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Trauma and Resiliency Work

Through our Resiliency work, we recognize that childhood trauma is a Public Health issue. In partnership with North Carolina's Supreme Court Chief Justice, Paul Newby, Director of the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts, Judge Andrew Heath, and New Hanover and Pender County District Attorney Ben David, the Chief Justice's Task Force on ACEs-Informed Courts was created. Partners, like the Bolch Judicial Institute Trauma Education Initiative, are incorporating trauma education as part of the orientation for new North Carolina judges during their annual summer judicial conference.

Hopestar's Impact

The HopeStar Foundation will continue this important work to support the health and wellbeing of children and families. We understand the importance of upstream investments in children's earliest years and the healthy development of families and communities across the Carolinas.

The message behind the logo

HopeStar's four core values of Honesty, Optimism, Respect, and Knowledge are represented in the concentric circles emanating from the rising sun as layers of support extend around families and children. At the center, the pregnant belly is a visual reminder of our multi-generational focus. Our logo emphasizes our strengths of advocacy, convening, leveraging, and addressing issues at a system level. The concentric circles also represent the ripple effects that we hope to put out into the world of healing, warming, and repairing, one family at a time.

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Strategic Grants

Strategy: Trauma & Resilience

- **Campaign for Trauma-Informed Policy and Practice:** One-year grant to support general operating expenses (2023).
- **Center for Child & Family Health and Stanly Community College**: Two-year grant to support the development and mapping of trauma-informed content into existing community college course curriculum, as well as continued trauma-informed training (2023-2024).
- **Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department**: Two-year grant to support the Reach Out Program, giving participating youthful offenders the opportunity to complete court diversion requirements in an educational environment and earn funds to pay restitution to victims (2022-2023).
- **Duke Law School's Bolch Judicial Institute**: Three-year grant to support the development of a training program for judges, court administrators and other court staff on the effects of childhood trauma (2021-2023).

Strategy: Maternal & Child Health

- HealthConnect One: One-Year grant to support advancing equitable, community-based, peer-to-peer support for pregnancy, birth, breastfeeding, and early parenting expenses (2023).
- **NC Early Childhood Foundation**: Four-year grant commitment to support North Carolina Initiative for Young Children's Social and Emotional Health (2020-2024).
- **Carolinas Collaborative**: One-year grant to support the Institute for Child Success who helps young children succeed by working with stakeholders to seek holistic solutions to complex early childhood challenges. (2023).
- **Foster America**: Two-year grant to support Foster America in transforming systems that serve children, youth and families by innovating for a more just, equitable future (2023-2024).

Strategy: Early Childhood

- **Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Foundation**: One-Year grant to support CMLF in focus areas including early literacy initiatives, digital inclusion, economic opportunity and access for all (2023-2024).
- **Early Childhood Funders Collaborative**: Two-year grant to collaborate and align resources for common good and speak out on behalf of young children and their families. (2023-2024).