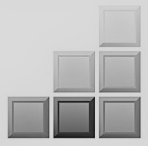




CHESTER COUNTY



**FIRST
STEPS**

Getting children ready for school.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

2024 – 2026





Message from the Executive Director



LaTonya W. Boyd
Executive Director
Chester County First Steps

Conducting the Needs Assessment for Chester County provided a greater view into the services offered and lacking within our county. This process has also given the board and staff of Chester County First Steps a better understanding of how to best serve the community. More intentional efforts will be placed in areas of greater needs for resources.

LaTonya Boyd



Needs Assessment Process

CONVENE

Held **two** community convenings with **XXX** participants and developed a vision for young children and their families

October 2022 – January 2023



UNDERSTAND

Reviewed local data and map assets to understand the state of young children, their families, and the early childhood system

October 2022 – March 2023



PRIORITIZE

Organized the insight gathered from the convenings and data to prioritize the concerns, needs, and gaps the partnership wants to address and formalized Needs Assessment

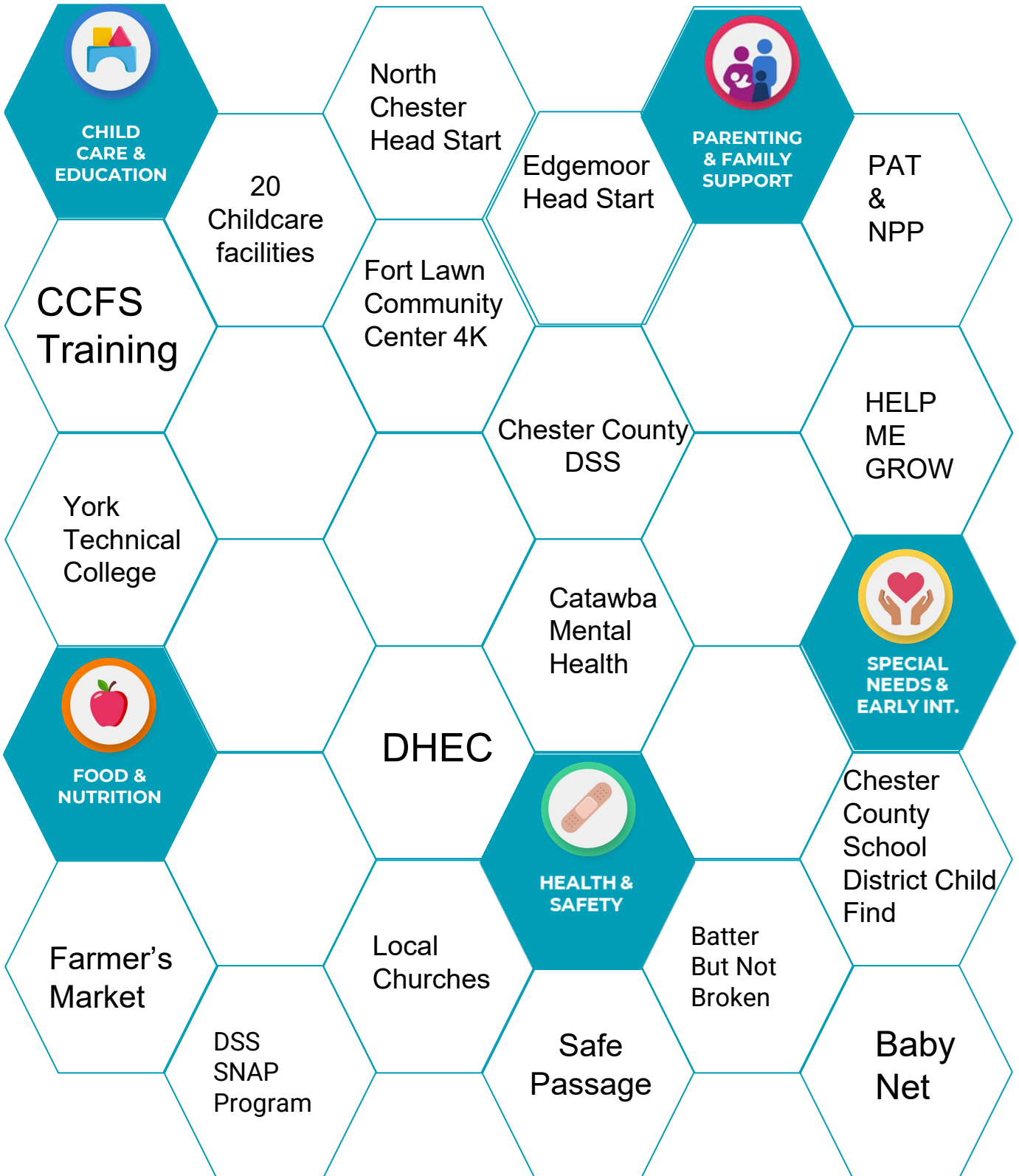
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DCFS Asset Map



Priorities: Summary

1. Parenting Skills & Help for Parents

65% of parents surveyed expressed the need for parenting skills, parenting programs and other resources for parents.

2. Affordable Quality Childcare

62% of parents surveyed expressed the need for more childcare providers and that those that currently exist need to be accessible for varying work hours.

3. Accessibility to Resources

75% of parents surveyed expressed difficulty in accessing needed resources for their families due to the lack of availability within our county.

Priority One: Parenting Skills & Help for Parents

65% of parents surveyed expressed the need for parenting skills, parenting programs and other resources for parents.

CCFS Parent Needs Assessment survey

CCFS provides Parents As Teachers home visitations and Nurturing Parenting group sessions as needed for DSS clients. Additional services such as a Fatherhood program are under consideration.

Priority Two: Affordable Quality Childcare

62% of parents surveyed expressed the need for more childcare providers and that those that currently exist need to be accessible for varying work hours.

CCFS Parent Needs Assessment survey

CCFS provides certified training and resources to local childcare providers as well as other providers throughout the state. We assist providers with the process of moving to the next level of ABC quality by providing material along with follow up visits for training. We will be more intentional in our efforts of providing the follow up visits.

Priority Three: Accessibility to Resources

75% of parents surveyed expressed difficulty in accessing needed resources for their families due to the lack of availability within our county.

CCFS Parent Needs Assessment survey

CCFS is collaborating with community partners to identify resources available within our county as well as neighboring counties to determine how to best assist parents accessing needed resources.

Next Steps



PLAN

Write the partnership's three-year Strategic Plan using the Needs Assessment

March 2023 – May 2023

APPLY

Utilize the Strategic Plan to inform the partnership's Annual Formula Funding Grant Application

May 2023, May 2024, May 2025



IMPLEMENT

Execute the programs and services outlined in the Strategic Plan

July 2023 – June 2026

MONITOR

Track the partnership's progress on implementing programs to fidelity and on achieving the Strategic Plan

July 2023 – June 2026

