

# 15th Anniversary Timeline

09/10

- Receives \$3.3M Early Head Start Grant
- Celebrates 15 years making young children a priority

08/09

- Releases first-ever Durham reports on school readiness and health indicators of young children
- Launches three community initiatives

07/08

- Encourages commissioners to invest in Durham Pre-K
- Receives Incredible Years grant from NCPC and Duke Energy Foundation

06/07

- Moves to Jim and Carolyn Hunt Child Care Resource Ctr.
- Launches Docs For Tots NC - part of a national program for pediatricians and pediatric residents.

05/06

- Partners with Durham Family Initiative to work with the faith community
- Co-hosts community forum with Durham Chamber

04/05

- 10th Anniversary, first Annual Fund Drive kicks off
- Partners with Durham's RBA Initiative to develop Children Ready & Succeeding in School Committee

03/04

- NC Economic Impact Study of Child Care released
- Launches Learner Link with funding from Wachovia

02/03

- Creates Ready Classrooms Task force
- Launches federally-funded "Literacy and School Readiness Project."

01/02

- Adopts Smart Start's Performance Based Incentive System (PBIS) that sets statewide benchmarks for measuring and reporting local program outcomes

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- Supports \$1M renovation for Head Start building at Eastway Elementary School

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- Collaborates with Durham County Social Services and Health Department to overcome barriers to NC Health Choice insurance for low-income children

98/99

- Hosts *The Fatherhood Summit* to support fathers
- Begins planning for streamlined delivery of child care subsidies

97/98

- Begins Salary Enhancement Project to reduce child care teacher turnover

96/97

- Contracts with RTI for long-term evaluation
- Launches public awareness campaign and fund development efforts

95/96

- First full year of Smart Start funds total \$ 5.2M

94/95

- Smart Start grant awarded to Durham County in 1994
- 40-member Board established and first ED hired.