

NC Child

The Voice for North Carolina's Children



2016 ANNUAL REPORT



Dear friends,

We want to thank you for your partnership, which helped NC Child achieve another year of growth and success in 2016. Together, we won important policy victories that will help our state's children grow up healthy, safe, educated, and financially secure. Moreover, your financial support has enabled us to build a strong financial base, which will allow us to continue to grow this important work. Without your continued dedication, none of this would have been possible.

As always, we advocate for children in partnership with you, our supporters. Thank you for caring so deeply about our children and for helping us put their needs front and center for North Carolina's policymakers.

In gratitude,

Carl Rist, Chair
Board of Directors, NC Child



Michelle Hughes
Executive Director, NC Child



OUR MISSION

NC Child builds a strong North Carolina by advancing public policies to ensure all children, regardless of race, ethnicity, or place of birth, have the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Healthy children perform better in school and in life. All children need access to high-quality and affordable health insurance, preventive health care, a medical home, and specialized services when necessary.

A STRONG START

The first 2,000 days of a child's life have a lasting impact on later learning, health, and success. When we invest in early education, health, and family support for young children, we provide them with a strong start in life.

FAMILY ECONOMIC SECURITY

Children living in financially secure families are more likely to succeed in school, stay healthy, and achieve economic self-sufficiency as adults.

NURTURING HOMES & COMMUNITIES

Children raised in safe, stable, and nurturing environments have the best chance to develop strong brains and bodies that are well-equipped to achieve success in all areas of life.

HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION

High quality education, from pre-kindergarten through college and beyond, provides children with the best opportunity for long-term life success.



2016 HIGHLIGHTS



PROTECT CHILDREN FROM TRAFFICKING

NC Child played a key role in the lobbying effort to pass important legislation to protect children from child trafficking.



INCREASE ACCESS TO EARLY EDUCATION

With our partners, NC Child helped convince lawmakers to make NC Pre-K and child care subsidies available to over 500 additional children.



PROTECT FOOD ASSISTANCE

When legislation was introduced to cut eligibility for food assistance for thousands of low-income families and their children, NC Child worked with our allies to keep that provision from becoming law.



PREVENT INFANT MORTALITY

NC Child staff worked with policymakers and health experts to create a statewide plan to reduce North Carolina's persistently high infant mortality rate with a specific focus on eliminating racial and ethnic disparities.



CREATE PATHWAYS TO LITERACY

In partnership with the Pathways to Grade-Level Reading Initiative, NC Child helped create the Measures of Success – whole child indicators to help us understand how children are faring on their path to third grade reading – which were adopted by the state with the support of the legislature.



PROTECT INVESTMENTS IN CHILDREN

NC Child mobilized local constituencies and worked with state partners to stop the so-called “Taxpayer Bill of Rights” (TABOR), a proposed constitutional amendment that would have permanently restricted the ability of state leaders to fund key investments in children’s health, safety, and education.

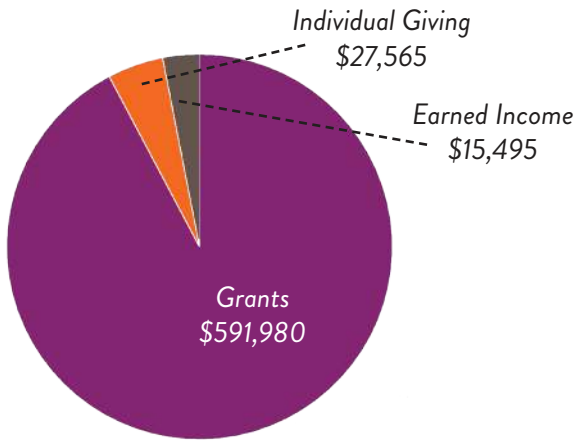
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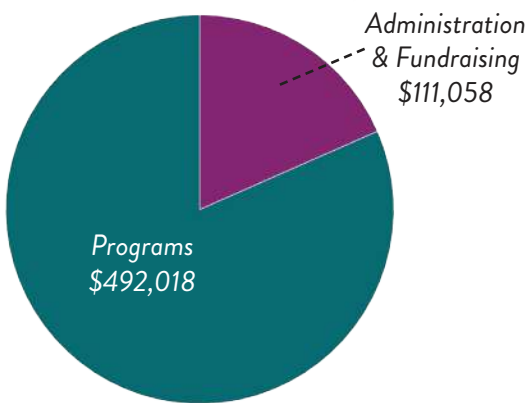


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2016 Expenses



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“With STRONG strategies rooted in research, data and community engagement, NC Child leads the way as an ADVOCATE for ALL CHILDREN in our state – and their efforts get RESULTS. ChildTrust Foundation is grateful for their partnership in the complex and CRITICAL area of early childhood policy.”

-Easter Maynard, ChildTrust Foundation

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