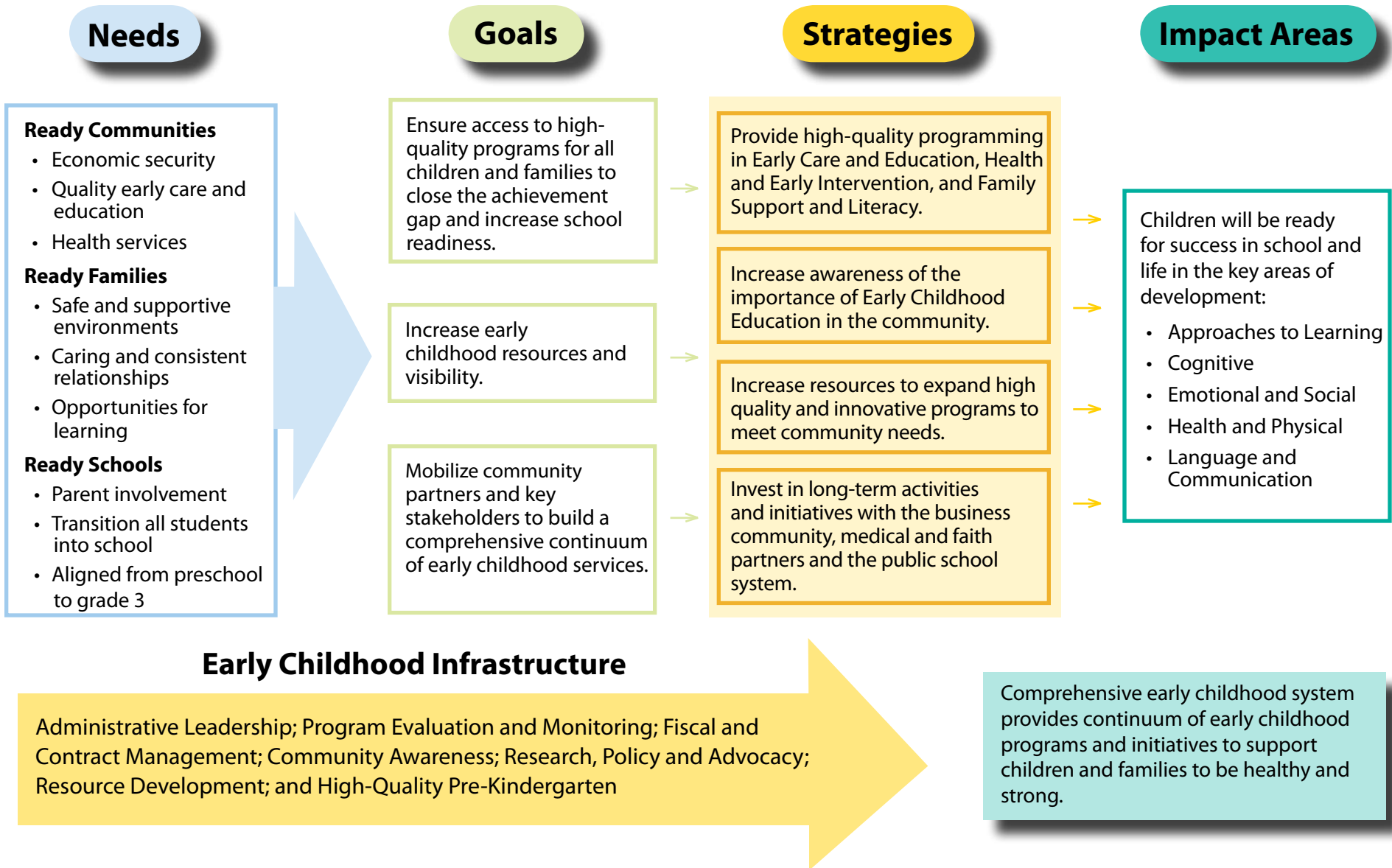




Durham's Early Childhood System Framework

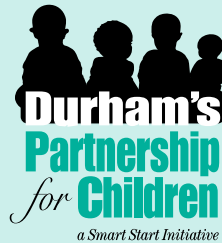
Science tells us that children's early experiences can create a strong or weak foundation for all future learning, behavior and health. The achievement gap begins well before kindergarten, with many children entering school without basic social, emotional and cognitive skills to perform in school. In Durham, the responsibility of school readiness is shared among an early childhood system that includes families, professionals and the community. A comprehensive continuum of early childhood programs and initiatives supports children and families to be strong and healthy.



Community Initiatives and Collaborative Projects

- Collaborative Fund Development
- Community Infant/Toddler Initiative
- Docs For Tots NC
- Early Childhood Faith Initiative
- East Durham Children's Initiative
- Smart Start in the Cart
- Transition To Kindergarten Initiative
- Downtown Durham Child Care Initiative

Durham's Partnership for Children, a Smart Start Initiative (DPfC)



DPfC functions as the catalyst, convener and facilitator of Durham's early childhood system.

Mission

To mobilize and unify the Durham community to create and support innovative and successful collaborative approaches to serving the needs of children birth to 5 years of age and their families.

Partnership Board of Directors and Committees

- Executive Committee
- Allocations Committee
- Community Awareness & Development Committee
- Evaluation Committee
- Finance/Audit Committee
- Investment Committee
- School Readiness/NC Pre-K Committee

Funded Partners

Child Health, Early Intervention, and Family Support

- Durham Early Head Start (home-based)
- Early Childhood Outreach Project (EChO)
- Family Support Program (El Centro Hispano)
- Healthy Families Durham
- Welcome Baby Family Resource Center

Early Care and Education

- Child Care Quality Enhancement
- Child Care Quality Maintenance
- Choosing and Using Quality Child Care
- Durham Early Head Start (center-based)
- NC Pre-Kindergarten
- Smart Start Scholarship Program
- TEACH Early Childhood® AmeriCorps Program
- WAGES®