

Milestones of the Chapel Hill Training-Outreach Project, Inc.

1969	Originally funded as part of the HCEEP, First Chance Network, under the administrative (fiscal, legal) umbrella of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School System, to develop and demonstrate strategies for the education of young children with disabilities.
1972	Published the Learning Accomplishment Profile (LAP) for children functioning age 3-5. One of the first criterion referenced assessment instruments developed to help teachers of children with disabilities to design prescriptive educational intervention and measure their progress.
1973	Assisted in the development of the Region IV Network of services to children with disabilities in Head Start.
1973	Established a demonstration site in Smithfield, NC to develop strategies for Head Start disability service delivery.
1974	Established demonstration site at UNC Dept. of Developmental Disabilities (DDDL) to continue strategy and product development.
1975	Published the Early-LAP for children functioning 0-3 years.
1976	Established Region IV Resource Access Project (RAP) for Head Start disability services.
1977	Established demonstration for disability services for Head Start at Operation Breakthrough, Durham, NC.
1978	Developed multi-media training packages for national training on PL 94-142.
1983	The Chapel Hill Training-Outreach Project model of services for children with disabilities and their families won unanimous approval by the US Department of Education Joint Dissemination Review Panel (JDRP).
1984	Established the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Head Start program as a model demonstration site.

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1984	With the Kentucky Department of Education, established the Kentucky's Individualized Kindergartens (KIK) program.
1986	Worked with NC-ICC agency and parent committees to design and implement a state-wide public awareness program in support of the state adoption of PL 99-457. The program was successful.

1986	With the Chapel Hill-Carrboro School System, established program to demonstrate strategies to help children make a smooth transition from Head Start to public school.
1987	In collaboration with ACYF, coordinated the National Transition Steering Committee.
1989	Collaborated with FPG and the school system to develop a blended model classroom where half the children were eligible for Head Start and half were from middle class families.
1989	In collaboration with a network of ACYF Transition programs, developed and disseminated a multi-media package of transition materials to Head Start programs across the nation.
1990	Established the ARCH National Resource Center for crisis and respite care programs.
1992	Received funding as one of 32 projects across the nation to demonstrate effective transition practices for Head Start children and families.
1992	Established the NC Head Start Teaching Center to demonstrate the efficacy of intensive, hands on training with guided practice and feedback for Head Start staff.
1993	In collaboration with the NC Interagency Coordinating Council, established the NC Transition Project to help Local Interagency Coordinating Councils develop procedures to help young (0-5) children with disabilities and their families navigate between and among local programs.
1993	Established the 501(c)(3) that would eventually become the umbrella agency for the Chapel Hill Training-Outreach Project, Inc.
1994	Established the Orange County network of Family Resource Centers

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1995	Established the FRIENDS program that would eventually become the FRIENDS National Resource Center in 1999.
1996	Established the NAEYC accreditation initiative for Head Start programs in NC.
1997	In October of 1997, the CHTOP, Inc. became fully independent of the Chapel HillCarrboro School System
1998	Established the Orange County Early Head Start program for children 0-3.
2002	Established Fuquay-Varina Early Learning Center for 140 children
2003	Expanded Early Head Start program to include Orange County Pre/k Head Start
2004	Established CB-CAP National Resource Center, FRIENDS
2005	Acquired Orange County Early Intervention Program, KidSCOpe
2006	Acquired Chatham County Child Development Center which was merged with the KidSCOpe program
2007	Successfully led national effort to pass federal legislation for Lifespan Respite which was signed by the president in December 2006.
2009	Began collaborative publishing venture with VIPcare of Shanghai, China.
2009	Re-established the ARCH National Resource Center in collaboration with the National Family Caregiver Alliance.
2010	Expanded the Orange County Early Head Start program by 50 additional slots.
2010	Established the Durham Early Head Start program in collaboration with the Durham Partnership for Children.
2014	Acquired the Durham Head Start program.
2016	Expanded DHS with Early Head Start program
2018	Mike Mathers retires as CHTOP Executive Director and is succeeded by Terry David.

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