

# Child advocacy agency loses its leader

## Basloe hired away from Partnership for Children post

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**DURHAM** — Longtime early childhood education advocate Marsha Basloe has resigned as executive director of Durham's Partnership for Children, effective Sept. 1.

Basloe, a New York-to-North Carolina transplant who has led DPC since 2003, has accepted a job as executive director for the New York State Early Care and Learning Council in Albany, N.Y. Like the DPC, the group



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is a non-profit that promotes excellence in early care and education, and works to improve access to families that require community services.

"Marsha has been a strong advocate on behalf of high-quality early care and education in this community and we are committed to continuing this legacy to the benefit of Durham's future," said Angie Welsh, chairwoman of the DPC board of directors in a news release announcing Basloe's departure.

Basloe's deputy, Assistant Director Angelica Oberleithner, will serve as acting executive director while the board searches for Basloe's

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successor. Oberleithner has worked in preventive and intervention services, and worked in social services management and executive leadership in Philadelphia before she came to Durham.

The transition is expected to take place over the next month and a half, before Basloe leaves on Sept. 1. "The partnership staff is skilled and unique, and I know that as we transition to a new phase for the organiza-

tion, there will continue to be the same high quality efforts to support the Durham community," Basloe said in a news release.

DPC is a Smart Start initiative; it does not run day-care programs, but provides teacher training, consultation and technical assistance to day-care providers in Durham. It administers the More at Four pre-Kindergarten program in Durham, which has more than 400 child clients, and a new Early Head Start grant that helps local infants and toddlers.