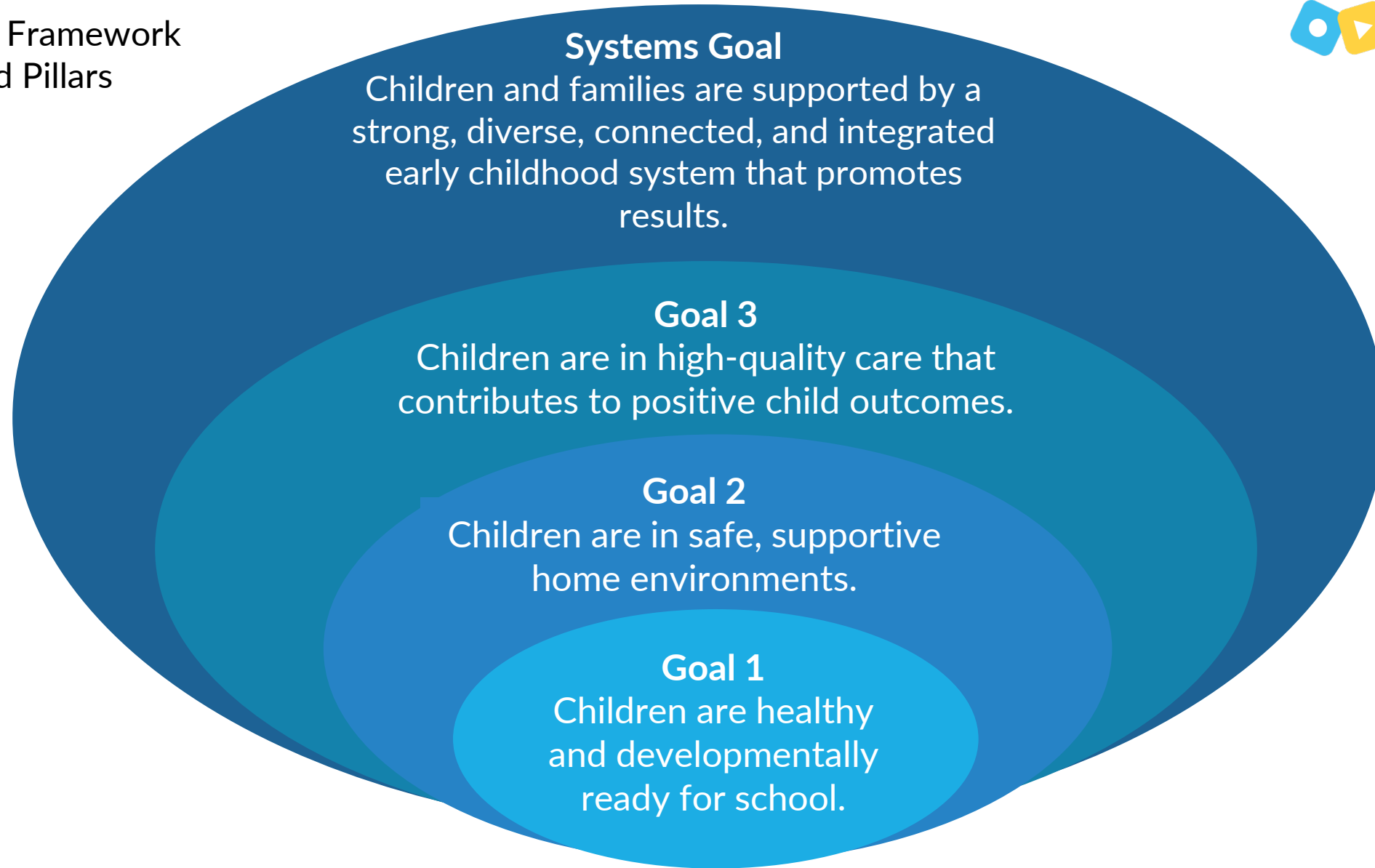


Strategic Framework Progress

FY 25-26

Strategic Framework Goals and Pillars



Family Engagement
& Leadership (FEL)

Ensuring Access



Data-Informed
Decision Making

Culturally Affirming Care,
Programs & Services

Goal 1

Children are healthy and
developmentally ready for school



Early Childhood Initiatives



1,000

Children served at Preventing Obesity by Design (POD) early childhood sites



18

Child care programs purchased local produce and proteins through Farmer Foodshare (through collaboration with Wake County Cooperative Extension)



60

Vouchers were given out on opening day of the 2026 Black Farmers Market to early childhood teachers



43

Food boxes were purchased for early childhood teachers through a grant from the Hiester Foundation

- Established a partnership with Advance Community Health (ACH) to complete developmental screenings and provide referrals and family navigation services to Wake ThreeSchool (WTS) families
- Partnered with WTS teachers and administrators to host “Developmental Screening Days”



Goal 2

Children are in safe, supportive
home environments



Funded Partners

251

Families received 1:1 support in their homes

147

Families received group-based support to build parenting skills and build community connections

159

Families were connected to resources and services through family navigation



Goal 3

Children are in high quality care that contributes to positive child outcomes.





261

Facilities received technical assistance and coaching to support high-quality early childhood environments



1,690

Four-year-olds attended NC Pre-K classrooms



332

Three-year-olds attended Wake ThreeSchool classrooms

Using feedback from child care provider surveys and sessions on the new QRIS pathway needs, the ECI team implemented the following changes:

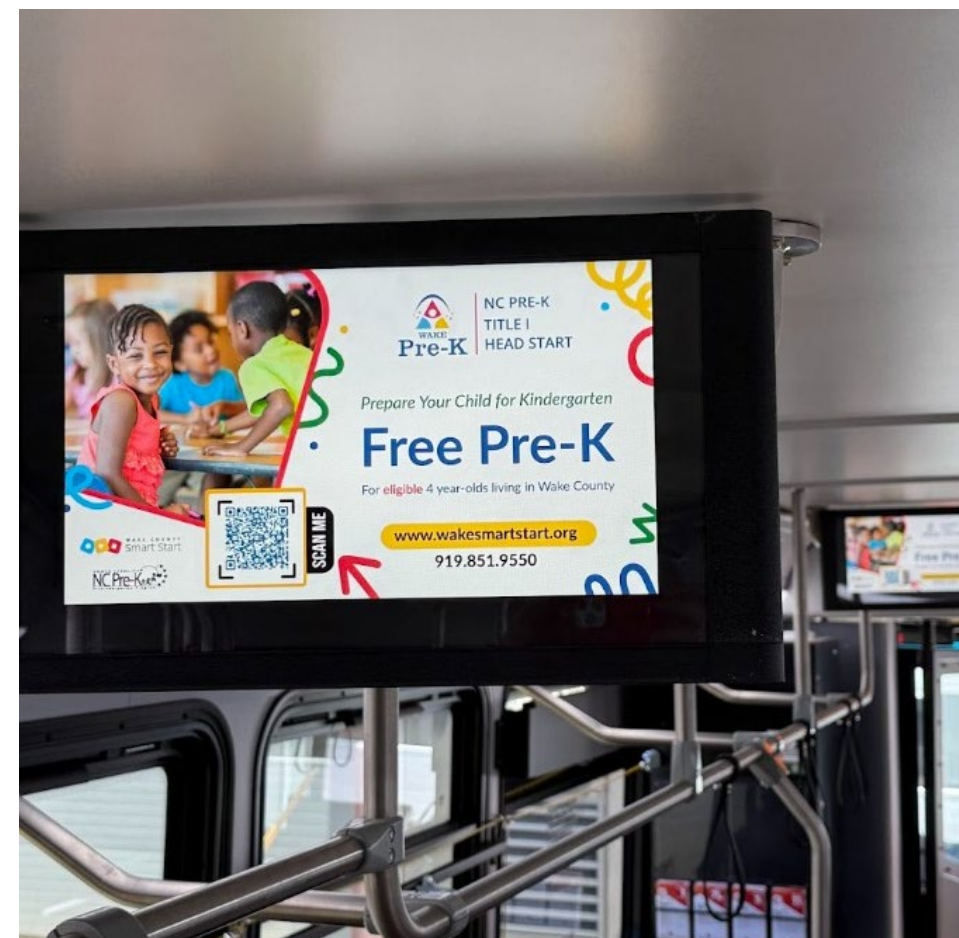
- Redesigned trainings and action plans
- Provided free virtual DCDEE-approved curriculum fair
- Created new resources for implementing Continuous Quality Improvement plans, family engagement activities and formative assessments



- Hosted the 3rd Annual Summer Kick-Off to Pre-K Application Event and Resource Fair, partnering with 27 agencies and 9 NC Pre-K sites, and processed over 125 applications in under 4 hours.
- Leveraged BridgeCare to improve the Pre-K application process, increasing efficiency for both families and staff:
 - Enabled families to complete application forms directly through the family dashboard, eliminating the need to print or visit the office
 - Introduced functionality to assign multiple children to centers simultaneously, reducing manual processing time



- Implemented an innovative bus advertising campaign (on the interior and exterior of three GoRaleigh buses) to increase visibility and awareness of Pre-K.
- Expanded community awareness of Pre-K through targeted trainings with key partners, including NeighborUp (formerly Dorcas Ministries), Wake County Health and Human Services, Wake County Public Schools, Social and Economic Vitality Program, North Raleigh Ministries, and social workers.



- WTS used developmental screening data, teacher capacity, and classroom composition to guide intentional placement decisions.
 - This process supported more balanced classrooms and ensured children received appropriate services; when needs exceeded program capacity, children were referred to appropriate services.
- Implemented a tiered coaching model to better align support with classroom needs and optimize Specialist capacity, with differentiated levels of support (intensive, mid-level, and targeted).



Systems Goal

Children and families are supported by a strong, diverse, connected and integrated early childhood system that promotes results.



WCSS Block Party

- Leveraged the Block Party as a forum for connector/convener role, bringing together a range of community agencies, programs and resources for families from prenatal to age 5.
- Dedicated group of community leaders provided planning input and implementation.
- New event element - **Early Literacy Zone** that included bilingual story times, new story walk, book distribution and co-locating literacy focused resources.



Systems Improvement and Public Engagement

WCSS Block Party



2,500

Attendees, including 650
families



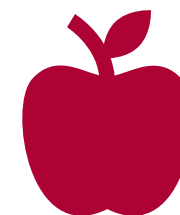
50

Education and resource
vendors



22,300

Diapers distributed to
620 families



>250,000

Pounds of fresh produce
and shelf-stable food
distributed

Early Childhood Initiatives

Engaged the city council in feedback session with Family Child Care Association of Wake County to understand barriers providers are facing with local inspections.



Program Coordination and Evaluation

Community Needs Assessment

In collaboration with SIPE and cross-departmental partners, led a Wake County community scan of caregivers, early educators, and leaders. Findings identified key needs in early childhood social-emotional health and will inform the FY27-30 strategic planning process.

CDMS Reporting

Led implementation of NCPC's new data platform (CDMS), aligning prior processes through updated reporting templates, expanded outputs and outcomes, and provided partner support to ensure successful adoption.



- Maintained a welcoming, organized, and safe office environment for families and staff.
- Improved application processing to ensure a timely and efficient turnaround.
- Tracked Sign-In App data and call reports to support program planning.
- Received positive feedback from staff and families for professionalism and application support.



Advancement



\$172,934

Raised in FY 25-26
(as of June 16, 2026)



55%

Increase in average gift amount



10%

Increase in donors in database

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