

# IMPACT REPORT: Celebrating Our Accomplishments

2016 - 2017



**The Family Success Alliance partners with families and our community to create a pipeline of success from cradle to college and career. We work to close the opportunity gap and end generational poverty in Orange County, North Carolina.**

## STRENGTHENING ACADEMICS



### FSA Programs Have Supported Academic Development and Success for Children

**219**

219 5-year-old zone students participated in READY FOR K summer camp from 2015-2017

**235**

235 Rising 1st & 2nd graders participated in SUMMER ENRICHMENT from 2016-2017

**88%**

88% of FSA families stated their child has performed better in school since joining FSA.

- All children who participated in Ready for K gained in attention and basic reading skills
- The students making the largest gains were those who entered the program with lower skill levels
- FSA students had higher levels of attention, math, and social skills compared with students who did not participate in Ready for K Camp

[Link to UNC Frank Porter Graham Education Report](#)



“My name is Jennifer, and my daughter, Keira, and I are a part of the Family Success Alliance. She joined FSA when she was leaving pre-school and was about to enter Kindergarten. Each year she has attended the summer camp funded by FSA, and it has helped her to grow in every category, especially reading. My daughter went from being below grade reading level to almost exceeding grade reading level when she entered the 2nd grade. She has also grown to love math and science, thanks to the FSA program.

Each family is assigned a navigator who helps to determine what needs each family has and they decide together what their goals are. Together they work throughout the year to meet or exceed those goals. This year my daughter will be in the YMCA Afterschool program, “Y Learning,” sponsored by FSA, and we look forward to seeing Keira continue to prosper!”



## FOOD SECURITY



FSA collaborates with schools, neighborhoods, and families to **improve food security in our zones.**

**43%**

As many as 43% of FSA families face challenges in getting healthy, affordable food for their families, compared with 18% among children county-wide. FSA partnered with Orange County Schools and local faith partners to organize the first ever summer meal site at Zone 4's Gateway Village Apartments.

## REACHING OUT



FSA Navigators work with families in two neighborhood zones in Orange County, and have **expanded their reach and services each of the last three years.**

**335**

FSA Navigators currently serve 77 families with 335 family members.

### Collective Impact:

The Family Success Alliance is a collective impact initiative in which committed partners combine their resources and expertise to further goals set by families. The accomplishments reflected here demonstrate the breadth of supports that reached families living in two priority neighborhoods, known as "zones," within Orange County.



## EXPANDING THE ZONE NAVIGATOR PROGRAM



Our Zone Navigators serve as a **direct connection** between families and resources and are the primary link between the Family Success Alliance and families.

The FSA Navigator Program is a peer support program in which successful community members (Navigators) work with families to reach their goals. They do this by connecting families with schools, community services and programs. They also help improve services and break down systemic barriers to success based on their experiences living and working in their community.

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Our zone navigator team is growing! We are thrilled to now have seven navigators on our team and are excited to continue our partnership with Freedom House Recovery Center (Zone 4) and EmPOWERment, Inc. (Zone 6) to host the zone navigators.

## DEVELOPING THE WHOLE CHILD



FSA **supported development of the whole child and family** through educational, support and enrichment programs in 2016.

72

72 zone students participated in Boomerang support and educational programs.

23

23 zone youth have participated in Volunteers for Youth Mentoring Program.

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7 zone parents completed 40 hours of Orange Literacy Parental Literacy classes.

35

35 zone families received consumer education or financial assistance from Child Care Services Association.

148

148 zone families participated in Chapel Hill Public School Foundation Family Reading Partners group events and home visits.

25

25 zone girls participated in 2 Community Outreach Girl Scout Troops, and earned badges.

## STABILIZING FINANCES



FSA families are **strengthening their financial stability.**

50

50 zone participants completed Compass Center for Women & Families Financial Workshop series, offered in English and Spanish, or individual financial counseling.

## SUPPORTING RACIAL EQUITY



The Family Success Alliance works to **address systemic inequities** through racial equity work and evaluation.

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We are committed to bringing a racial equity lens to our work. We do so through how we look at data and how we make decisions and we are still learning the best way to do this. We are building our capacity in this area by participating in racial equity workshops, such as those put on by Organizing Against Racism.

To date, we have supported racial equity training for 22 staff, partners, and Advisory Council members.

## IMPROVING HOUSING



FSA partners with families to ensure **safe, affordable, and healthy housing.**

16%

Less than 1% of Orange County's residents receive support through Section 8 housing, but 16% of FSA families receive this benefit, and nearly a quarter of families are eligible.

1 IN 5

Of those who are not receiving housing assistance, 1 in 5 families reports living in either substandard housing or in transitional and/or temporary housing.

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8 out of 16 FSA family survey respondents reported that their housing situation improved after joining FSA.

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With FSA, EmPOWERment, Inc. works to connect families with affordable, healthy housing. In 2017, EmPOWERment, Inc. acquired two affordable rental properties in Zone 6 from the county, one of which will go to an FSA-enrolled family.

## INCREASING RESILIENCE



FSA partners with families to enhance their **support systems and resilience**, and to identify strategies and resources to mitigate the effects of chronic stress. Since joining the FSA program, families have reported **improvements in their overall support systems and a decrease in stress levels**.

- 9** 9 families participated in KidSCOPE's Incredible Years Preschool Basic Parenting Education in Spanish in Zone 4.
- 302** 302 mental health assessments and treatments were conducted with zone children & families by El Futuro in school-based and clinic-based settings and by KidSCOPE in home-based settings.
- 3 IN 4** 3 out of 4 FSA families stated their social supports from family, friends, neighbors, and communities have increased.
- 88%** 88% of FSA families stated they deal with daily problems more effectively.
- 81%** 81% of FSA families stated they feel better about themselves and are better able to control their life.



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