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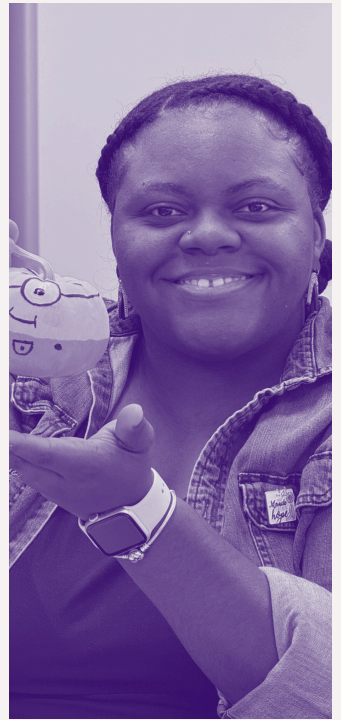
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**Dear Collaborative Members,**

As we take a moment to reflect on the impactful journey from September 2024 to August 2025, I am honored to highlight the remarkable achievements of the Augusta Partnership for Children, Inc. in our mission to develop and sustain partnerships that provide services to improve the lives of Children and their families.

During this period, we have successfully expanded our programs, reaching over 1,500 children and families through targeted initiatives focusing on early childhood education, comprehensive mental health support, and active family engagement. Our commitment to excellence in service delivery has been recognized with the prestigious Blue Ribbon distinction, which serves as a testament to our unwavering dedication to quality and effectiveness in all that we do.

Looking ahead, we remain steadfast in our mission to cultivate and sustain meaningful partnerships that provide essential services aimed at enhancing the quality of life for children and their families. In the coming year, we plan to introduce innovative new programs. For example, we are excited to roll out social development, as well as workshops aimed at equipping parents with tools and resources for effective parenting and family wellness.

Building on our Blue Ribbon recognition, we are enthusiastic about expanding our outreach efforts and deepening our impact through results-driven strategies that enable us to continually assess and refine our programs. Engaging with all sectors of our community, schools, local businesses, non-profits, and government agencies, is of paramount importance to us. We believe that collaboration is the key to sustainable success, enabling us to leverage diverse resources to meet the complex needs of our families.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each partner, dedicated staff member, and the families we serve for their trust, collaboration, and commitment. Together, we are creating a ripple effect of positive change, transforming one family, one child, and one community at a time. Thank you for being an essential part of this transformative journey, as we strive to continue making a profound difference in the lives of those we serve.

WITH GRATITUDE,

*Candice L. Hillman, MSW*

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR





## A WORD FROM THE APC BOARD CHAIRMAN

**Dear Friends, Partners, and Supporters,**

As Chairman of the Board at Augusta Partnership for Children, Inc., it is my honor to reflect on this past year and share our collective accomplishments with you. Each year, we are reminded that our mission to develop and sustain partnerships that provide services to improve the lives of children and their families, can only be fulfilled through collaboration, dedication, and vision.

This year, Augusta Partnership for Children, Inc. continued to strengthen its role as a convener and advocate for children and families across Augusta-Richmond County. Together with our staff, community partners, and volunteers, we expanded programs that address educational readiness, health and wellness, and family stability. Our focus has remained on removing barriers, building bridges, and creating pathways for long-term success for the children we serve.

I am deeply proud of the measurable impact we have achieved—from increasing access to literacy initiatives and health resources to supporting parents with tools that strengthen households. These successes represent more than numbers; they represent lives transformed, futures secured, and communities made stronger.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to extend heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated staff, partner organizations, generous donors, and committed community members. Your support and belief in our mission make this work possible.

As we look to the year ahead, our vision remains clear: Our children will have the tools and support to become healthy educated and responsible adults. Together, we will keep advancing equity, opportunity, and hope for the next generation.

Thank you for standing with us and for being part of this important journey.

With gratitude and commitment,



APC BOARD CHAIRMAN

Augusta Partnership for Children, Inc.





## PERSONAL SUCCESS STORIES

One of our programs is called Parents as Teachers. We provide home visitation services to families with children under the age of 6. Studies have demonstrated that home visiting can reduce child maltreatment, improve maternal and child health, enhance parenting skills, and increase family economic self-sufficiency.

On a recent home visit, one of our five Parent Educators entered the home of a working mom and her three children. There were roaches everywhere. Not a good situation for the family. The Parent Educator knew that this mom needed help. She called our team at APC, and we went into action. APC rallied, helping hands to come into the home and clean everything out and haul off the roach-infested items. We bought bug foggers to bomb the nasty critters. We rented a hotel room for the mom and her kids for three days to give the insecticide time to do its work. We shared information with the mom about how to store items so the bugs can't get them. We mowed the lawn.

We handled the immediate problem but then went deeper – to the root cause of this issue. We notified the county about the slum conditions that the mom, working two jobs, was having to live in. She was afraid to speak out because she didn't want the landlord to put her out.

Our Parent Educator will continue to work with the mom to help her as she does her best to take care of her children and provide them with the things they need to develop into strong, educated, and self-sufficient adults who contribute to society.

APC goes above and beyond to help families in need, not just to fix the symptoms but to address the deeper systemic problems facing families without some of the resources they need to thrive.

We do that through collaboration with community partners, using data to drive decision-making, pursuing resources to fund our initiatives, and working closely with the families we serve. As the local Family Connection Collaborative, we invite leaders from across the county to help devise solutions to some of our most difficult problems: affordable housing, maternal and child health, economic stability, family strengthening, and suicide prevention.





## PERSONAL SUCCESS STORIES

As we celebrate 40 years of impact and serving families in our community, we want to share one story that reminds us why Augusta Partnership for Children exists and why your continued support means everything.

Not long ago, a young mother came to us in crisis. She was pregnant, battling addiction, and without a safe place to call home. With nowhere else to turn, she was desperate for a new beginning, not only for herself, but for her toddler and unborn child. She grew up in a home marked by instability and trauma, where addiction and abuse were part of her earliest memories. With no reliable parental guidance and no positive role models, she entered adulthood without the tools, trust, or support every person deserves.

Through the collaborative efforts supported by Augusta Partnership for Children, she was connected to services that offered more than just shelter. She found a lifeline access to treatment, parenting support, and the compassion of people who believed in her when she couldn't believe in herself.

Her journey hasn't been easy, but today, she is thriving in recovery. She gave birth to a healthy baby boy who, thanks to early care and intervention, is now hitting his developmental milestones, smiling, crawling, and exploring the world around him with curiosity and joy. Her oldest son, once overwhelmed by the trauma of instability, is now flourishing in a safe, supportive environment. He laughs more, sleeps better, and is learning how to regulate his emotions, all signs of a brighter future.

This story is one of many. For four decades, Augusta Partnership for Children has been here, building bridges, creating safe spaces, and empowering families to rise.

As we honor our 40th Anniversary, we celebrate you, our community of supporters, partners, and advocates who make stories like this possible. Your belief in our mission changes lives, strengthens families, and builds a better future for every child.

"When you support a family in need, you don't just change one life, you change generations." Join us as we continue this work. Your gift today helps write the next chapter of hope for children and families across our community.



## Family Self-Sufficiency Initiative

The Family Self-Sufficiency Initiative assists under-resourced families with capacity-building activities for a better life at home and work. The objectives for this initiative are for participants to develop and strengthen: Problem-Solving Skills, Resource Building and Sharing, Linkages to community resources and support networks, and Mindfulness and Self-Care Techniques.

## Georgia Home Visiting Program

The Georgia Home Visiting Program, funded through GA DPH, supports expectant parents and caregivers who need consistent, ongoing support during the first years of their child's life through its First Steps program and evidence-based home visiting program, Parents as Teachers. Together, these programs provide an effective early intervention strategy to improve the health and well-being of children and parents. These programs offer resources related to maternal health, newborn/child health, home and child safety, community and family safety, school readiness, and economic self-sufficiency to pregnant women and families with children from birth until kindergarten entry. These resources support their efforts to raise physically, socially, and emotionally healthy children ready to learn.

## Project Impact

Project Impact partners with Morehouse School of Medicine to test the implementation of preconception counseling to improve cardiovascular health outcomes before and during pregnancy to improve maternal health outcomes among black women.

## Resilient Teens

The Resilient Teens Initiative prepares the 14-county area of the Central Savannah River Area (CSRA) to address Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), resilience, and trauma-informed care in teens 13-19. Augusta University medical students facilitate the program using a variety of teachings and resiliency-building skills using five pillars, including self-awareness, mindfulness, self-care, positive relationships, and purpose. The sessions examine a variety of topics broken into two levels (levels 1 & 2). After the program, the participants walk away with valuable life skills.



Established in 1985 as the Augusta Coalition for Children and Youth, Augusta Partnership for Children, Inc. (APC) has a rich history of advocating for the well-being of children and families in Augusta-Richmond County.

In 1991, APC was invited by Governor Zell Miller to join a collaborative venture funded by the Joe Whitehead Foundation known as the Family Connection Partnership of Georgia. This alliance has grown into a network of over 4,000 local and state-level partners from all 159 counties in Georgia. Together, they work tirelessly to improve the lives of the state's children, families, and communities. Notably, the Georgia Family Connection stands out as the sole statewide network in the nation dedicated to the holistic well-being of families and communities.

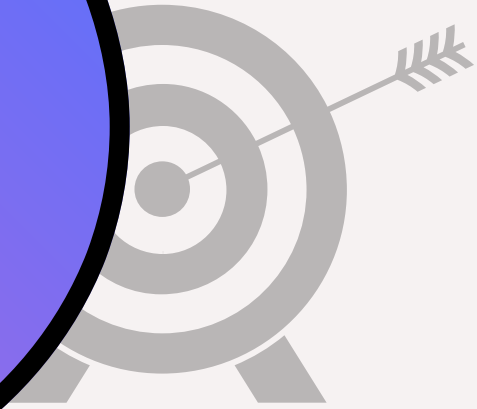
As the Family Connection expanded its reach, APC's influence grew. What began as a small group of passionate individuals concerned about issues like teen pregnancies, juvenile arrests, and poverty has blossomed into a formidable force for change boasting over 80 partners and stakeholder agencies. These collaborators represent a diverse range of sectors including businesses, government entities, non-profits, healthcare organizations, faith-based groups, schools, and community-based agencies.

Today, APC works collaboratively with agencies and organizations through the community to develop solutions for local challenges encountered by children and families. Its range of services encompasses training sessions, home visitations, health education initiatives, and the sharing of resources.



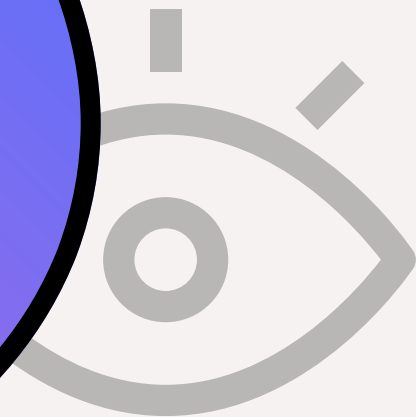
# OUR MISSION

To develop and sustain partnerships that provide services to improve the lives of children and their families.



# OUR VISION

Our children will have the tools and support to become healthy, educated and responsible adults.



## Who We Are

Augusta Partnership for Children, Inc. (APC) is a results-driven nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children and families throughout Augusta-Richmond County. As the designated Georgia Family Connection site for Richmond County, we are part of a statewide network committed to addressing complex social challenges through collaboration, data-driven decision-making, and community partnerships.

## What We Do

APC is not a “handout” organization. Instead, we focus on long-term capacity building—helping people gain the skills, knowledge, and connections they need to thrive independently.

Our work includes:

- Family Self-Sufficiency Programs – Teaching life skills, problem-solving, and goal setting through proven curricula like Getting Ahead.
- Early Childhood Development Support – Offering home visiting programs (First Steps & Parents as Teachers) to strengthen parenting skills and prepare children for school success.
- Youth Development – Equipping teens with resilience, mindfulness, and leadership tools through trauma-informed programs.
- Maternal and Family Health – Partnering with medical institutions to improve health outcomes before, during, and after pregnancy.

## Our Approach

We use the Aligning Community Systems framework to bring together public agencies, nonprofits, schools, faith groups, and businesses to tackle root causes of poverty and family instability.

- We don't just meet needs, we build futures.
- We measure our success in outcomes, not outputs.
- We believe in the power of partnerships to create lasting change.

## Our Impact in Augusta-Richmond County

Through targeted programs, strategic collaborations, and a focus on measurable results, APC strengthens the fabric of our community by:

- Increasing school readiness in young children.
- Reducing barriers to family self-sufficiency.
- Promoting health and well-being for parents and children.
- Encouraging civic and community engagement.



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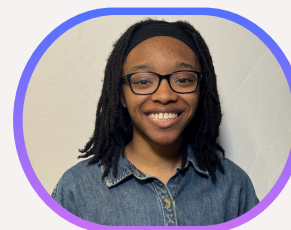
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Parent Educator



**Ashanti Allen**  
Communications Intern



# HONORING OUR FIRST EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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As Augusta Partnership for Children, Inc. celebrates 40 years of serving children and families, we take time to honor the vision and dedication of our very first Executive Director.

Her leadership laid the foundation for the programs, partnerships, and community impact that continue to grow today. From the earliest initiatives to support children's health and education, to building strong collaborations that still guide our work, their commitment has shaped who we are as an organization.

Forty years later, Augusta Partnership for Children stands as a testament to that legacy still driven by the same mission to give every child and family the opportunity to thrive.

To our first Executive Director Dr. Robetta McKenzie thank you for planting the seeds of a movement that continues to change lives in Augusta and beyond.

**DR. ROBETTA MCKENZIE**  
*Executive Director (1985-2016)*



# EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

**Dwann Brown**  
January 2025



**Patrice Canty**  
February 2025

**Sherry Wright**  
March 2025





# EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

**Kamisha Mew**  
April 2025



**Shunte Chapman**  
June 2025

**Cierra Cullars**  
July 2025



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## 74.99 & Under

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Charities Aid Foundation

## Diamond +\$5,000

Brian Marks

**Total Donations: \$40,604.60**

Parents as Teachers \$437,098  
Family Connection \$56,250  
Project Impact \$20,000

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# PROJECT REACH

Live streamed  
Lunch Chats

12

Families served  
through Parents  
as Teachers

121

Families served  
via First Steps

427

Referrals to  
Service Providers  
via the First  
Steps Programs

850

Quarterly  
Collaborative  
Presenters

8

Quarterly  
Collaborative  
Meeting  
Attendance

259

# SOCIAL MEDIA REACH AND IMPRESSION

## WEBSITE VIEWS

Total views

**13,500**

Average Views Per Day

**460**

## CONNECTOR MAGAZINE VIEWS

**1,243**



80,001



6,500



5,122





# CHILDREN'S WEEK 2024



## GARDENING CLASS

Kids got their hands in the soil and smiles on their faces as they learned how to plant, water, and care for their very own greenery. From decorating pots to learning the basics of how plants grow, our young gardeners left with new knowledge, fresh herbs, and a whole lot of pride. It was a beautiful reminder that growth starts with just one seed and a little care.



# CHILDREN'S WEEK 2024



## CIRCUS CARNIVAL

Thank you to Augusta University Partners in Prevention Project for partnering with Augusta Partnership for Children to bring the community an amazing Circus Carnival & Health Fair! With a DJ, free food, fun games, face painting, health info, and local resources, the event was a huge success and a great day for families across Augusta!



# CHARITY SOIRÉE & SILENT AUCTION 2025

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## **Thank You for Making Our Charity Soirée & Silent Auction a Success!**

Augusta Partnership for Children, Inc. extends heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended and supported our Charity Soirée & Silent Auction on Friday, February 21, 2025, at the Augusta Shrine Club.

With the dazzling theme of “Harlem Nights,” the evening was filled with music, laughter, heavy hors d’oeuvres, exciting door prizes, and a vibrant silent auction featuring vacation packages, theme park tickets, spa bundles, cookware, and more. Thanks to your generosity, all proceeds from the event will go directly toward advancing our mission improving the lives of children and families in our community. We’re grateful for your continued support and can’t wait to see you at our next event!



# KIDS ADVENTURE WEEK 2025



This year for our Kids Adventure Week was successfully hosted the program over three exciting days, offering a variety of activities for children of all ages, including Movie day at the Augusta Library, Arts and Crafts at Universal Childcare learning Center, and a finale with Field Day at Diamond Lakes.

We were delighted to serve approximately 40 children on Monday June 16th, 45 children on Tuesday June 17th, and 70 children on Wednesday June 18th. A total of approximately 155 children with participation from both our program families and local daycares. The positive response and engagement from the community and volunteers were truly encouraging and greatly contributed to the success of this event. We are looking forward to another successful event next year. Volunteers and donations are always welcome.





## APC 2025 Summer Media Camp Experience

At Augusta Partnership for Children's Summer Media Camp, students dive straight into hands on learning that sparks both creativity and confidence. Over two action packed weeks, campers explore storytelling, photography, podcasting, and video production turning raw ideas into real projects.

Working in tight-knit teams, they script, film, edit, and design, picking up new skills and discovering their own voices along the way. A field trip to a local news station, interactive challenges, and a high energy final showcase make the experience unforgettable.

For many, Media Camp is more than learning media tools it's about teamwork, lasting friendships, and the thrill of watching their stories light up the screen.

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# PARENT CAFÉ

The Parent Café Show! A space for real talk, real support, and real connection. Join us as parents and caregivers come together to share experiences, build community, and explore resources that support strong families.

Because parenting doesn't come with a manual but you don't have to do it alone.





# OUR PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS

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Able Kids  
Affect The Culture  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
Alzheimer's Association  
AmeriCorps VISTA/ United Way of CSRA  
Amerigroup Community Care  
Army Community Services  
Augusta Circuit Juvenile Court  
Augusta Dream Center  
Augusta Housing Authority  
Augusta Judicial Circuit  
Augusta Mini Theatre, Inc Arts and Life Skills School  
Augusta Parks Recreation  
Augusta Public Library  
Augusta Recovery Alliance  
Augusta Technical College  
Augusta Transit  
Augusta University- Office of Community Engagment  
Augusta University Richmond County Suicide Prevention Coalition  
B & W Insurance  
Blount Beginnings  
Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning  
BROWN GIRLS CODE  
Brownstone Mediation  
Career Personnel  
CareSource  
CCR&R Director/Leap Early Learning Partners  
Challenge Preparatory Academy  
Channeled Paths  
Cher's Sisters Only Club/Retired  
Christ Community Health Services Augusta  
City of Refuge Enterprise  
Columbia County Family Connection Coordinator  
Communities In Schools of Georgia  
Community Volunteer  
County Commissioner District 9  
Covenant Care Adoptions  
CoYo Tutoring Services  
Crown Her Mentoring  
CSRA Area on Aging  
CSRA Economic Opportunity Authority, Inc.  
CSRA RESA  
DECAL  
DeKel mPact Services/Education Director  
Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University  
Department of Juvenile Justice  
Department of Public Health

DFCS  
Dismas Charities  
Earth Bar, LLC  
Equality Team  
Elephant in the Room Counseling Services  
Elite Eagles, Inc.  
Empowered Ambitions, Inc  
Farr More & Associates  
Filling in the GAPS  
First Community Bank  
First Presbyterian Church  
Fort Gordon/ Ga Youth Challenge  
From Phoenix  
GA Power  
GA Safe Routes to School Resource Center  
Georgia Dept. of Behavioral Health and Development Disabilities  
Georgia Enroll - Georgia Legal Services Program  
Georgia Family Connection  
Georgia House of Rep District 123  
Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia  
God Loves Me, Too  
Golden Harvest Food Bank  
Good Shepherd Baptist Church  
Goodwill of Middle GA & the CSRA  
Greater Augusta's Interfaith Coalition  
Harrisburg Family Healthcare  
Hope House  
Housing and Community Development  
IntelliSystems/CEO  
Janice Allen and Associates  
Jessye Norman School of Arts  
Leading Everyone to Success  
LifeLink of Georgia  
Life's Work Wellness Program  
Lighthouse Care Center of Augusta  
Lou's Connecting Hand  
Manhood/Womanhood Tour  
Marshal's Office  
Medical Associates Plus  
MOM/Moving Over Mountains Against Autism  
Morgan Consulting  
NECCO  
Next Step Care Augusta  
Oak Street Health  
Paine College  
Peach State Health Plan  
Piedmont- Sexual Assault Services



# OUR PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS

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Prepare for Babies  
Rep. Rick Allen's Office  
Resourced Network  
Retirement & Transition Services  
Revelation Evangelistic Outreach  
RHQ Consulting, LLC  
Richmond County Health Department  
Richmond County School System  
Richmond County Sheriff's Office  
Richmond County Solicitor-General's Office  
Sally Wood Lactation  
Salvation Army  
Serenity Behavior Health Systems  
SRP Federal Credit Union  
State Farm Insurance  
Stem Program and work on Homeless Task Force  
Stolkin Court #173/Order of Eastern Stars  
SWAT Foundation Inc.  
Take Your Mask Off  
The Basic for Richmond County  
The Senior Citizens Council  
Tia's Corner  
Toxic Elite Dance Company  
United Way of the CSRA  
UnitedHealthcare Georgia  
University of Georgia Richmond County Extension Services  
Walton Options for Independent Living  
Well Star Health Systems

# POTENTIAL WAYS TO SUPPORT US

## 1. Technology Upgrades to Support All APC Programs (\$12,000)

APC's wide range of programs—including fatherhood initiative, parenting education, supervised visitation, case management, and family support services—depend on reliable technology. Currently, staff are using outdated laptops, tablets, and projectors that limit our ability to provide engaging sessions, collect data efficiently, and connect with families virtually when transportation is a barrier. In FY2024, APC served more than 1,200 parents, caregivers, and children across all programs. Updated technology would allow facilitators, case managers, and staff to deliver high-quality services, track progress in real time, and expand virtual options for rural and underserved families. With these upgrades, APC can ensure that every program operates at its best—strengthening families and improving outcomes for children throughout our community.

## 2. Transportation Assistance for Families (\$7,500)

Transportation is one of the greatest barriers families face in accessing our services. In FY2024, nearly 31% of the families APC served reported difficulty attending programs or keeping appointments because of unreliable or unaffordable transportation. A transportation assistance fund would allow us to provide gas cards, bus vouchers, and ride-share support so parents do not miss critical classes, home visits, or referrals to healthcare. For example, with \$7,500, APC could provide 300 families with \$25 transportation vouchers—helping families overcome one of the greatest obstacles to participating in the very programs designed to educate and support them.

## 3. One-Time Staff Appreciation Bonuses (\$10,000)

Like many nonprofits, APC staff members work tirelessly with limited resources to support families in the Augusta area. Our team has not received cost-of-living adjustments since 2022 and has stretched to cover increased service demands without additional compensation. One-time bonuses would demonstrate gratitude for their commitment and help with staff morale and retention during a challenging economic climate. Even modest bonuses go a long way toward recognizing the people behind the mission, and any gift received will be combined with APC's own funds to ensure all staff are included.

## 4. Facility Repairs and Maintenance (\$18,000)

Maintaining a safe, welcoming environment for families requires ongoing investment. At present, we need repairs to HVAC units and repairs for restroom plumbing. We also have bids for new security measures to ensure the safety of staff. Estimated costs are \$18,000. Supporting these improvements will help APC continue to provide families with a safe, professional, and family-friendly environment in which to learn, grow, and heal.

## 5. Curriculum Materials and Supplies for Parenting Program (\$4,200)

To run evidence-based parenting programs such as Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin' By World, 24/7 Dad®, and Strengthening Families, APC provides participants with workbooks, journals, and learning kits. In FY2024, 367 parents participated in these programs, but many had to share limited materials or use photocopies due to budget constraints. A \$4,200 investment would allow APC to purchase 350 participant workbooks at \$12 each, ensuring that every caregiver has their own materials to fully engage in the program. Quality curriculum materials empower families to practice new parenting skills at home, reinforcing what they learn in class.

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# POTENTIAL WAYS TO SUPPORT US

## 6. Emergency Family Support Fund (\$20,000)

Families in crisis often turn to APC for more than parent education; they rely on us for connection to resources that stabilize the household. A dedicated Emergency Family Support Fund would allow APC staff to provide immediate relief in urgent situations, such as storm damage, mold damage, fire, tire repair, emergency childcare, etc. A modest \$20,000 fund could help approximately 20 families per year with \$1000 in emergency assistance, reducing stress for parents so they can focus on strengthening their families.

## 7. Outreach and Awareness Campaign (\$8,500)

Despite the wide range of services available through APC, many families in the Augusta area remain unaware of the programs that could help them thrive. An outreach and awareness campaign—including updated brochures, social media advertising, and community event participation, which would allow us to connect with hard-to-reach families, particularly in underserved neighborhoods. For \$8,500, APC could expand its reach to more than 5,000 households, ensuring families know how to access programs before they reach a crisis point.

## 8. Essential Items for Children and Families (\$15,000)

One of APC's most consistent requests from families is for essential children's items such as books, car seats, strollers, and pack n' plays. These resources not only ensure child safety but also promote early learning and healthy development. In FY2024, APC distributed 180 car seats and 95 pack n' plays, but demand exceeded our supply. A dedicated fund of \$15,000 would allow APC to purchase approximately:

- 500 new children's books at \$4 each (\$2,000)
- 50 car seats at \$75 each (\$3,750)
- 50 strollers at \$65 each (\$3,250)
- 50 pack n' plays at \$120 each (\$6,000)

These tangible items make an immediate impact, keeping children safe, giving parents peace of mind, and encouraging early literacy and bonding at home. Donors who support this initiative directly touch the daily lives of the families we serve.

## 9. Parking Lot Resurfacing and Safety Enhancements (\$22,000)

APC's parking lot is in urgent need of resurfacing and safety upgrades. Cracks, potholes, and uneven areas create hazards for families with small children, strollers, elderly caregivers who regularly visit our office, and staff. A resurfaced lot with clear striping will improve accessibility and safety for our staff and the 1,200+ families who enter our doors each year. The project will also enhance curb appeal, signaling to families and partners that APC is a safe, professional, and welcoming environment.

## 10. Security Fencing and Perimeter Safety (\$15,500)

To ensure the safety of children, families, and staff, APC needs to install updated fencing and secure entry points around the office. Current fencing was damaged from Hurricane Helene and does not fully protect staff and client entryways, nor the parking lot. For \$15,500, APC could install durable fencing that safeguards staff and clients and provides peace of mind for parents. Strong perimeter security is especially important as we host client activities on-site.

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