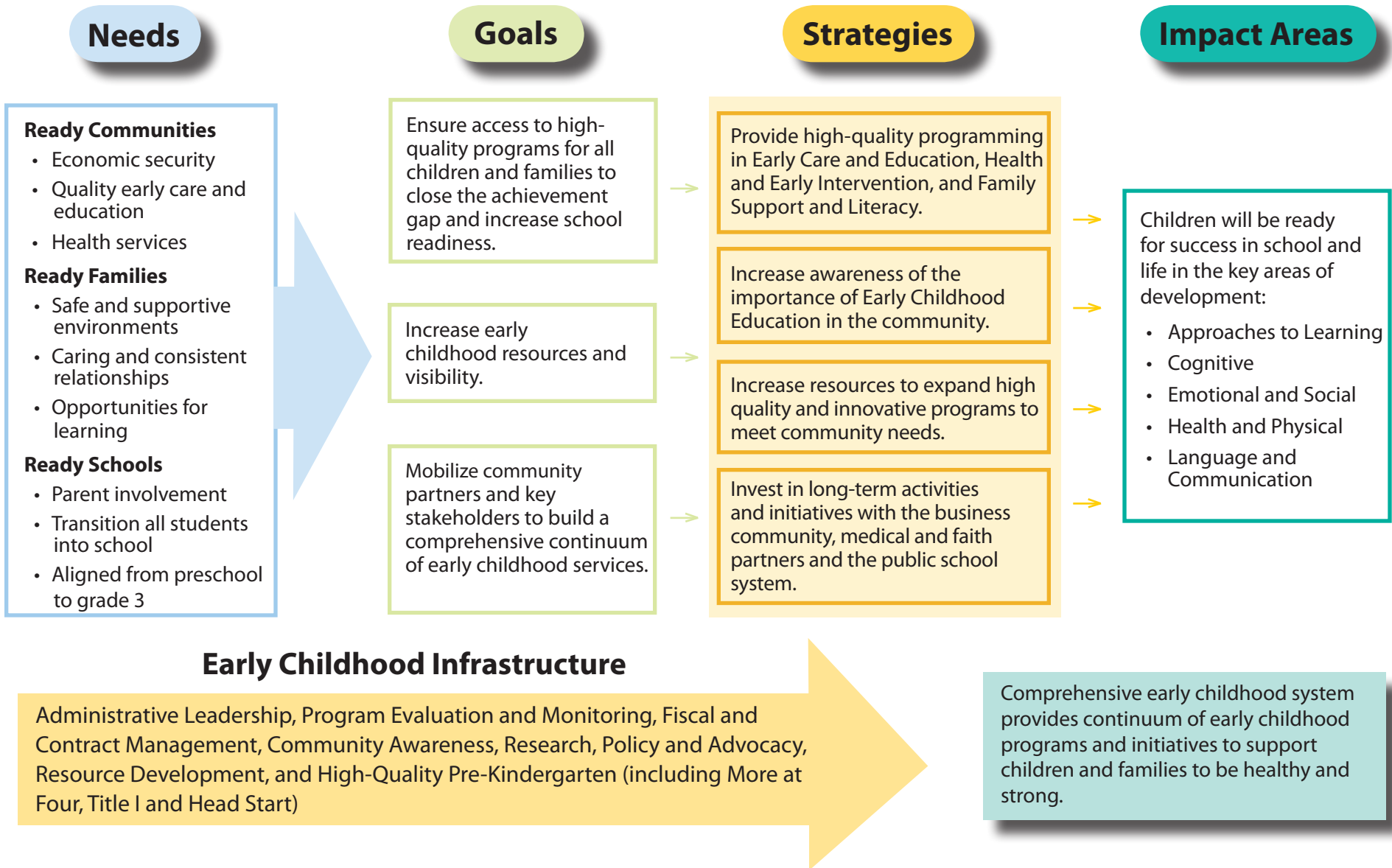


Durham's Early Childhood System Framework

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 support children and families to be strong and healthy.



Community Initiatives and Collaborative Projects

- Children's Endowment
- Children's Savings Accounts
- Collaborative Fund Development
- Docs For Tots
- Early Childhood Faith Initiative
- Health Check Improvement Task Force
- Infant/Toddler Community Plan
- Harlem Children's Zone Model
- Durham County Results Based Accountability Children's Committee
- Transition To Kindergarten

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 continuously mobilize and unify the Durham community in creating, supporting and strengthening innovative and successful collaborative approaches to serving the needs of all young children and their families, enhancing readiness for success in school and life.

Partnership Board of Directors and Committees

- Executive Committee
- Allocations Committee
- Community Awareness & Development Committee
- Corporate Champions for Children Council
- Evaluation Committee
- Finance/Audit Committee
- Investment Committee
- School Readiness/More at Four Committee

Funded Partners

Early Care and Education

- Child Care Quality Enhancement
- Child Care Quality Maintenance
- Child Care Substitute Program
- Choosing and Using Quality Child Care
- Grow A Teacher
- More at Four
- Smart Start Child Care Subsidy
- TEACH Early Childhood® AmeriCorps Program
- WAGES®

Child Health and Early Intervention

- Durham Inclusion Support Services
- Early Childhood Outreach Project (EChO)
- Early Childhood Support Program
- Healthy Smiles/Healthy Kids
- Hispanic/Latino Family Consultation Services
- Nutrition Consultation

Family Support

- FAMOSA: Familias Obrando, Sostenando y Avanzando (Families Working, Sustaining and Advancing)
- Healthy Families Durham
- Welcome Baby Family Resource Center