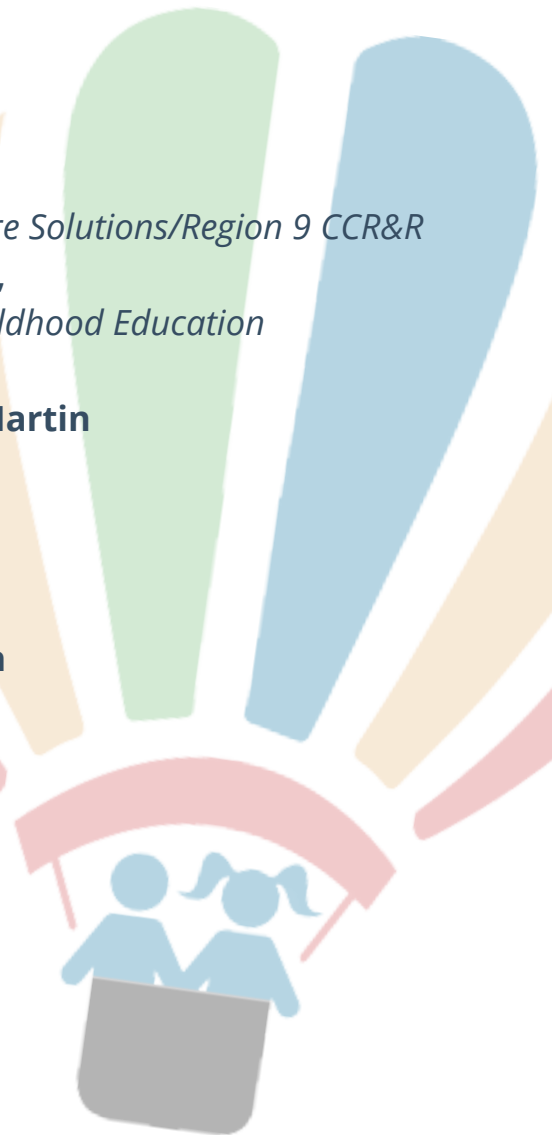
| | % age | |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Administration | 4.1% | \$ 196,467 |
| Child Care Subsidies | 16.3% | \$ 788,763 |
| Early Care & Education | 28.8% | \$ 1,396,284 |
| Family Support/Literacy | 6.4% | \$ 310,689 |
| NC Pre-K | 44.0% | \$ 2,130,705 |
| Other | 0.4% | 18,713 |
| | <u>100.0%</u> | <u>\$ 4,841,621</u> |

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