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## The NC Home Visiting & Parenting Education System Receives \$1 Million from The Duke Endowment

*NC Home Visiting & Parenting Education System Receives Funding to Improve Parenting Supports Across North Carolina*

The North Carolina Partnership for Children (NCPC), which leads the statewide Smart Start Network and hosts the NC Home Visiting & Parenting Education (HVPE) System, was awarded a \$1 million grant from The Duke Endowment to support HVPE advocacy and system-building goals over three years.

The HVPE System is led by a statewide collaborative board which includes stakeholders who support the HVPE system in many roles – through funding, advocacy, policy, and research. The System’s goal is to ensure all families have access to a range of parenting education supports in early childhood to strengthen parent-child relationships and improve family and child well-being.

With funding from The Duke Endowment, the NC HVPE System will work to lay the foundation for creating a centralized intake system for HVPE services statewide that is based on community need. The HVPE System will ensure decisions are coordinated across the state as well as equitable, transparent and data driven.

“I am so thankful for The Duke Endowment for its commitment to the work of the Home Visiting and Parenting Education System and recognizing the role the System plays in coordinating home visiting and parenting education services across the state,” said NCPC President Amy Cubbage. “The Home Visiting and Parenting Education System is moving towards creating a brighter future for each child in North Carolina.

With the grant funding, the HVPE System will improve its infrastructure for coordinating across the state. Funding will also support a statewide HVPE expansion plan in collaboration with local communities. Communication tools developed with the funding will focus on equity and amplifying family and community voice.

“This partnership through The Duke Endowment will support the System by expanding critical infrastructure and other resources needed to further positive and

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lasting changes for children and families across North Carolina,” said Rachael Burrello, director of the NC HVPE System.

Since its 2020 launch, the NC HVPE System has focused on planning, development, and coordination for a stronger HVPE system; supporting and collaborating with HVPE professionals across the state; and engaging with families, community members, and early childhood leaders to improve the existing system of HVPE services. Early priorities have included the launch of the System’s governance structure, elevating the leadership and experience of families in the System’s work, supporting local assessment and planning, and engaging a broad spectrum of partners.

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### **About the NC Home Visiting & Parenting Education System**

The NC HVPE System is statewide systems change effort led by a collaborative board of HVPE stakeholders including funders, advocates, researchers, policy analysts, families, and community leaders, and is hosted by the North Carolina Partnership for Children. HVPE staff, board members, committee members, and system partners work across agencies and organizations, at the state and local levels, with a focus on family and community voice, toward the vision that all families have access to a range of parenting education supports, from the prenatal period to age eight, within a coordinated delivery system, which will positively impact parent-child relationship and family and child well-being.

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### **About Smart Start and The North Carolina Partnership for Children (NCPC)**

Smart Start is a network of 75 nonprofit local partnerships that serve all 100 North Carolina counties. This network is led by NCPC which ensures fiscal and programmatic accountability and coordinates the statewide Smart Start Network to create better outcomes for children and families. For more information, please visit <http://www.smartstart.org/about-smart-start/>

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### **About The Duke Endowment**

Based in Charlotte and established in 1924 by industrialist and philanthropist James B. Duke, The Duke Endowment is a private foundation that strengthens communities in North Carolina and South Carolina by nurturing children, promoting health, educating minds and enriching spirits. Since its founding, it has distributed more than \$4 billion in grants. The Endowment shares a name with Duke University and Duke Energy, but all are separate organizations.

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