

August 19, 2015  
The Early Learning Partnership of York County  
Rock Hill Resource Center

**Members present:** Sherri Ciurlik, Jane Culp, Ouida Dest, Sylvia Echols, Tom Faulkenberry, John Gettys, Sue Gover, Ellen Green, Jamillah Hasan-Jones, David Lisk, Gene Martin, Susan Miskelly, Julie Neeley, Karen Otteni, Elizabeth Owen, Jody Rankin, Miguel Rullan, Marie Spearman, Chip Smith, Jim Vining, Teresa Creech and Shannon League

Ouida started the meeting at 8:33 am.

Anita Case came to give the Board an update on Affinity. They got the federal grant that they were waiting to hear from. They have seen 900 patients, looking to serve 4,000 patients. They are looking for a full time doctor. They are also in the process of looking for some land for an expansion.

Teresa Creech introduced the new Board members. (Sherri Ciurlik, Elizabeth Owen, and Chip Smith) Then we went around and all of the board members introduced themselves.

Financial Report-

Total Assets, Liabilities and Capital	\$117,778.03
Total YTD Revenue	\$ 12,223.20
Total YTD Expenses	\$ 9,245.51
Net Income	\$ 2,977.69

First Steps Report- David Lisk

1. Nurse Family Partnership
  - a. Closing in on securing sufficient funds to begin the hiring process. YCFS funds for this initial year will be approximately \$175,000.
  - b. Submissions to Sisters of Mercy are looking good, \$125,000 over 2 years. Additional grants with Springs Close, J. Marion Sims, and others are being pursued.
  - c. Foundations for the Carolinas Health initiative grant for NFP was not selected but they were interested in funding once we were underway, which would be spring 2016.
  - d. Alternative arrangements are being discussed with Spartanburg Regional Medical for initial NFP Nurse Supervision and with the Charlotte NFP leaders for potential collaborations to help in our startup phase.
  
2. Countdown to Kindergarten
  - a. We served over 150 children this summer with the CTK program.
  - b. We partnered with the Children's Museum for the county wide celebration on August 6. Even with the rain attendance was good for the dinner and the event downtown.
  
3. 4K and Early HeadStart in York County
  - a. We are in our second year of assisting child care providers with providing state funded 4K to children in York School District 1.
  - b. There is a new opportunity to partner further with child care providers to offer Early HeadStart slots to children. YCFS was part of a multi-county grant to bring EHS to our county. We are working with several providers as they complete their initial applications. YCFS will coordinate comprehensive services to the participating families in York as the child care providers provide their services that meet the EHS standards.



# 20 years

Where Parents are at  
the Heart of Education

## Parent SMART

**In 1995, Rock Hill Schools invested in families with children prenatal to age 5.**

**Parents as Teachers (PAT) provides a strong pre-literacy foundation for all children.** Based on *the Parents as Teachers quality outcomes*, children whose families participated in PAT:

Are more likely to have parents who read to them daily resulting in higher reading scores at Kindergarten, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

Score higher in symbolic development, math concepts, written language and oral communication.

Are more likely to be identified at an earlier age if there are health or developmental concerns resulting in referral to school and community services for early intervention.

**Research shows that parenting education can be an important component in supporting and developing healthy relationships between children and their parents, setting the stage for strong families and children ready for success.**

**Parents as Teachers is designed to provide children the best possible start in life.** Using research based curriculum, parents are provided with the skills and knowledge they need to help them make informed decisions regarding their child's development and education. The model includes personal visits, group connections, health, vision, hearing and developmental screenings, and supports family connections with other community services.

**Retention** is a very important factor in the Parents as Teachers program. During the time period October 1, 2010 - June 30, 2015, 355 families were served. This indicates a high level of retention with families receiving over 6184 home visits.

**Parent satisfaction** indicates a high level of satisfaction with the Parent as Teachers program. 98% of parents surveyed report that the activities offered strengthen their relationship with their child, encourage them to read to their child, increase their understanding of child development, set goals for themselves as well as their families and find useful resources within the community.

Over the past twenty years, ParentSmart has secured additional funding from the Children's Trust of South Carolina, South Carolina and York County First Steps, the Good Folks of York County, the Junior Welfare League and the Sisters of Mercy Foundation of North Carolina. Additional support has been provided by the Early Learning Partnership of York County to create a one stop shop, Family Resource Center and medical clinic.

In 2004, ParentSmart received state wide recognition from South Carolina First Steps for the "Best Community Engagement Effort" Award. This past year, Ana Frey, ParentSmart Family Educator, was selected as one of three "Parent Educators of the Year" by the National Center for Parents as Teachers for her work with the Hispanic/Latino community including families with children with special needs. ParentSmart has been referred to as one of the premier programs in the state.

ParentSmart is a valued partner with other parenting education and early childhood programs working together to promote easy access to high quality services for children and families in our community.

**VISION STATEMENT** - All families will have the knowledge, power and courage to reach their greatest potential today and in the future.

**MISSION STATEMENT** - ParentSmart and the Family Resource Center provide leadership, educational support and resources, to implement quality programs that strive to engage and empower parents in their role as their child's first teacher. The Center offers a family-focused environment that welcomes culturally and socio-economically diverse families.

In 2014 - 2015, 119 families and 158 children were served ; 111 of the families had multiple risk factors including, but not limited to:

90 low educational attainment

97 low income families

158 children received a complete screening with 11 children referred for further evaluation

22 children with disabilities/chronic health conditions

19 teen parents

14 families involved with the mental health or social services system.

During the time period 10/1/10 - 6/30/15, 355 families & 414 children were served; 329 of the families had multiple risk factors including, but not limited to:

230 low educational attainment

301 low income families

388 children received a complete screening with 57 children referred for further evaluation

47 children with disabilities or chronic health conditions

86 teen Parents

44 families involved with the mental health or social services system.

## Executive Director's Report- Teresa Creech

- DPIL current enrollment- Invoice: \$3031, # of children: 1441. Began July 1st, waitlist names were confirmed and submitted for enrollment.
- Born to Read training to take place at Piedmont Medical Center in the Women's tower on August 28<sup>th</sup> for the Resource Center school district employees.
- Family Trust Credit Union employees are selling children's books in the branches and will support a LFL at the York Family Res Ctr with ELP.
- Lake Wylie Rotary will support 2 LFLs in the Clover area with ELP.
- Episcopal Church of Our Savior-Rock Hill will sponsor a LFL outside the ER at Piedmont Medical Center.
- RH Rotary will place their second LFL at St. Mary's church near the Dorothy Day Soup kitchen.
- Needs Assessment & Strategic Planning for ELP- Fall of 2015. Retreat in November. New Mission by January 2016. Currently interviewing facilitator.
- Krispy Kreme Race - Run 4 Reading: February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Work on the Race begins in October.
- Explain Board Member Giving to ELP as a % (not a dollar amount) on the monthly agenda. Beginning to see this in grant questions.
- ELP Info Sheet – updated for use til Strategic Planning is completed.
- Continuing to look for Grant Opportunities. Will be submitting to Duke Energy for Reach Out and Read sometime soon.
- Will be present for WU students at Convocation and the Volunteer Fair.
- Attending the Technology Innovation Award seminar at the Microsoft Campus to see if ELP qualifies to apply for tech assistance.(webpage, email marketing, etc.)
- Per the new United Way rules, organizational budgets under \$250,000 do not require an Audit. Submit a copy of most recent 990 tax return, and a financial statement certified by the Board Treasurer and Chair.

### Upcoming Events:

Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>- ELP is getting recognized at the Rock Hill School Board Meeting  
Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>-ELP Shopping at Crossing on Main  
November 7<sup>th</sup>- York Rotary Beach Bash

Next Meeting: September 16, 2015 at York School District Office