

## **2015 - Our Presence is Valued - Our Voice is Heard**

### **Advocacy**

- ◆ Participation in the NC Child advocacy network to advance public policies that improve the lives of North Carolina's children
- ◆ Collaboration with NC Key Partners to support implementation of "Child First", a national, evidence-based, two-generation model that develops nurturing, consistent and caring parent –child relationships for very vulnerable young children and families.
- ◆ One on one with legislators to inform them of the importance of Early Childhood Mental Health.

### **Public Awareness**

- ◆ Informing the "Best NC Education" Vision Advisory Committee.
- ◆ Provided Leadership toward application of "System of Care" philosophy and implementation for young children through the State Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families and the State System of Care Expansion Grant.
- ◆ At the table with leaders from "Race to the Top" and the Children's Developmental Services Agency to educate about the importance of Early Childhood Mental Health.
- ◆ Presented to the Early Childhood Legislative Caucus about early brain development and importance of addressing young children & families in policy decisions.
- ◆ Presentation to the Mecklenburg County Social Mobility Task Force about early brain development and poverty.
- ◆ Presentation to UNC Dept. of Social Work's Focus on Family and Disability Seminar Series
- ◆ Helped the Durham community to establish a local childhood mental health task force .
- ◆ Advised Guilford County's *Ready for School, Ready for Life* collective impact initiative on SE development.

### **Workforce Development**

- ◆ Participation in Child Care and Development Block Grant Focus Groups to encourage inclusion of early childhood mental health competencies in training requirements for child care providers and teachers.
- ◆ Convened Workforce Development Taskforce inclusive of stakeholders from across North Carolina to establish a system of Early Childhood Mental Health Core Competencies toward improving the social and emotional well-being of infants, toddlers and preschoolers and their families in our state.
- ◆ Embedded Core Competency components into T &TA delivered as part of the NC Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge grant Family Engagement project.

### **Organizational Growth & Sustainability**

- ◆ Informed Early Care and Education Professionals about the NCIMHA mission and membership during the 2015 NC Association for Education of Young Children's Annual Conference.
- ◆ Recruited eight new board members with emphasis on geographic, age, race, and professional diversity
- ◆ Established membership list-serve to share information and network.
- ◆ Donations = \$ 3,152.44.
- ◆ Working Board : Each member has contributed an average of 90 hours in time and many miles driven over the course of the year, and pay the same membership fees and conference registration as all of our members.
- ◆ Total Revenue to date = \$11,696.58 . Total Expenses = \$6,375.00.
- ◆ 4th Annual NCIMHA Conference and Membership Meeting !!!

