



AREAS OF EMPHASIS

*This document represents a portion of our agency's 2014-2019 Strategic Plan.
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Mission - Ensuring every child in Catawba County enters kindergarten prepared for lifelong success.

Vision - The Catawba County Partnership for Children will be the primary convener for early childhood services and resources, focused on meeting the needs of the whole child as they relate to:

- Early Care & Education
- Family Support & Parent Education
- Early Literacy
- Community Awareness & Advocacy
- Health & Safety

EARLY CARE & EDUCATION	
Goal: Increase and maintain <u>high quality</u> of early care & education options for families .	Goal: Teachers and Directors have the <u>educational opportunities</u> they need to be successful.
Goal: Decrease <u>challenging behaviors</u> in child care environments.	Goal: At-risk four year old children have <u>access to high quality pre-kindergarten</u> .
EARLY LITERACY	
Goal: Continue to <u>grow Imagination Library</u> to serve 70% of Catawba County's young children.	Goal: Community is more <u>aware</u> of the importance of early literacy.
HEALTH & SAFETY	
Goal: Increase percentage of children who are <u>identified with special needs</u> and who are receiving appropriate services.	Goal: Children and <u>healthy and are practicing healthy behaviors</u> .
Goal: Teachers are prepared to respond to situations related to children's <u>chronic medical conditions</u> .	
FAMILY SUPPORT & PARENT EDUCATION	
Goal: Parents <u>understand the child care system</u> and how to access care that best meets their family's needs.	Goal: Parents have the <u>educational opportunities</u> they need to be their children's first and best teachers.
Goal: Improve <u>transitions to kindergarten</u> for both children and families.	
COMMUNITY AWARENESS & ADVOCACY	
Goal: Improve <u>sustainability</u> of the Catawba County Partnership for Children through state, local, and federal resources.	Goal: Catawba County citizens are <u>aware of the importance of early childhood education</u> and its long-term impact on the community.