

Quality Enhancement activities (QEA) Professional Development

GRECS conducted workshop sessions in all counties in the service area, providing caregivers with the opportunity to complete training hours needed to fulfill DHR yearly training requirements, renew certificates and credentials, improve their skills and ability to provide high quality learning environments and experiences for children, and maintain professional status.

GRECS had an increase in the number of trainings sessions and participants

- GRECS offered 361 training sessions
- GRECS had 6025 registrations
- 5239 people attended training events offered through GRECS.

The Resource Place

- The number of visitors to the Resource Place was 592 providers
- 702 items were checked out from the Lending Library
- 87 new memberships
- 164 Directors and early care professionals came to see the Resource Place after participating in trainings, director's forums and QRIS trainings.
- 31 early childhood education students from The University of Mobile
- 436 individuals used the workroom which includes special equipment such as die-cutters, laminators and bulletin board paper.

School Readiness Calendars "Getting Ready for Kindergarten"

Calendars were distributed to 57 child care programs throughout the service region. Every 4- and 5-year-old child received a calendar to take home. Parents are encouraged to use the ideas described in the calendar and teachers use them, too! Training and technical assistance is provided for each program receiving the calendars.

- 2,500 English were distributed and 50 Spanish were distributed
- Calendars were distributed to all 7 counties:
- Baldwin, Clarke, Mobile, Monroe, Conecuh, Escambia, Washington
- Trainers reviewed the calendars with directors and teachers, highlighting key points to share with parents and providing a brief training on how to integrate the calendars into daily activities.

PNC Grow Up Great Plus

The PNC Grow-up Great Plus grant has made a significant impact on promoting family engagement and early childhood development through its distribution of Infant-Toddler, Preschool calendars, books, and sensory materials. These calendars serve as valuable resources for parents, offering concise yet informative insights into infant-toddler, preschool development on each page, supplemented by QR codes for those seeking more in-depth knowledge. Additionally, the calendars feature recommended books, nursery rhymes, and daily activities designed to encourage parents to actively engage with their children, fostering learning across all developmental domains. This year over 500 calendars were distributed

- 392 children, 43 classrooms, 81 teachers, were beneficiaries of this distribution
- Prior to the distribution, teachers received training on how to seamlessly integrate the activities, books, and materials into their daily routines, ensuring effective implementation and maximum benefit for the children
- Through EHS advocates, parents were educated on how to utilize these resources to enhance their interactions with their little ones, further strengthening the bond between parent and child and supporting the child's holistic development.

PNC Great Readers Event

GRECS Professional Development team partnered with PNC to participate in the PNC Great Readers Event in April. GRECS Team secured locations, scheduled dates and volunteers to read at over 15 sites.

- volunteers read Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons and Pete the Cat Saves Up
- a corresponding activity kit along with 2 books was given out to the children following the classroom reading

PNC Carts and Ready Set Learn Kits

PNC donated 18 outdoor science carts from Kaplan. These carts were delivered for distribution to our partner sites. These carts align well with the current grant's focus on outdoor learning. In addition, PNC generously donated Ready Set Learn kits and math kits.

- GRECS staff distributed the carts to Head Start sites and will use 1 for check out in the resource place