



# Your monthly news & updates

We hope you are well and healthy.

Thank you for all the generous commitment to our families! Uncertainties continue growing regarding school and health, and research continues to show deepening achievement gaps.

At Families First, we have taken innovative steps to block adverse outcomes. Every stepaims to move children and their parents toward educational success, economic security, and health and well-being. Naturally, as families prosper, so will our community.

### **Corporate Generosity & Innovation**

A \$25,500 grant from the <u>Truist Foundation</u> allows us to train and deploy community-based home-visiting educators in ParentChild+. PC+ is an evidence- and strengths-based school-readiness parenting model that preempts achievement gaps with toddlers and uses education to break the cycle of poverty.

ParentChild+



To learn more visit www.parentchildplu 516-853-7480 | info@parentchildplus

## **Summer Innovation Spotlight**

Grants of \$15,000 from the COVID-19 Response Fund, in partnership with the Foundation For The Carolinas and United Way of Central Carolinas, have had quick responses and long-term results:

- Over 100 deliveries of basic needs and learning items to create exceptional learning environments at home.
- In just a month, more than 200 families enrolled in <u>Ready4k Families First</u>!
- Cabarrus Bilingual Preschool is completing its <u>Learning Recovery Project</u> with great success. Thank you - parents, teachers, and partners!
- We are so grateful for the recent birthday fundraisers and individual donations of more than \$2,000!!

Ready4K

Text messages to boost your child's learning



### What is Ready4K?

Ready4K is a **research-based text messaging** program for families with kids ages 0 to 10. Each week, you'll receive texts with fun facts and tips on ways to help your child learn and grow. You'll also receive information on **community resources** to support you and your family.

Ready4K tips **build on your daily routines**, like getting dressed, bath time, or preparing a meal. And you'll always get messages that match your child's age.

#### How much does it cost?

While there is **absolutely no cost** for enrolling in Ready4K, data & message rates may apply.

#### What if I want to stop receiving texts?

You can choose to stop receiving Ready4K texts at any time by **texting STOP to 70138**. If you have additional questions or need help with Ready4K, you can text HELP to 70138 or email us at support@parentpowered.com.

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Parents Find Solutions During Crisis



We are pleased to announce Aurora Swain, our Director of Operations, has joined the board of directors for the Cabarrus College of Health Sciences. The college has "evolved from a small nursing school into a robust educational institution offering degrees in seven health science disciplines." Healthcare workers are such heroes, and what a great time to step in and help students realize their dreams. Thank you, Aurora!

**About Cabarrus College of Health Sciences** 

# Immersion Preschool Reopening

Cabarrus Bilingual Preschool at Central is an approved open site since March 2020, mostly to serve essential workers. We are working hard on planning for openings at all locations with guidance from the NC Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE). We have the best team and will be updating everyone as plans finalize. We are committed to ensuring all children and their families return to the safest and ideal environment for bilingual learning.

Join our community? <u>Click here to reach out to our program coordinator</u>, <u>Frances Bramlet</u>, or you can <u>donate</u> on our website!

See our mission, Join our mission here

### **Mission**

Families First's mission is to nurture children, empower parents, and strengthen whole families to flourish for generations.

We put "family first" and partner with young families facing generational struggles of community isolation, inequalities, limited English proficiencies, and addictions.

## **Accomplishing our Mission**

Through evidence-based programs:

- Home-visiting parenting: a strengths-based school-readiness parenting model that preempts achievement gaps starting with toddlers ages 18 months – 4 years old
- Operating two, five-star immersion preschool locations
- Providing addiction programs where whole families heal together
- Weekly English as a Second Language (ESL), General Education Diploma (GED), and tutoring classes.

# Resources for You

## **Local Updates**

<u>Basic Needs - Food, Financial Assistance, and Housing</u>
<u>Cabarrus Health Alliance: Daily COVID Updates</u>

### **Basic Needs**

Job Assistance
Medical, Dental & Mental Health Resources and Information
Locations for Summer Meals - Cabarrus
Locations for Summer Meals - Kannapolis
Seed & Harvest
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services