



North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

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March 14, 2013

The Honorable Ralph Hise, Co-Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee
on Health and Human Services
Room 300-B, Legislative Office Building
Raleigh, NC 27603

The Honorable Louis Pate, Co-Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee
on Health and Human Services
Room 2022, Legislative Building
Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear Senators Hise and Pate:

Pursuant to the provisions of Session Law 2012-142 Section 10.1.(g), the Department of Health and Human Services is pleased to submit the attached annual report on the NC Pre-Kindergarten (NC Pre-K) Program. This report shows that nearly 30,000 children will be served by NC Pre-K this school year, details program funding, and illustrates how the NC Pre-K program continues to be highly rated. Please note that the full report from the NC Pre-K Annual Evaluation can be found on the Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE) website at: www.ncchildcare.net.

We appreciate the opportunity to report to the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services on the NC Pre-K Program. Questions concerning this report may be directed to Jani Kozlowski within the DCDEE at (919) 890-7049 or jani.kozlowski@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

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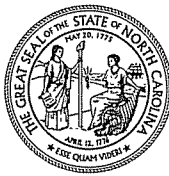
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The Honorable Phil Berger, Co-chair
Joint Legislative Commission on Government Operations
Room 2008, Legislative Building
Raleigh, NC 27603

The Honorable Thom Tillis, Co-Chair
Joint Legislative Commission on Government Operations
Room 2304, Legislative Building
Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear President Pro Tempore Berger and Speaker Tillis:

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The Honorable Justin Burr, Co-Chair
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee
on Health and Human Services
Room 307-A, Legislative Office Building
Raleigh, NC 27603

The Honorable Nelson Dollar, Co-Chair
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee
on Health and Human Services
Room 307-B1, Legislative Office Building
Raleigh, NC 27603

The Honorable Louis Pate, Co-Chair
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee
on Health and Human Services
Room 1028, Legislative Building
Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear Representatives Burr, Dollar and Senator Pate:

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The Honorable Marilyn Avila, Co-Chair
House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services
Room 2217, Legislative Building
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

The Honorable William D. Brisson, Co-Chair
House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services
Room 405, Legislative Office Building
Raleigh, NC 27603

The Honorable Mark W. Hollo, Co-Chair
House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services
Room 639, Legislative Office Building
Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

Dear Representatives Avila, Brisson and Hollo:

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We appreciate the opportunity to report to the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services on the NC Pre-K Program. Questions concerning this report may be directed to Jani Kozlowski within the DCDEE at (919) 890-7049 or jani.kozlowski@dhhs.nc.gov.

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Mark Trogon, Director
Fiscal Research Division
Room 619, Legislative Office Building
Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear Mr. Trogon:

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Art Pope, Director
Office of State Budget and Management
16 West Jones Street
Raleigh, NC 27603-8005

Dear Mr. Pope:

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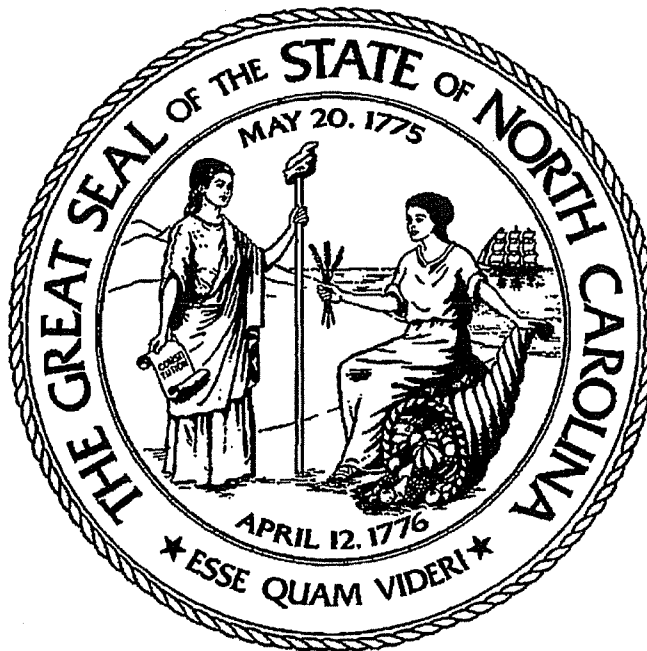
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**NC Pre-Kindergarten Program
Annual Report
SFY 2012-13
Session Law 2012-142, Section 10.1.(g)**



March 15, 2013



**North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Child Development and Early Education**



Session Law 2012-142, Section 10.1.(g) directed the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE) to submit an annual report for the NC Pre-Kindergarten (NC Pre-K) program no later than March 15 of each year to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, the Office of State Budget and Management, and the Fiscal Research Division. Information related to four topics was requested and is provided below.

The Number of Children Participating in the NC Pre-K Program:

The number of children initially in contract for NC Pre-K services for the 2012/2013 program year was 24,744. During the expansion implementation from late October 2012 through January 2013 approximately 4,900 additional children were in contract to begin receiving services; therefore, the 2012/2013 program year total is approximately 29,644 children that are expected to be served.

Prior Participation in other Preschool Programs for NC Pre-K Children

The Division of Child Development and Early Education's NC Pre-K database does not currently collect information related to prior preschool participation when a child enrolls in NC Pre-K. In the 2013-2014 school year, a data field will be added to the system to capture the level and type of preschool participation at the time of application.

Funding for State Fiscal Year 2012-2013

Table A

| NC Pre-Kindergarten Program Budget and Year-to-Date Expenditures | | |
|---|------------------------|---|
| | Budgeted Amount | Year-to-Date Expenditures |
| State funding (includes 20M in expansion funding from October, 2012 and 3.8M in carry-forward from SFY 11-12 expansion) | \$151,970,705 | \$80,654,012 (period between 7/1/12-2/28/13) |
| Non-profit reduction | \$(219,340) | --- |
| Projected Other Resources (see Table B below) | \$152,094,255 | --- |
| Total: | \$303,845,620 | \$80,654,012 |

Table B

| Projected Other Resources by Funding Source for the 2012/2013 Program Year | |
|---|----------------------|
| Child Care Subsidy | \$3,368,509 |
| Title I | \$39,027,499 |
| Smart Start | \$10,804,933 |
| Child and Adult Care Food Program | \$ 6,582,174 |
| Preschool Disabilities Program | \$25,197,771 |
| Head Start | \$52,083,249 |
| Local Appropriations | \$8,671,061 |
| Other | \$6,359,059 |
| Total: | \$152,094,255 |

NC Pre-K Program Annual Evaluation

The Division of Child Development and Early Education has a contract with the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute to conduct an annual evaluation of the NC Pre-K program. During the 2011-2012 program year, the evaluation included an analysis of the characteristics of local programs, the population served and the quality of classroom services provided. A variety of measurement tools were used to assess classroom practices to determine quality in both Pre-K classrooms and teacher-child interactions.

The Executive Summary for the evaluation reported the following key findings:

- The NC Pre-K Program has not changed substantially in comparison to prior years of its predecessor program More at Four.
- NC Pre-K teachers generally reported being satisfied with their work environment.
- The quality of classroom practices and teacher-child interactions in NC Pre-K was in the medium to high range overall.
- The quality of the NC Pre-K classrooms was similar in almost all areas when compared to recent years of More at Four.

The evaluation continues to show high marks in classroom quality and positive teacher-child interactions. Session Law 2011-145 charged the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), with maintaining the high quality standards that had been in place from the inception of the program. The annual evaluation report of NC Pre-K illustrates that program quality has been maintained. A full report for the 2011-2012 NC Pre-K evaluation will be available on the DCDEE website later this month.

The Division of Child Development and Early Education expects to provide NC Pre-K services for approximately 29,644 children during the 2012/2013 program year. The appropriated budget for the NC Pre-K Program for SFY 12-13 is \$151,751,365, which includes funding from state appropriations, lottery transfers, a non-profit funding reduction, and \$20 million in one-time funds transferred to DCDEE.