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Annual Report
2015-2016

Ashe County Partnership for Children's Mission

To nurture an active, supportive community that provides choices, opportunities and encouragement for all children and families in Ashe County to be healthy, educated and self reliant.

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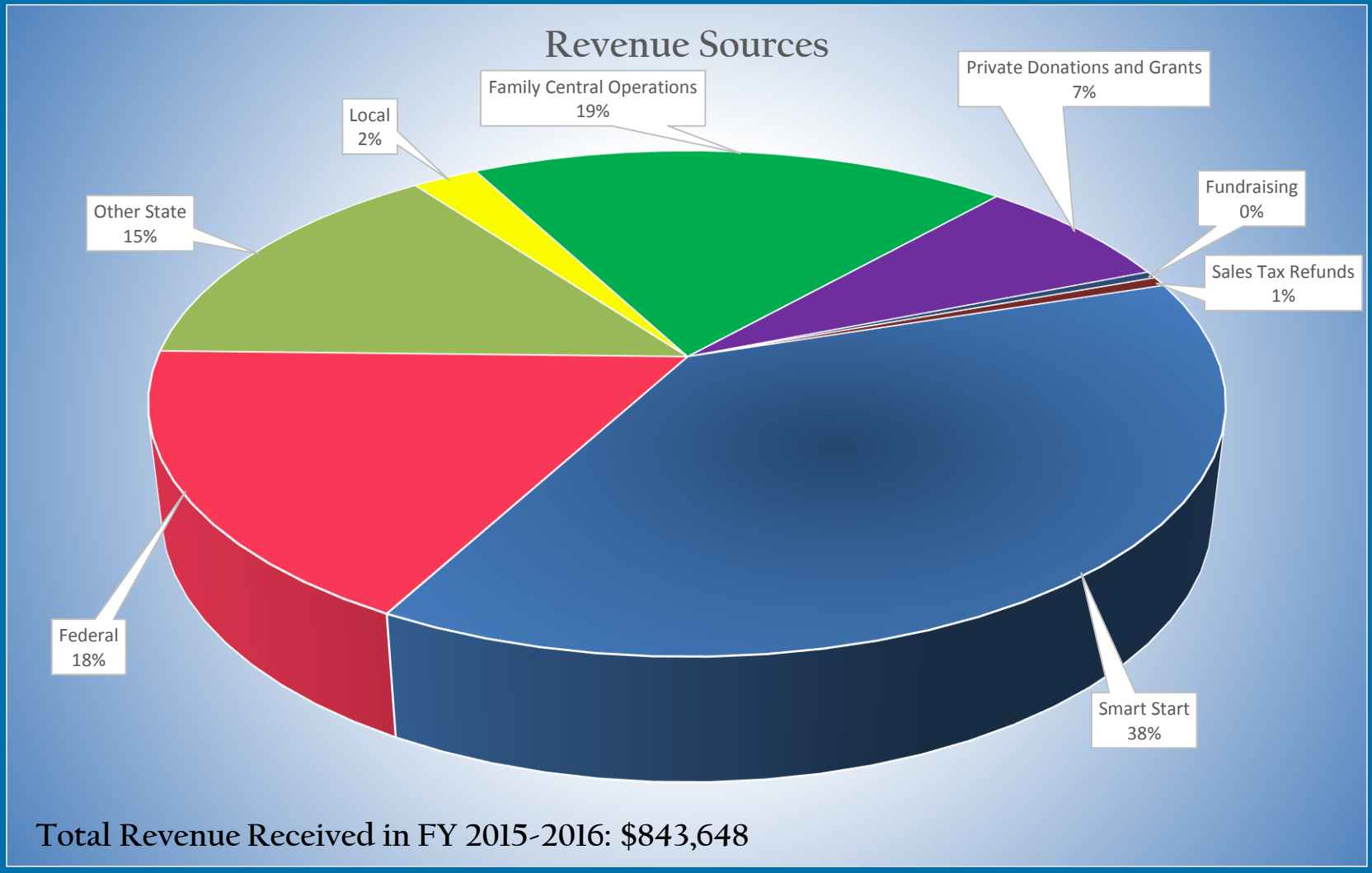
Financial Summary



Total Revenue Received in FY 2015-2016: $843,648

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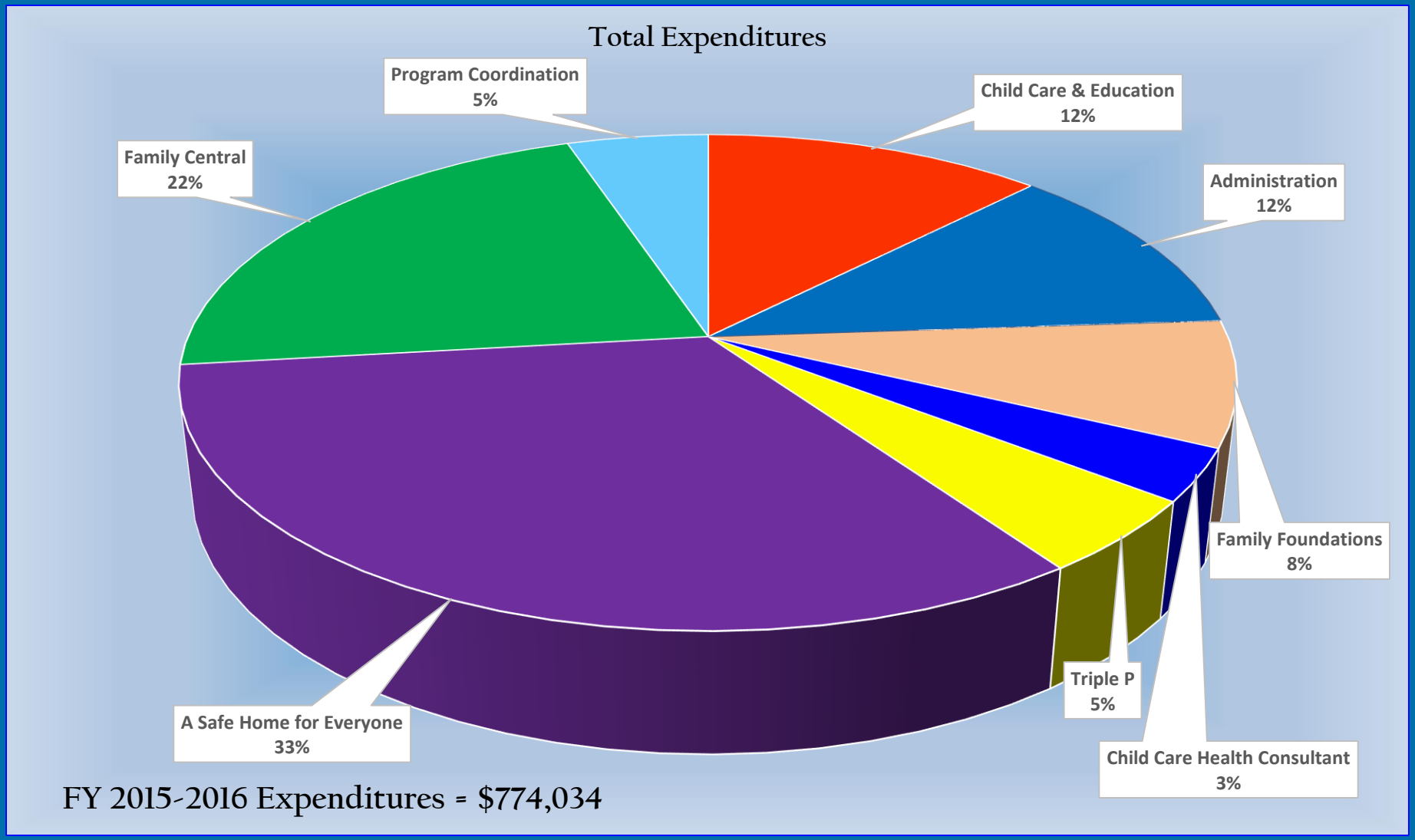
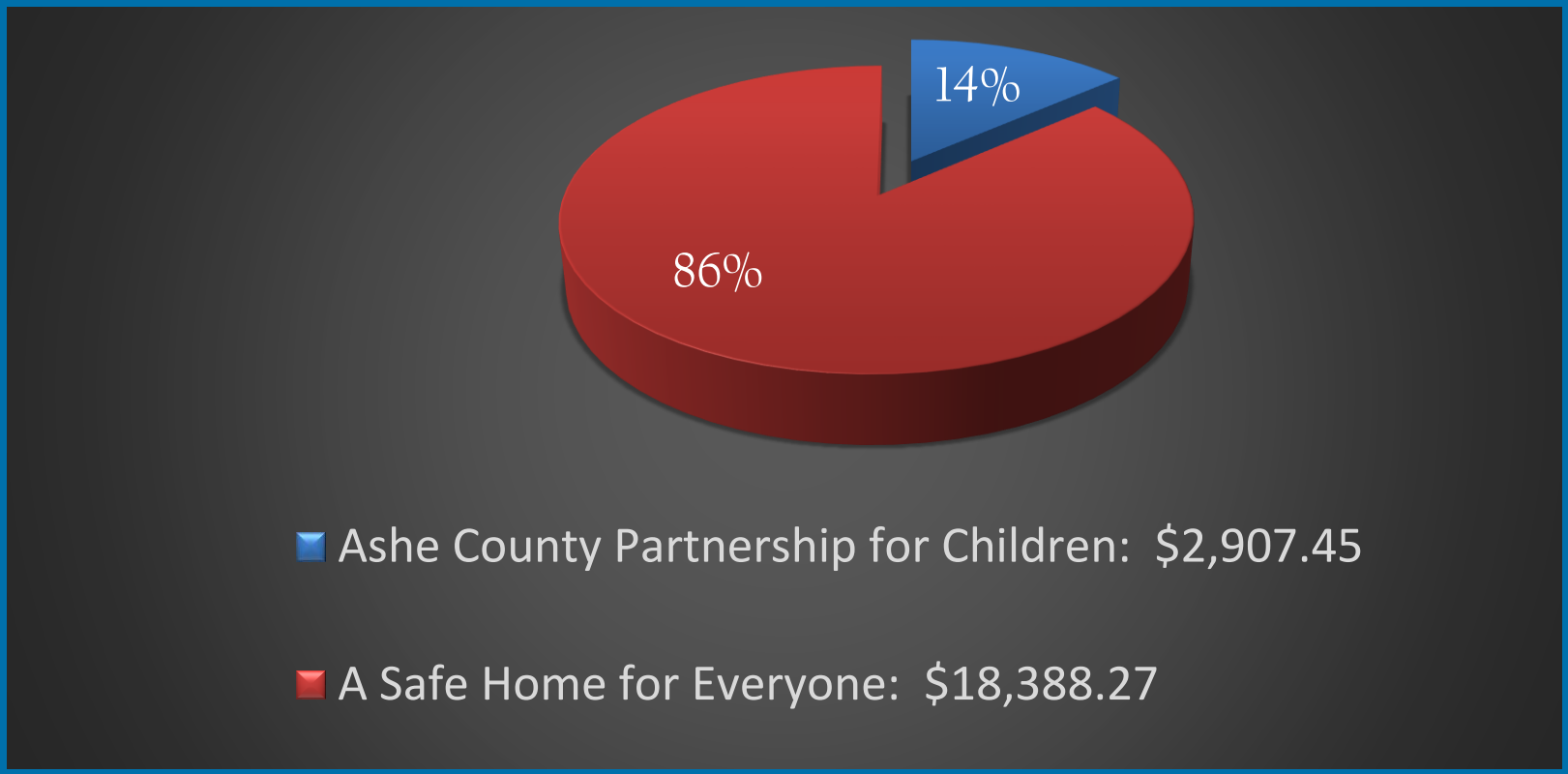


FY 2015-2016 Expenditures = $774,034

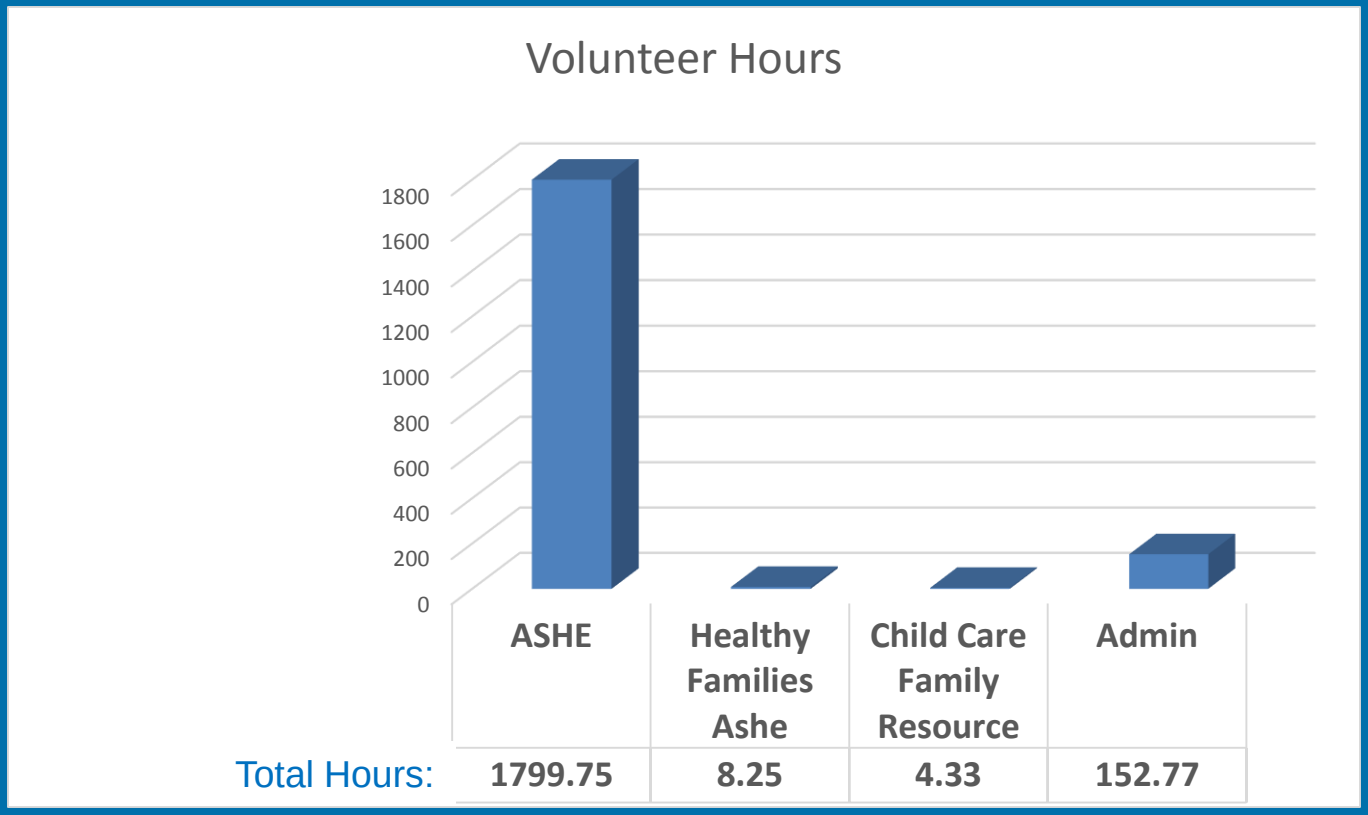
Monetary Donations

Number of Donors: 55
Donation by Program



Total amount received: $21,295.72

Volunteers



Number of Volunteers: 37

Number of Volunteer Hours: 1,965

Community Collaboration

Thanks to Our Community Partners

- Ashe County Library
- Appalachian District Health Department
- Ashe County Department of Social Services
- Cooperative Extension
- Ashe Services for Aging
- Ashe County Schools
- B5 Council
- Faith Community
- LifeStore Bank
- Wilkes Community College
- Ashe County Coalition for the Homeless

Community Collaboration

Thanks to Our Community Partners

- NCAEYC
- Ashe Memorial Hospital
- UNC-TV
- Skyline - Skybest
- Yadkin Bank
- American Emergency Vehicles
- Lakeshore Educational Supplies
- Kaplan Early Learning
- Mountain Outfitters
- Pretty n' Pearls
- Hotel Tavern
- Smoky Mountain Barbeque

Programs Supported by ACPC

- Child Care Family Resource
- Child Care Health Consultant
- Family Foundations
- Triple P – Positive Parenting Program
- A Safe Home for Everyone
- Family Central

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Technical Assistance and Consultation

- 28 on-site technical assistance/consultation visits to homes/centers

- Information on obtaining NC Credentials, AAS degree in Early Childhood, and BS degree in Early Childhood Education.
- Support on Environmental Rating Scales
- Creative Curriculum Planning and Implementation
- Behavioral Curriculum-Conscious Discipline An 8-month Book study
- Raising A Reader Implementation for 5 months
- NC Pre-K Professional Learning Communities (PLC), Coaching and Mentoring

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Resource Lending Library

165 items were checked out

54 visits to the Resource Lending Library

40 new kits were added to the Resource Lending Library

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The Week of the Young Child 2016

A Taste of the Farm

Join us for….

A Taste of the Farm

Friday, April 15, 2016, 3pm until 7pm

at Family Central

See what it is like to milk a cow!

See Farm Animals!

Plant your own seeds!

Make butter!

Enjoy the Story Walk!

Taste foods grown and produced in Ashe County!

Activities will be geared toward children ages birth to 5

Celebrate our Week of the Young Child event.

Come dressed as your favorite farm character or animal.

It's FREE and FUN for the whole family!

Come explore, learn and enjoy a taste of the farm together!

Sponsored by Ashe County Partnership for Children, B-5 Council Farm Bureau and other community partners.

B5 Council

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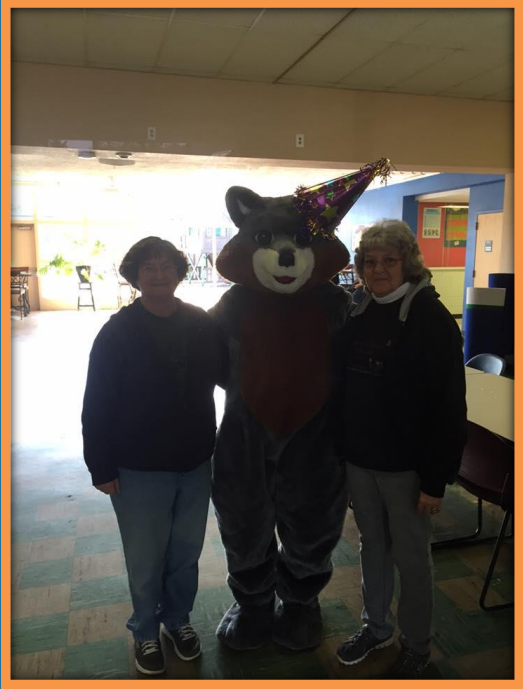
Week of the Young Child 2016
A Taste of the Farm



Highlights:
Face Painting
Story Walk
Bean Bag Toss
Milking a Cow
Arle, the Fox
Visiting the animals;
Calves
Pigs
Chickens, and Lambs

CCFR Professional Development Opportunities

Early Childhood Education

Fall Institute

November 7, 2015

45 Early Childhood Professionals attended the Event

The Importance of Being a Reflective Practitioner

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40 Professional Development Opportunities Offered

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Early Childhood Professionals Attendance

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Total Unduplicated Attendees
Ashe Developmental Day	4	13	5	20	17
Learning Thru Play II	7	9	16	14	20
Mt. Jefferson Child Development	8	26	33	37	29
Generations	6	9	13	24	12
BROC Head Start	7	8	8	11	5
Buck Mountain	4	2			6
Learning Tree			3	1	4
Ashe Early Learning			6	7	8
Betty's Half Pint		1	1	1	1
Janet Houck's Home Child Care		1	1	1	1
Pam Shatley's Home Child Care		1	1	1	1
Ashe County 4-H		1			
Other Attendees	7	13	9	27	
Total	**43**	**84**	**96**	**144**	**104**

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Child Care Family Resource

- 100% child care facilities participated in Smart Start funded activities designed to maintain their current rating of 4 stars or higher.
    - 5 Child Care Centers maintaining 5 stars
    - 1 Child Care Center on Temporary (New ownership)
    - 3 Family Home Centers maintaining 4 stars
    - Ashe Early Learning Preschool maintaining 5 Stars
    - 4-H Afterschool maintain 3 stars (1) and 5 stars (3)

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Teacher Appreciation Dinner April 21, 2016

Lorie Barnes, Executive Director of NCaeyc

55 of Ashe County Early Childhood Professionals attended the event.

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Child Care Family Resource

Planting Seeds of Literacy

Vickie Miller with Western Carolina Eye Association in Jefferson.

Child Care Health Consultant

- 6 child care facilities and 2 family child care homes received child care health consultation services by phone and on-site consultation from a Smart Start funded Child Care Health Consultant.

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Child Care Health Consultant

CCHC Professional Development Opportunities

115 credit hours awarded to child care providers through health, safety, and nutrition related trainings to child care providers.

39 providers representing 9 child care centers / family child care homes attended one or more of the CCHC related trainings offered.

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Family Foundations

Highlights Of The Year

- 29 children enrolled : 4 additional participants were expecting
- A young family was provided with a new washing machine
- One family was provided with a new crib and mattress
- Food, gas cards for transportation, and several referrals have been made to help families reach their goal toward self sufficiency
- One family received enough furniture to furnish their entire home
- Through a referral to Early Intervention one child has received several months of physical therapy and is now beginning to walk

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Family Foundations
Parents as Teachers Affiliate

Family Foundations

Staff Attended 14 Trainings

Training Topics Included:

Parents as Teachers Foundational 1 & 2
And other PAT Related Trainings
Serving Latinos
Sex Trafficking Awareness
Trauma Informed Parenting
First Aid
Child Abuse Prevention

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Family Foundations

Home Visitation: 117 completed

Developmental Screenings: 17 completed

Within the past year, significant growth has been made, and partnership has been implemented for our home visitation services as we continually strive to meet the needs of the families we serve.

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Family Foundations

Group Connection Highlights!

Literacy,
Cooking Classes,
Mom's Night Out,
First Aid

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Family Foundations

Family Foundations participated in Week of the Young Child providing both children and their parents a chance to play together by creating a chicken craft.

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Triple P

32 Instances of Outreach
Some examples of outreach include:

- 69 Welcome Baby Bags were provided to new moms who delivered at Ashe Memorial Hospital.
- Presented Triple P information packets and special book to 69 parents during kindergarten screenings at each of the elementary schools.
- Planted a pinwheel garden at Family Central during Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Triple P

23 Parents Served

Child Care Subsidy

State contract with Ashe County Department of Social Services for Smart Start Subsidy funding.

- $142,527 allocated by Partnership Board
- 73 children were provided child care through the use of Smart Start subsidy funds.

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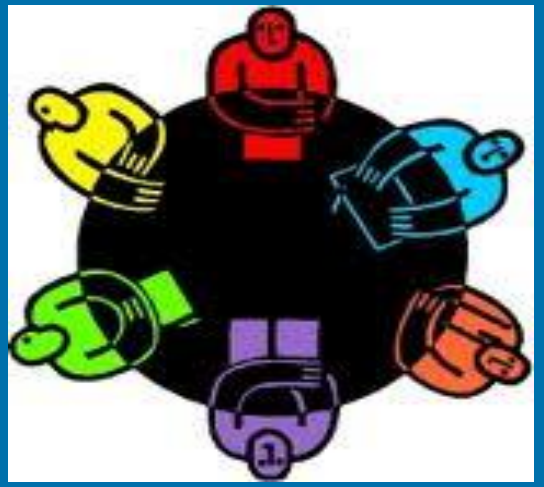
"Ending the cycle of domestic violence and sexual assault in Ashe County through empowerment, support, and education."

Program Director: Deanna Stoker
Shelter Manager: Emily Isaacs
Case Manager/Court Advocate: Stacy Cox/Katherine Buchannan
Children's Advocate: Tara Hartzog
SA Advocate/SART Specialist: Amber Dixon
Weekend Shelter Advocate's: Louise Stout & Shana Copeland

Outreach

A.S.HE. provided 127 outreach and education events during FY 15-16 with 1,765 citizens provided with valuable information about intimate partner violence and sexual assault

Community Involvement



- Ashe Interagency Meeting
- Elder Abuse Prevention Team
- Community Child Protection Team
- Ashe County Coalition for the Homeless
- Ashe Health Alliance/Mental Health Roundtable
- Ashe Children's Collaborative
- Sexual Assault Response Team

Intervention

- Served 208 clients during FY 15-16
  - Intimate partner violence survivors: 124
  - Sexual assault survivors: 32
  - Children exposed /teen dating violence: 53
- The staff provided 2,679 contacts to survivors during the 12 month period with 1,090 hours of service provided
- An average of 19 continuing clients sought follow-up services with ASHE after their first month of contact

Groups

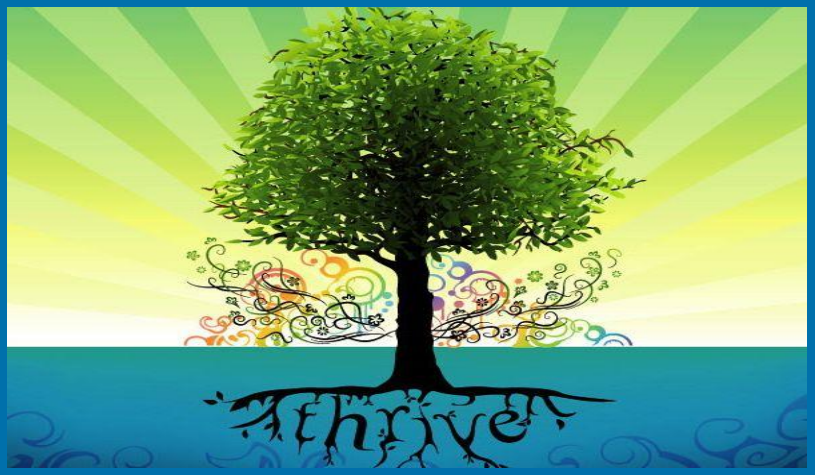
EMPOWERED!

A Group For Middle School Girls

Topics offered included: Self-Esteem, Healthy Body Image, What is a healthy relationship?, Friendship, Girls and the Media and Leadership

Groups

- “Thrive”



- Spark

Primary Prevention

- A.S.H.E. currently provides one of only two evidence based curriculums recommended by the Center's for Disease Control to prevent sexual assault and teen dating violence
- "Safe Dates" is implemented over multiple sessions (usually 10-12) with 9th grade students in Ashe County High Schools health classes
- It is important to note that this curriculum focuses on prevention of perpetrator behavior and not on prevention of becoming a victim

Housing First

Domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women and children.

During FY 15-6, ASHE began implementing a “Housing First” approach. This approach focuses on getting survivors of domestic violence into stable housing as quickly as possible and then providing the necessary support as they rebuild their lives .

This approach has been shown to promote long-term stability, safety and well-being for survivors and their children.

Voices of Survivors

- “Everyone I have met has been absolutely wonderful. I actually feel like I can move forward with my life…”
- “ASHE has done especially well with providing a safe place for me and my children. If it was not for them I could not have made it this far.”
- “I appreciate everything you did for me and for giving me a home when I had no where to go. You made me feel like I did matter…”

Family Central

Tenants in 2015-2016	
Ashe County Department of Social Services	Wilkes Community College/WIA Program & Get Real Program
Children's Developmental Services Agency	Wilkes Community College/Cosmetology Program
Smoky Mountain Center	Wilkes Community College/Family Literacy Program

Total leasable square footage: 34,360.55
Total square footage leased: 18,752.03
Total square footage occupied by ACPC: 4,075.50
Available square footage: 11,533.02

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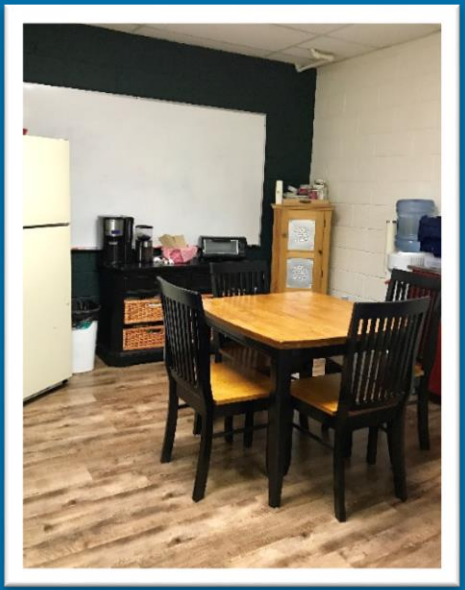
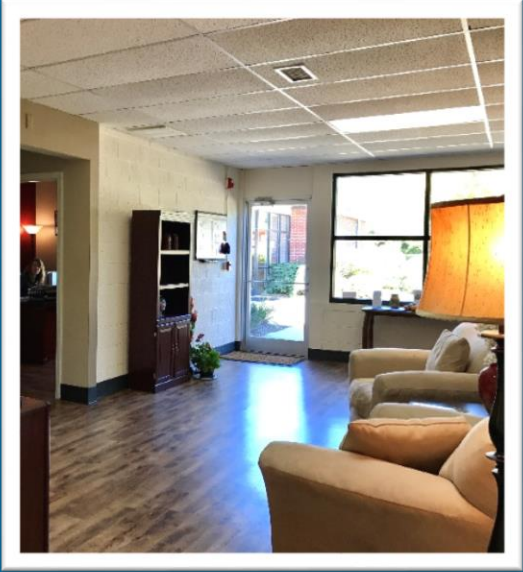
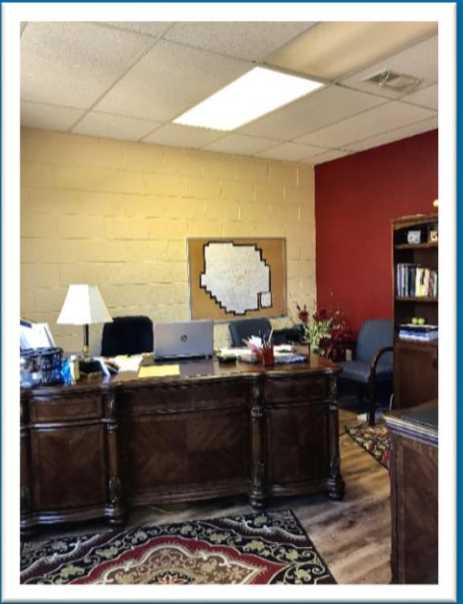
Family Central Rentals: 8
Cooperative Play Center Users: 430 visits

Renovations/Additions

ACPC Front Office Remodel







The Partnership

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Healthy Families Ashe

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Triple P Positive Parenting Program

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