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PLACE**

CREATING HOPE FOR FAMILIES

a partner in the
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ONE PLACE 2021 IMPACT REPORT

Strengthening Children. Connecting Families. Ending Child Abuse.



Since 1998, One Place, formerly known as Onslow County Partnership for Children, has provided vital programs and services to thousands of children and families. From preventing child abuse to connecting families with high-quality child care, our goal is to support every child who calls Onslow County home.

VISION:

All children and families are safe, healthy, and living to their fullest potential.

MISSION:

When they have challenges, we connect all children and their families to programs and resources that provide opportunities and hope.



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The past year was momentous for our organization. After more than 22 years of service to the community as Onslow County Partnership for Children, we re-branded ourselves to One Place in March of 2021 as a way to better represent our work and the idea that we are the one place families can go to be connected with the resources they need.

Our new logo incorporates a sun icon in the shape of concentric circles, representing the ripple effect of how helping a family can make waves of change in their lives and in the community over time. The circular icon also symbolizes a warm embrace and the creation of a safe space – which we aim to be for anyone walking through our doors.

In addition to our new name, we also launched a newly designed website to help connect families and the community with resources such as early educator training, finding high-quality child care, registering for free books through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, and applying for early care and education programs such as Early Head Start and NC Pre-K. As part of our updated website we created a blog to share resources, information, and advocacy with the community on topics ranging from child abuse prevention and intervention to highlighting community partners essential to the work of our organization.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.ONEPLACEONSLOW.ORG

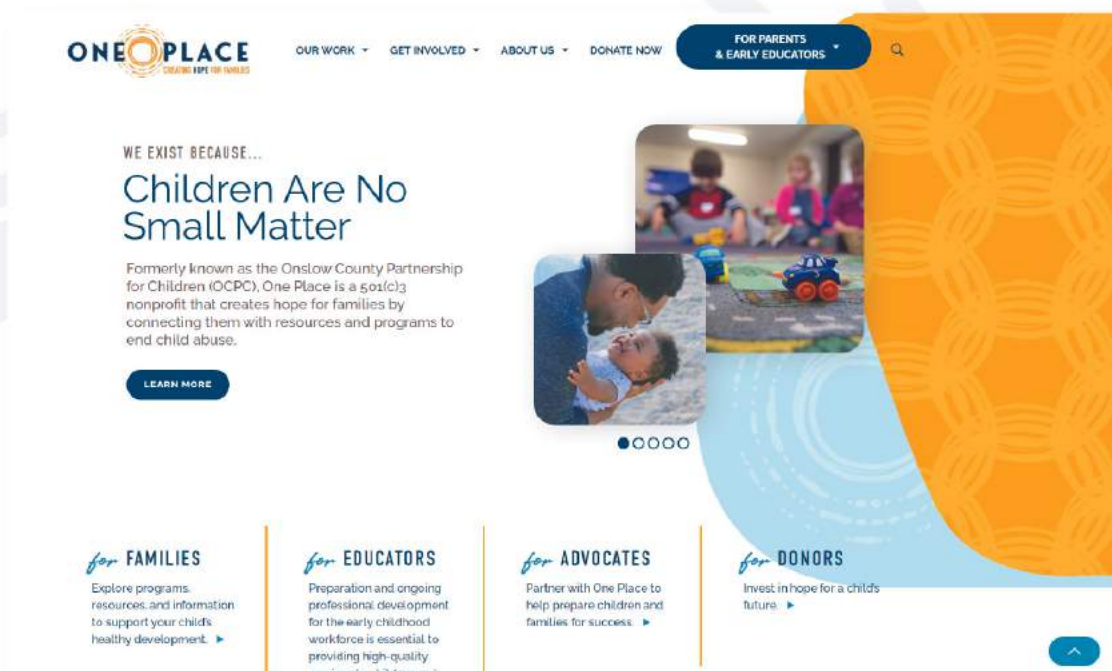


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Impact of COVID-19

The global coronavirus pandemic has touched all of our lives. Through more than a year of unprecedented challenges, disruptions, and transformational change, One Place has continued to shift and change to meet the ever-present needs of children and families in Onslow County and ensure continuity of services across all of our programs.

While our office was closed to the public (from March 2020 through March 2021) the majority of our staff worked remotely to ensure programs and services were available to families in our community. Our Child Advocacy Center remained open for appointments during this time continuing to conduct forensic interviews and medical evaluations for victims of child abuse and neglect, and support families in crisis. The CAC implemented additional sanitation procedures and precautions related to COVID-19 to ensure the safety of staff and children and families coming into the CAC.

Staff in other programs used this time to evaluate service delivery methods and adapt to meet the needs of the community. We successfully launched online application platforms for NC Pre-Kindergarten, 3 School, and Early Head Start, allowing families to apply for our programs from the comfort and safety of their homes. Child Care Resource and Referral services were already available virtually and via phone/text and we saw a distinct uptick in these service access points. We also stood up a virtual training platform for early educators to ensure they could continue to receive the critical professional development and training needed to do their important work during these challenging times, which continued through this fiscal year.

We continue to view our work with an ever-changing lens and an emphasis on our values of innovation and adaptability. While things may be changing globally we know that one thing will always remain – children and families in our community need access to resources, programs, services, and support to help them live to their fullest potential and One Place remains prepared to walk alongside them in this journey.

STRENGTHENING CHILDREN

Early experiences matter, they mold and shape the developing brain and lay the foundation for a child's sound mental health. One Place provides early education programs that support children's healthy development during the first 2,000 days of life when critical brain development occurs.



PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

575

Preschool programs served **575** children in Onslow County.

39

39 percent of children who participated in preschool programs were military dependents.

21

Onslow County maintained **21** NC PreK sites.



TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

One Place offered **123** virtual training opportunities for early educators on topics such as nutrition, social-emotional development, and health and safety. Of participants who completed an evaluation, **97 percent** indicated they gained skills they could immediately use on the job.

"I learned more ways in recognizing childhood trauma and how to manage classroom rules, daily schedules and our environment to be a nurturing and effective learning space for our children. I also received some great ideas from other teachers in how they are going to implement routines and how they will be engaging families this year." -Training participant



EARLY HEAD START

1

122 infants, toddlers, and expectant mothers received Early Head Start services and support to promote physical, cognitive, and social-emotional development through enriching relationships.

2

17% of children enrolled in the home-based option and **10%** of children enrolled in the Child Care Partnership program have a diagnosed disability.

3

Military-affiliated children accounted for an average of **15%** of enrollment across the EHS program.

4

40% of Child Care Partnership families experiencing homelessness obtained housing.

"My daughter was attending Excel 9 when one of the employees told me about the Early Head Start program. I was so excited when she had mentioned it to me. At the time, I was pregnant with my now youngest and was excited to put both my children into the program to receive the many benefits the program had to offer. Being a single mom and a full-time student, I needed this program more than anything. Partnering with the Early Head Start Program, I have been able to drop my children off and know they are receiving high-quality early childhood education while I finished my Associate's Degree" -EHS Parent



LITERACY

Studies show that the single most significant factor influencing a child's early educational success is an introduction to books and being read to at home before starting school. By the age of 2, children who are read to regularly display greater language comprehension, larger vocabularies, and better problem-solving skills than their peers.

Since Dolly Parton's Imagination Library was brought to Onslow County in 2011, **462,000** books have been mailed to local children.

During FY 20-21, **11,083** children received books through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to help build their home libraries and increase literacy.

One Place maintained **55** Little Free Libraries across the county to provide additional access to books at no cost to the community.

One Place maintained Story Walks in the Parks at **five** area parks.

"When I signed my oldest child up for One Place's Dolly Parton Imagination library several years ago I was introduced to the power of early literacy and saw firsthand how much a book can positively impact a child's language development. This experience inspired me to become a literacy advocate and continue to build my children's library".- Shannon, DPIL participant 2021





CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

The One Place Child Advocacy Center is one of 49 centers across the state of North Carolina providing services to children and teens. Forensic medical exams are completed by medical providers rostered as trained child abuse experts through the Child Medical Evaluation Program at UNC-Chapel Hill Department of Pediatrics. Our Child Advocacy Center employs the only rostered provider in Onslow County.

207 Children received forensic medical exams for evaluation and treatment following suspected abuse or neglect. These exams ensure the child's well-being and help reassure the child that their body is okay.

Child victims in need of additional support were referred to mental health services to help reduce the long-term impact of trauma.



Number of Children Receiving Forensic Interviews.

"I appreciate that the center is here for the children. Children need to be heard and they deserve to have someone on their side for them and trust them. They made the children feel loved and respected for who they are."-Non-offending caregiver of a child receiving services in the CAC



CONNECTING FAMILIES

CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL



630 families received resources, information, or referrals to high-quality child care.



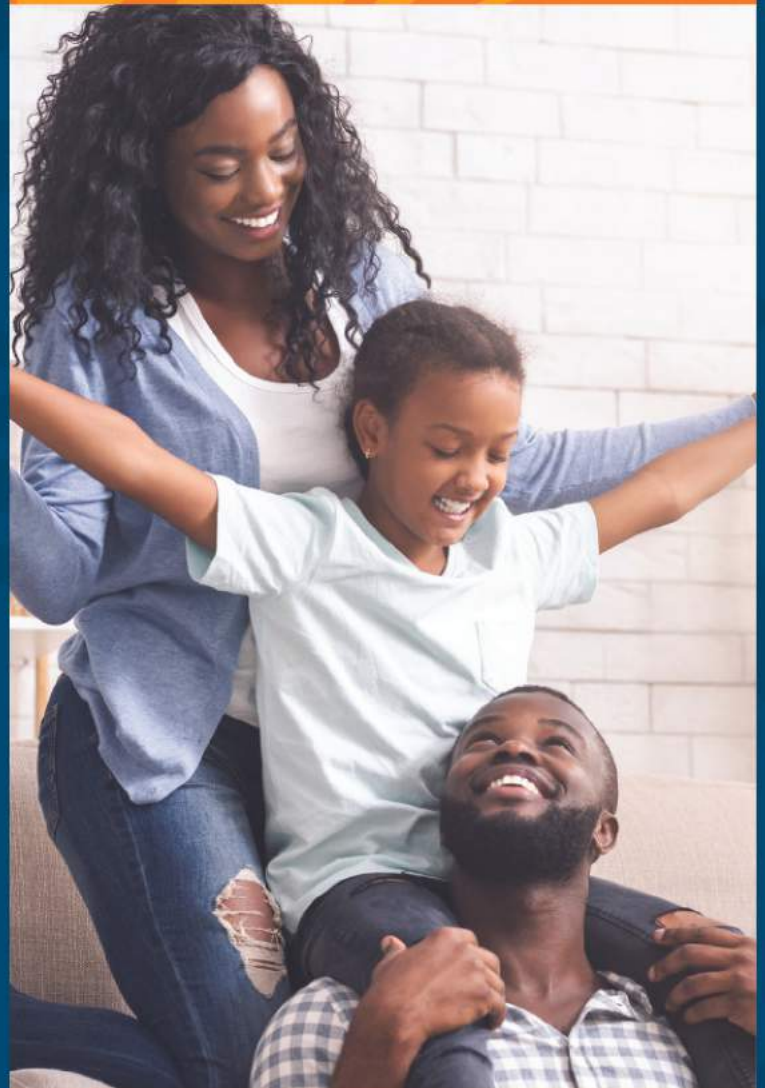
28% of these families were military-affiliated.



Child passenger safety education, including information on appropriate car seat installation and usage, was provided to **42 parents/caregivers**.

LITERACY

18 publications were created and distributed throughout the community to encourage daily reading and connect families to resources to improve literacy.

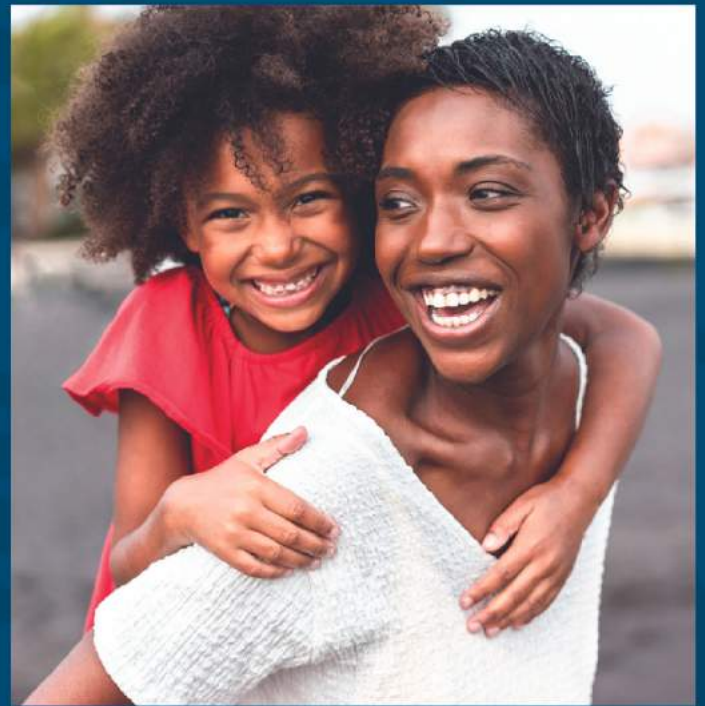


CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

More than **160** families received referrals for victim support services in the community including parenting education, mental health services, WIC, child care, and other community supports.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Our preschool programs make a concerted effort to provide information to families to connect them to community events that facilitate positive family interactions.



TRIPLE P

Information on The Triple P Positive Parenting Program was provided through social media posts and website access to connect families with free parenting support tools.



RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

A critical part of our work is our mission to ensure we connect all children and their families to programs and resources that provide opportunities and hope - especially our military families who may be new to the community and unaware of what is available. To better serve this population we launched a Military Families Resource page on our website with a collection of resources and information specific to these families to help support them during their time in Onslow County.



In April One Place provided a live, virtual, interactive opportunity for families to connect through our Back Porch Chat series which focused on the 5 Protective Factors. One of the 5 Protective Factors is Social Connections. Research has shown that parents with a social network that includes emotionally supportive friends, family, and neighbors find it easier to care for their children and themselves. 10 parents/caregivers participated in the series overall.



ENDING CHILD ABUSE

All of One Place's programs are designed to serve as a preventative approach to child abuse. From helping families connect with safe, trustworthy child care programs to giving children and parents the tools they need to thrive, we seek to protect every child in our community. For children who have been hurt by abuse, our Child Advocacy Center provides a personalized, child-first approach. We partner with a talented multidisciplinary team to deliver a wide range of support services and provide hope and healing to children and families.

PREVENTION

BACK PORCH CHATS

One Place offered **four** virtual Back Porch Chats to provide parent and caregivers the opportunity to engage in conversation and receive information surrounding the Strengthening Families 5 Protective Factors Framework.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Staff facilitated **six** prevention-based community presentations covering topics such as Creating Responsive Communities, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), Strengthening Families 5 Protective Factors Framework, Early Childhood Action Plan, and other child abuse prevention topics.

Staff facilitated **seven** prevention-based community documentary screenings to include "Resilience", "No Small Matter", and "Starting @Zero".

69 percent of One Place staff are trained in the Strengthening Families 5 Protective Factors Framework.

One Place hosted an open house in June to provide the community the opportunity to tour the Child Advocacy Center.

Child Advocacy Center staff participated in **seven** community outreach opportunities and events to include tours of the facility with community stakeholders, as well as provision of information and training on Darkness to Light (Recognizing and Responding to/Reporting Child Abuse) and ACEs.



INTERVENTION

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

Served a combined total of **660** children and their associated family members to include siblings, parents, and non-offending caregivers.



293 children received hope and healing
at the Child Advocacy Center

The CAC experienced a **25 percent** increase in victim evaluations from the previous fiscal year.

On average, **40 percent** of victims are military dependents.

Since opening in 2010, the CAC has served **2,761 children**.

"Staff made sure to let my daughter know that she could say no - that she had the right to say no. That made her feel like she had control and that she was safe."

-Caregiver of a 6-12-year-old female

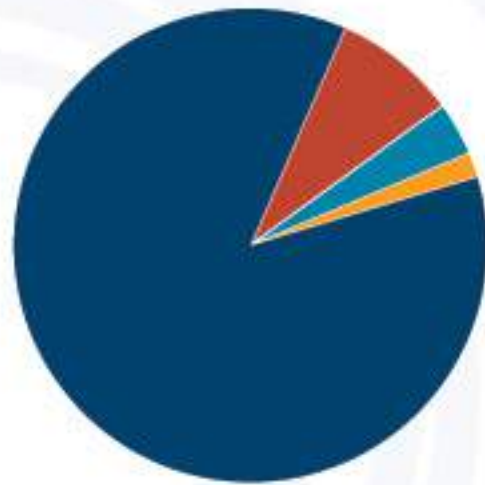


FY 20-21 FINANCIALS

The mission of One Place is to make a difference in the lives of Onslow County children and families by focusing on educational readiness, childhood mental health, and ending child abuse. Over the next five years, we look to increase and sustain funding, allowing us to both expand our services and build our forever home.

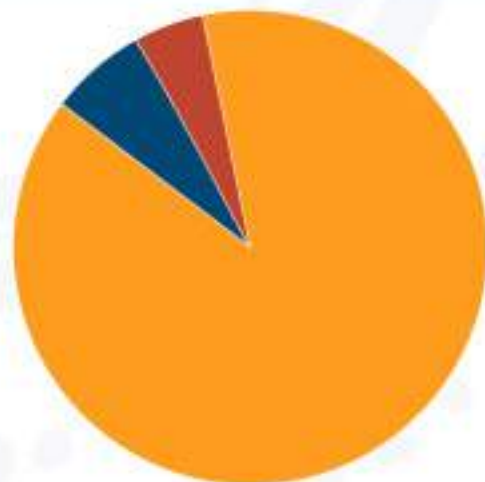
EXPENSES \$12.3 MILLION

- Admin
- Fundraising
- Programs
- Other



REVENUE \$12.2 MILLION

- Programs
- Fundraising
- Other



MORE THAN 90% OF FUNDING WENT TO PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION AND SUPPORT.



THANK YOU FOR INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF ONSLOW COUNTY

Without the support of our community, One Place could not continue the work to strengthen children, connect families, and end child abuse. Because of this generous support, more children and families will be connected to resources that provide opportunities and hope.

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WHAT'S NEXT?



Launching our annual fund: Every Child, One Hope, One Place to elevate our mission of offering hope and healing as we work to prevent child abuse and neglect, connect children and families with resources, and provide programs to build mental and emotional strength and resilience.



Expand mental health services for child victims of abuse and neglect receiving services in the One Place Child Advocacy Center.



Milestone moment: Sending 500,000 books to children in Onslow County since beginning our partnership with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in 2010.



Working toward a forever home with expanded space for community training, trauma-informed mental health services, and additional forensic medical exams for child abuse victims. The building will be a two-story, 35,220 square-foot space located in Jacksonville. The project is estimated to be complete by 2025.

Follow us on our journey through our social media pages:

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HELP US TURN OUR VISION INTO A REALITY.
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- Host a Lunch and Learn at your home or office.
- Coordinate a book drive to fill Little Free Libraries throughout the county.
- Read and share our blog: www.oneplaceonslow.org/our-blog/

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