# Increase Family Support Opportunities by Expanding Parenting Education Programs

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#### All parents benefit from guidance to do the best job they can in raising their children and supporting their healthy development and early learning. However, in North Carolina, parenting education programs are not widely available or accessible to families.

### **BENEFITS OF PARENTING EDUCATION**



Strengthens the relationship between parents and children



Increases parents' social connections, emotional support, and mental health





Improves child behavior by decreasing aggression and hyperactivity

## PARENTING EDUCATION IS A WORTHWHILE INVESTMENT



Each dollar invested in the Incredible Years

Each dollar invested in the Triple P program

program shows a return of \$5.60

shows a return of \$10.05

Parenting education provides cost savings for states on expensive social problems such as:



- 🕑 Child Welfare
- 🔗 Physical Health
- 🕑 Mental Health
- Seducation
- ⊘ Crime

### ACCESS TO PARENTING EDUCATION IS INCONSISTENT

All 100 counties in North Carolina have access to the Triple P program.



28 counties have no other parenting education programs funded by Smart Start or the NC Division of Social Services