

# Youth Collab GT – Progress Reports - 2016

## Early Learning Council

### **GOAL 1: Champion Families - Increase the quality and availability of supportive family services that primarily affect children 0-9.**

Objective 1: Support the work of the Cross Collaborative Care/Case-Coordinators/Managers group as it relates to families with young children.

- **Objective accomplished.** The Cross Collaborative of Care/Case-Coordinators/Managers is established and it making progress. Support from the ELC is no longer required (See Cross Collaborative of Care Coordinators).

Objective 2: Encourage increased parenting education opportunities for families of young children.

- **Objective ongoing.** A Parent Engagement Committee has been formed and to date they have accomplished the following: (1) Facilitated the implementation of a free parent texting program for GCSD, (2) Surveyed GCSD Counselors about levels of parent engagement at their schools, and (3) Partnered with the Health Care Collaborative for Children and Youth (HCCCY) to explore the use of Triple P in Georgetown County.

### **GOAL 2: Champion Quality Education - Improve access to quality developmentally appropriate educational environment and related services for children 0-9.**

Objective 1: Support the work of the Early Childcare Directors Forum to encourage increased collaboration among public and private early childhood service providers.

- **Objective accomplished.** The Early Childcare Directors Forum has been replaced by the Early Childcare Collaborative (ECC), which is making progress. Support from ELC is no longer required (see Early Childcare Collaborative).

Objective 2: Encourage the community to support school readiness of children 0-4.

- **Objective ongoing.** The ELC requested that members of the Georgetown County Legislators to South Carolina General Assembly support a Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (SC-KRA) to begin in School Year (SY- 2017) for the purpose of establishing an accountability benchmark for early learning.

Objective 3: Participate with cross-sector stakeholders to support the implementation of the Georgetown County Achieves Together (GCAT) initiative to improve educational outcomes cradle to career.

- **Objective Ongoing.** Members of ELC continue to advocate for the implementation of the Strive Framework in Georgetown County.

Objective 4: Advocate for collecting information about each child's pre-k education experiences along with that child's score on the kindergarten readiness assessment.

- **No progress on objective.**

**Goal 3: Champion Quality Health Care- Increase quality health care services for children 0-9.**

Objective 1: Provide support for the Health Care Collaborative for Children and Youth (HCCCY).

- **Objective accomplished:** The Health Care Collaborative for Children and Youth (HCCCY) is making progress. Support from ELC no longer required (See HCCCY).

Objective 2: Create a Physician's Advisory Board to advise the Early Learning Council.

- **Objective accomplished.** The Early Childhood Physician's Advisory Council has been created (See ECPAC)

**Goal 4: Champion Community Leadership-**

Objective 1: Develop and implement an outreach plan to better understand the Georgetown Community and its programs.

- **Objective accomplished.** Members of the ELC visited a sample of the Georgetown Community Childcare programs. They also participated in Quality for Children Task Force in collaboration with members of the Bunnelle Foundation staff. This task force continued to better understand the concerns of Early Childcare providers regarding DSS Quality Rating System and the Voucher Program in terms of their quality rating. They helped bring funds to a center with special needs, and they better understood how the DSS systems functions in Georgetown County.

Objective 2: Support the Southern Georgetown Leadership Group (SGLG).

- **Objective accomplished:** The SGLG is making progress. Support from ELC is no longer required (see SGLG).

Objective 3: Identify an early learning issue for proposed legislation and legislators who will draft, introduce and/or champion a bill addressing that issue.

- **Objective accomplished:** Members of the ELC Advocacy Committee have drafted their annual "ELC Advocacy Statement" which identifies two early learning issues for proposed legislation. They have shared this statement with their legislative team and with the Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee.

Objective 4: Join with other advocacy groups to advocate legislation that helps to improve the lives of young children and their families.

- **Objective accomplished:** Members of ELC have coordinated advocacy initiatives with the following groups: (1) Institute for Child Success; (2) SC United Way, (3) Children’s Trust; (4) SC Education Association, and the (5) SC Association for the Education of Young Children.

### **Early Childcare Collaborative Steering Committee**

**Goal 1: Increase collaboration and networking among private childcare centers, Head Start, GCSD, and other early childhood service providers.**

Objective 1: Support the work of the Early Learning Council (ELC).

- **Objective accomplished**

Objective 2: Plan training events to provide “Program Administration” CEUs for directors from private childcare centers, Head Start programs, and GCSD programs.

- **No progress on objective.**

**Goal 2: Increase training opportunities offered to staff and volunteers in public and private early childcare programs in Georgetown County.**

Objective 1: Regularly support the assessment of the training resources and training needs for staff and volunteers in public and private early childhood programs.

- **Objective accomplished:** At their training event October 20, 2016, leaders asked participants to describe their training needs. Steering committee members continuously assess training resources and needs during their meetings.

Objective 2: By partnering with local organizations and sponsoring our own events, provide substantial training opportunities for Early Childhood Providers at least twice per year.

- **Objective partially accomplished:** ECC provided a Networking meeting on October 20, 2016 to reengage the Early Childcare Providers.

Objective 3: Publicize training opportunities through our Facebook page and through [www.youthcollabgtown.org](http://www.youthcollabgtown.org).

- **Objective accomplished:** The ECC continues to have a Facebook Page and a page on the [www.youthcollabgtown.org](http://www.youthcollabgtown.org) website.

**Goal 3: Support community efforts to move toward quality pre-kindergarten and kindergarten programs.**

Objective 1: Partner with Georgetown County Achieves Together (GCAT) to improve readiness outcomes for students.

- **No progress on objective**

Objective 2: Encourage the increased use of evidence-based practices and other quality practices for improving school readiness.

- **Objective ongoing**: Members of the ECC Steering Committee are planning training opportunities that promote evidence-based practices for improving school readiness.

Objective 3: Participate in the Quality for Children (Q4C) Task Force to explore ways to bring additional resources to support high quality childcare programs.

- **Objective accomplished**: Members of the ECC participated in the Task Force, which met its goals and is no longer meeting. The ECC will address concerns regarding the availability of Early Childcare courses available at Horry-Georgetown Technical College.

#### **Goal 4: Promote early childhood provider assets in Georgetown County.**

Objective 1: Promote special programs of interest to private childcare facilities, Head Start, and GCSD.

- **Objective ongoing**: Training opportunities will promote special programs of interest

Objective 2: Help childcare providers market their programs.

- **Objective accomplished**: Childcare providers can take advantage of the [www.youthcollabgtown.org](http://www.youthcollabgtown.org) website and the ECC Facebook page to help market their programs.

### **Early Childhood Physicians' Advisory Council**

**This group has no strategic plan.**

Accomplishment for 2016 includes the following:

- (1) Holding a highly successful 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Growing Strong: Development and Behavior in Early Childhood for Primary Care Physicians and Providers.
- (2) Expanding membership to include several ex officio members.
- (3) Beginning to explore topics for the 2017 Growing Strong conference.

## Health Care Collaborative for Children and Youth (HCCCY) Progress Report – 2016

**GOAL 1: Collective Impact-Increase the ability of HCCCY members who go over and above their individual missions to collectively have an impact on the health of children and youth.**

Objective 1: Accelerate improved health care and health related services outcomes by forming at least 5 data-sharing partnerships for the purpose of measuring their collective impact.

- **Objective ongoing:** The research committee developed a data-sharing plan whose purpose is to track the flow and appropriateness of referrals among HCCCY members.

Objective 2: Increase the impact of health care and health related services through the participation of at least 4 HCCCY members in other collective impact initiatives.

- **Objective accomplished:** At least 4 HCCCY members are involved in the following collective impact initiatives: (1) Cross Collaborative of Service Providers and (2) Black River United Way Committees.

Objective 3: Increase the ability of HCCCY members to use efficient and effective collaborative action strategies through training events sponsored by HCCCY or in conjunction with other groups.

- **Objective accomplished:** HCCCY members co-sponsored the Growing Strong Conference with the Early Childhood Physician's Advisory Council.

**Goal 2: Access to Quality Health Services- Increase the number of children and youth who have access to quality health services.**

Objective 1: Determine the current availability of health services in the community to establish a baseline from which to show change in access.

- **No progress on objective**

Objective 2: Assess how HCCCY member programs determine evidence of the quality of their programs.

- **No progress on objective**

Objective 3: Through training opportunities and group support help HCCCY members increase their ability to show evidence of the quality of their programs.

- **Objective ongoing:** The training committee has discussed ways that HCCCY members might participate in community events planned by other groups. Several members participated in the Growing Strong conference.

Objective 4: Increase the number of appropriate referrals by maintaining a process of information sharing during meetings.

- **Objective ongoing:** All member groups have made presentations about their programs and at each meeting they make any necessary changes to the “HCCCY Directory.” New members are allowed time to share about their services and at the end of each meeting, members share announcements and updates about their services. The Research committee data-sharing initiative should provide a numerical baseline to determine if at yearly evaluations appropriate referrals are increasing. Secretary Pat Lowery also passes important information about members’ events between meetings.

Objective 5: Increase parent and child access to the services of Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) by serving as their Community Advisory Board.

- **Objective ongoing:** Members of HCCCY continue to serve as the CAB for NFP. The CAB will continue to track the parent and child access to services for Georgetown County. They will determine at the end of each year if services are increasing.

**Goal 3: Connection between Health and Learning-Increase actions that promote the connection between health and learning.**

**Objective 1:** Increase stakeholders’ (i.e., educators, health service providers, physicians, decision makers, parents) understanding of the connection between health and learning by providing training events sponsored by HCCCY or in conjunction with other groups.

- **Objective accomplished:** HCCCY members promoted the connection between health and learning as co-sponsors of the Growing Strong conference.

**Objective 2:** Increase the community’s understanding of the connection between health and learning by developing marketing strategies.

- **Objective Ongoing:** A HCCCY member provided a blog on this topic for the [www.youthcollabgtown.org](http://www.youthcollabgtown.org) website. The marketing and advocacy committee plans to continue promoting this connection.

**Goal 4: Making Healthy Choices-Increase opportunities for children and their parents to learn how to make healthy choices.**

**Objective 1:** Increase the number of opportunities provided by HCCCY members and in conjunction with other groups for children and their parents to participate in programs that promote making healthy choices.

- **Objective ongoing:** HCCCY members have met with Triple P leaders to explore how they might use aspects of this program for parent education that promotes making healthy choices.

**Objective 2:** Through training opportunities provided by HCCCY or in conjunction with other groups, increase the ability of health care and health related programs to engage children and their parents in programs that promote making healthy choices.

- **No progress on objective.**

**Goal 5: Help and Support- Increase the ability of health care and health related service providers to help parents and their children access resources that assist with their basic needs.**

Objective 1: Collect the “Intake/Assessment” documents for HCCCY members and create a composite “Intake/Assessment” document.

- **Objective accomplished:** The Research Committee created a composite “Intake/Assessment” document that they will use for their data-sharing collective impact initiative.

Objective 2: Increase stakeholders’ awareness regarding the ability of children and their parents to access resources that assist with their basic needs.

- **Objective ongoing:** Members of HCCCY participate in the Cross Collaborative of Care Coordinators whose purpose is to increase stakeholders’ awareness regarding the ability of children and their parents to access basic needs.

**Goal 6: Information and Advocacy - Increase community leaders’ ability to provide for the health of children and youth by informing them of concerns and advocating that those concerns be addressed.**

Objective 1: Increase the visibility of HCCCY through marketing strategies to increase their credibility as advocates for the health of children and youth.

- **Objective accomplished:** The marketing committee has created a Facebook Page and an Instagram account. They also have a page on [www.youthcollabgtown.org](http://www.youthcollabgtown.org).

Objective 2: Develop HCCCY materials that describe it and that promote community investment in the health of children and youth.

- **Objective accomplished:** The marketing committee created a flyer, developed a logo, and published an e-newsletter in 2016.

## **Georgetown County Out of School Time (GCOST) Collaborative**

### **Goal 1: Quality Programs -To increase the quality, accountability, and sustainability of out of school time programs in Georgetown County.**

Objective 1: Develop a plan for implementing a quality assessment process for interested GCOST members.

- **Objective ongoing:** Two member organizations of GCOST are in the process of piloting the NYSAN quality assessment process. They hope to complete the process by spring of 2017.

Objective 2: Enlist at least 5 member organizations to participate in at least one collaborative grant opportunity.

- **No progress on objective**

Objective 3: Review and share existing county data that describe the condition of children and youth.

- **Objective ongoing:** Data from the results of GCSD assessments of student progress in reading in math will be shared among GCOST members regarding the results of their summer programs.

Objective 4: Participate as partners with the Georgetown County Achieves Together (GCAT) collective impact initiative to improve student outcomes cradle to career.

- **Objective accomplished:** Chairman of GCOST, Eric Spatz, was a member of the GCAT Committee. GCOST is currently not participating.

Objective 5: Provide support and guidance to increase the use of evidence-based programs in the county.

- **Objective ongoing:** Formed the Summer Slide Collaborative in coordination with GCSD to begin to examine how to increase the use of evidence-based programs in the county.

### **Goal 2: Community Awareness - To increase community awareness of the importance of out of school programs and support programs in Georgetown County.**

- Objective 1: Hold an annual advocacy event that calls attention to the benefits of out of school time programs.
- **No progress on objective** – *Lights on Afterschool* canceled again due to a hurricane.

Objective 2: Develop an agenda with area groups to advocate for children and youth on a local, state, and national level.

- **Objective ongoing**: In the process of making plans to engage business leaders and policy-makers in conversation about the benefits of out of school time programs and the need for their support of these programs.

Objective 3: Develop and implement a process for demonstrating the effectiveness of out of school time programs and services to increase student achievement.

- **Objective ongoing**: Formed the Summer Slide Collaborative in collaboration with GCSD to demonstrate the effectiveness of summer programs to decrease summer slide for GCSD students.

Objective 4: Implement at least one marketing campaign that conveys to the community the effectiveness of quality out of school time programs and services in Georgetown County.

- **Objective accomplished**: Members of GCOST served on the committee that developed [www.youthcollabgtown.org](http://www.youthcollabgtown.org), and a member has contributed a blog for the site. GCOST members continue to post to Facebook.

**Goal 3: Training Opportunities - Increase the training opportunities for staff and volunteers in out of school time programs in Georgetown County.**

Objective 1: Assess the training resources and training needs for staff and volunteers in out of school time programs and services

- **Objective accomplished**: GCOST leaders annually assess the training needs of their members. This objective was addressed in early 2016.

Objective 2: Survey PK-12 teachers and staff to determine how out of school time programs can support school-age children and youth.

- **No progress on objective**

Objective 3: By partnering with local organizations and sponsoring our own events, provide substantial training opportunities for members of GCOST at least once per year.

- **Objective accomplished:** Co-sponsored with Freedom Readers, GOMI Literacy Program, and Parks and Recreation an event titled: “Read to Run. “

**Goal 4: Program Attendance - Increase the number of children attending quality out of school time programs in Georgetown County.**

Objective 1: Monitor the program capacity of out of school time programs as compared to the total number of school age children in Georgetown County schools.

- **Progress on objective:** Members of GCOST will send the rosters of their programs to a GCSD leader who is tracking the effects of out of school time participation for GCSD students.

Objective 2: Continue to explore the barriers to out of school time participation and develop plans to overcome them.

- **No progress on objective:**

**Southern Georgetown Leadership Group**

**Goal 1: Communications Network - Establish an effective network of communication with Southern Georgetown Community members, elected officials, and other community decision makers.**

**Objective 1:** Maintain a calling and emailing (and snail-mailing) network to inform Southern Georgetown Community members, elected officials, and other community decision makers about important events and community concerns.

- **Objective accomplished:** Evidence of an effective calling and emailing network is the large turnouts at a meeting about the proposed library and for the annual community meeting with elected officials and others.

**Objective 2:** Create and/or distribute flyers regarding SGLC meetings and other community events.

- **Objective accomplished:** Flyers were developed and distributed to invite the community to the library meeting with FOWL and to their annual community meeting.

**Objective 3:** Collaborate with ELC Advocacy Committee members and other community advocates to request their attention regarding issues related to the well being of children in the community.

- **No progress on objective.**

**Objective 4:** Host a meeting with elective official and/or candidates annually to hear about their priorities and to present the SGLG's agenda.

- **Objective accomplished:** SGLG held their annual meeting in October 2016 to request attention from community advocates regarding the issues related to the well being of children in the community, especially issues around the building of a library.

**Objective 5:** Create a SGLG brochure.

- **Objective accomplished:** A SGLG brochure has been created and distributed.

**Goal 2: Public Library - Support the development of a public library to be centrally located in the Southern Georgetown community.**

**Objective 1:** Work with the Georgetown County Library Director and staff to find funding and political support for the Southern Georgetown County Library.

- **Objective ongoing:** SGLG and GC Library Director with help from their County Council representative are pursuing funding and political support for the library.

**Objective 2:** Investigate ways to raise money for the Southern Georgetown County Library.

- **Objective ongoing:** Members of SGLG have engaged the support of the Friends of the Waccamaw Library (FOWL), and they are exploring other fundraising ideas.

**Objective 3:** Determine the kinds of programs the community would like to have in the Southern Georgetown County Library.

- **No progress on objective.**

**Goal 3: Enrichment Programs - Promote the development of out of school time enrichment programs (i.e., afterschool and during the summer) for children in the Southern Georgetown Community.**

Objective 1: Increase understanding of the community's priorities by conducting a needs assessment through the churches and the Inland Communities Group's Facebook page.

- **Objective accomplished:** Leaders conducted a survey of the community and found that enrichment activities for children and youth were still high priorities.

Objective 2: Increase sustainability for a community-based enrichment program for children and youth by recruiting a person or group of people who are willing to administer the program.

- **No progress on objective.**

### **Cross Collaborative of Care Coordinators**

This group has no strategic plan; however, what follows are some of their accomplishments for 2016:

- Developed an asset directory of care coordinators (aka case managers and service coordinators) who serve families and adults in Georgetown County.
- Held well-attended meetings in March, May, July, September, and November.
- Created a list of 6 common questions for members' to begin collecting the same kinds of information for collective impact.
- Participated in the discussion of a proposed Human Services Collaborative referral process called RISE.
- Participated in an in-service on domestic violence presented by staff of the Family Justice Center.

### **Summer Slide Collaborative**

This group is a collaborative between GCOST and GCSD. They have accomplished the following after only two meetings:

- Convened a meeting that brought together leaders from GCSD who make decisions about summer programs' curricula and about the use of GCSD student data with members from the GCOST Collaborative who represent 11 summer programs in Georgetown County.
- Created a matrix of data categories for those 11 summer programs. This matrix is based on a logic model related to national research on the benefits of summer programs for struggling students.
- Made a decision to develop a GCSD-created "Memorandum of Understanding" between GCSD and members of the Summer Slide Collaborative. GCSD plans to share spring 2017 and fall 2017 student achievement data for the purpose of determining if the current GCOST members' summer programs are having an affect on summer slide for GCSD students.

## **Literacy-Based Child and Youth Film Club Collaborative (GCOST and Strand Cinema)**

Here is progress to date:

- Members of GCOST have formed with members of the Strand Cinema Film Selection Committee a Child and Youth Literacy-based Film Club Collaborative.
- GCOST committee members have collected a matrix of information about interest in this project. All contacted GCOST members, except the YMCA Afterschool Programs, have expressed an enthusiastic interest in the project.
- Strand Cinema leaders are considering underwriting the cost of showing two films four times per year for two age groups (e.g., 8 films- 4 for elementary and middle and 4 for high school) at the Strand Cinema on Front Street.
- The GCOST/Strand Committee will choose the films and will develop discussion materials to accompany them.
- GCOST members who serve on the planning committee represent the following organizations: Carolina Human Reinvestment, Optimism Preventive Services, Inc. , and the Mitney Project. Two members of the Strand Cinema Film Selection committee represent the Strand Cinema are as follows: Sharon Huber and Doreen McDermott.