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1995  Governor James Hunt, Foundation Chair, The Hunt Institute

1996  Stephanie Fanjul, Former President, North Carolina Partnership for Children

1997  Marji Warlick Tate, Early Childhood Consultant

1998  Dick Clifford, Senior Scientist Emeritus, Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute

1999  Representative Ruth Easterling, North Carolina House of Representatives

2000  Representative Howard J. Hunter, Jr., North Carolina House of Representatives

2001  Ashley Thrift, Chair, North Carolina Partnership for Children

2002  Sheila Hoyle, Executive Director, Southwestern Child Development Commission

2003  Karen Ponder, Distinguished Fellow, The BUILD Initiative

2005  Peggy Ball, Early Childhood Consultant

2006  Sue Creech, North Carolina Institute for Professional Development

2007  Carolyn Cobb, Early Childhood Consultant, Division of Child Development and Early Education

2008  Michele Rivest, Executive Director, North Carolina Child Care Coalition

2009  Roz Savitt, North Carolina Child Care Coalition

2019  Robin Britt, Executive Director, Guilford Child Development

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: SHANNON L. RUDISILL

Shannon Rudisill is the first Executive Director of the Early Childhood Funders Collaborative, assuming the position in November 2016. Under her leadership, ECFC is pursuing a strategy of growth and strategic engagement with partners across philanthropy to build capacity for supporting policies and practices that help young children and their families thrive.

Prior to joining ECFC, Shannon was the Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Early Childhood Development at the Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Shannon served on the Obama Administration’s senior leadership team for early childhood programs, setting strategy for ACF programs such child care and Head Start, as well as programs jointly administered with the U.S. Department of Education, such as the Race to the Top—Early Learning Challenge and the Preschool Development Grants. She is especially proud of the $500 million Early Head Start—Child Care Partnership grants, which will bring higher quality early care and comprehensive services to thousands of infants and toddlers from families in poverty.

From 2009-2014, Shannon was the Director of ACF’s Office of Child Care (OCC). OCC administers the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF), which provides over $5 billion per year to States, Territories and over 500 Tribal communities to provide child care for about 1.5 million children each month. At OCC, Shannon tirelessly pursued strategies to make child care work better for families and to ensure that children are served in safe, healthy and nurturing early learning and afterschool programs. Under her leadership, the Obama Administration’s principles for child care reform were reflected in the reauthorization of the Child Care and Development Block Grant for the first time in almost 18 years.
CHILD CARE SERVICES ASSOCIATION
45th Anniversary Celebration Program

6:00 P.M.
RECEPTION

7:15 P.M.
GREETINGS
INVOCATION
SILENT AUCTION
RECOGNITION & REFLECTION
KEYNOTE: SHANNON L. RUDISILL
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Susan Perry-Manning joins us on behalf of Governor Roy Cooper. She has more than 25 years of experience in early childhood development and learning at the local, state and national levels. She has developed programs and policies that support young children’s healthy development and strong families, including parent education and home visiting programs, child care and early learning, and early health and mental health services. She also served as Deputy Director for Child Care Services Association, among many other roles in North Carolina throughout the years.

Robin Britt, the Guilford Child Development (GCD) executive director, will retire in October 2019 after 20 years at Guilford Child Development. In his 20 years at Guilford Child Development, Britt helped the organization raise funds, and grew the budget from $9 million in 1998 to more than $23 million today. Under his leadership, GCD has served more than 18,000 children in its Head Start/Early Head Start program. Guilford Child Development is also the lead agency for the United Way’s Family Success Center pilot program where adults can work on obtaining their GEDs while their children get preschool care.

Britt, a Democrat, represented North Carolina’s 6th District in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1983 to 1985. Britt also served as president and director of Project Uplift in Greensboro, N.C. and as Secretary of what is now the NC Dept. of Health and Human Services from 1993 to 1997. While Secretary, Britt launched Governor Hunt’s nationally recognized Smart Start early childhood program.

Former Gov. Jim Hunt (1977-1985, 1993-2001) served four historic terms as governor of North Carolina. Under his leadership, North Carolina public schools improved test scores more than any other state in the 1990s, according to the Rand Corporation. In 1999, Hunt called for the state to be first in America by 2010. To further this mission, he chairs the board of The Hunt Institute. An affiliate of the Duke University Sanford School of Public Policy, the Institute was established in 2001 to work with current and emerging political, business and education leaders on a national level to improve public education.

Hunt focused on early childhood development and improving the quality of teaching. His Smart Start program received the prestigious Innovations in American Government Award from the Ford Foundation and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

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CCSA TIMELINE

1974
- Durham Day Care Council (DDCC) and Day Care Services Association (DDSA) were founded by United Way
- The first Day for Day Care, a community fair sponsored by the Orange County Child Care Coalition, was held
- DCSA provided help to five non-profit centers that serve low-income children

1976
- DDCC began providing resource and referral services for families and providers in Durham and held its first Day Care and Early Education Institute—a day-long conference for child care professionals

1978
- DDCC worked with city and county health inspectors to create standards for child care homes
- The Durham Morning Herald printed the first annual listing of summer programs for children and youth, now CCSA’s Summer Options

1981
- DDCC began providing enhanced referrals for IBM employees and contracted with Work/Family Directions to serve other businesses

1984
- DCSA assumed responsibility for Community Child Care Kitchen, now CCSA’s Meal Service Program

1989
- DCSA conducted its first statewide workforce study with Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute and Child Care Resources Inc.

1990
- DCSA began the pilot project that became CCSA’s T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Project

1994
- The Child Care WAGES® Project started in Orange County.

1995
- The T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Project went national with the first license to another state

1996
- Child Care Networks’ Orange County operations combined with DCSA to consolidate Orange County child care resource and referral services in one agency

1997
- DDCC launched an interactive child care website with the help of Duke University

1999
- DDC and DCSA merged into Child Care Services Association

2000
- CCSA received a grant to create the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center
- Family Support services in Spanish expanded to include Durham County

2001
- The Child Care WAGES® Project went national with the first license to another state

2003
- CCSA joined Child Care Resources Inc. and Southwestern Child Development Commission to become the NC Child Care Resource & Referral Council, the state’s management system for child care resource and referral services.

2004
- CCSA launched the Infant-Toddler Quality Enhancement Project to improve the quality of infant/toddler settings

2006
- CCSA released its landmark study, “Who’s

1974-2019
Caring for our Babies? A Profile of Early Care and Education for Children Birth to Three in North Carolina”

2007
- CCSA built the Jim & Carolyn Hunt Early Childhood Resource Center in Durham to house CCSA’s regional child care resource and referral services and meal service kitchen, Durham’s Partnership for Children, Early Head Start and Durham Department of Social Services subsidized child care program

2011
- CCSA awarded the 100,000th T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® scholarship

2017
- CCSA expanded its Meal Services Program to child care programs in Wake County

2018
- The Infant-Toddler Educator AWARDS Program was introduced, providing education-based salary supplements to low paid teachers working full-time in infant-toddler classrooms in NC
- Durham County Government, Durham’s Partnership for Children, Durham Public Schools, Durham Head Start, CCSA and other community partners expanded access to high-quality preschool classrooms to Durham’s four-year-olds with Durham PreK
- CCSA became the fiscal agent for the NC Early Education Coalition’s Think Babies™ NC Initiative, which builds public awareness and policymaker support for issues affecting infants, toddlers, their families and their early educators. The NC Early Education Coalition is a proud partner in the national ZERO TO THREE Think Babies™ Campaign and the Pritzker Children’s Initiative’s National Collaborative for Infants and Toddlers

2019
- CCSA celebrates 45 years of service to ensure high quality, affordable and accessible child care to all North Carolina’s families
Founded in 1974, Child Care Services Association’s mission is to ensure affordable, accessible, high-quality child care for all young children and their families. Using a holistic approach, CCSA supports children and families, provides free referral services to families seeking child care, helps child care professionals improve the quality of early education children receive and ensures that all families can afford and access the high-quality early care and education that is so important for a child’s early development.

Through its Meal Services Program, CCSA also provides nutritious meals to children at child care centers, where they may eat 50-100 percent of their meals. Our T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood®, Child Care WAGE$® and Infant-Toddler Educator AWARD$ programs give child care professionals the means to obtain an education and supplement their salary based on that education. CCSA also licenses T.E.A.C.H. and WAGE$ across the U.S. and conducts early childhood systems research and policy development statewide and nationally.