



MEMORANDUM

To: Community Partners, Pediatric Offices, Educators, and Families
From: Guilford County Partnership for Children & Bringing Out the Best
Date: June 18, 2025
Subject: Upcoming Changes to Program Services – Effective July 1, 2025

For over 20 years, *Bringing Out the Best (BOB)* has provided our community with a free, short-term program that supports the social and emotional development of young children in Guilford County. The goal has always been to strengthen the relationships and environments that help young children thrive—at home and in the classroom. As BOB prepares for a new program year, we want to share some important updates about how the main services will evolve starting **July 1, 2025**.

While still maintaining Evidence Based-Evidence Informed practices, the BOB program will pivot away from providing support for individual children in licensed childcare facilities and classrooms. Instead, they will focus on **whole-classroom support**, offering consultation and coaching to help early childhood educators manage challenging behaviors and build positive classroom communities. This change comes in response to updated funding guidelines for technical assistance providers and reflects a broader effort to support long-term, system-wide impact in early childhood education.

BOB will continue to offer **parenting support** for families navigating behavioral challenges at home. These services are delivered through the *Positive Parenting Program (Triple P)* and include a range of options such as individual sessions, group discussions, and online learning modules. Please stay tuned to their website for upcoming training dates and registration details.

In addition, *Bringing Out the Best* will continue to offer **professional development opportunities** for early childhood teachers and directors throughout the year, including trainings that count toward DCDEE-approved contact hours. Please stay tuned to their website for upcoming training dates and registration details.

While looking to address one challenge in our community, *Bringing Out the Best* and *Guilford County Partnership for Children* recognize that this leaves a different gap in individualized services for children. The hope is that through a broader lens of support for the whole classroom and the wellbeing of the educator, the impact of their work will trickle down to more children. We also look to our community to fill this gap through direct funding to *Bringing Out the Best*, allowing our services to continue in many capacities.

Transitions take time and care, and the BOB team appreciates your patience and support as they make this shift. Their team remains deeply committed to supporting Guilford County's early childhood workforce, families, and most importantly, the children at the heart of it all.

Families and educators can still use the **referral portal**, available on the BOB website, to request services. Once referrals are received, their team will follow up with next steps, including paperwork and scheduling. **Please note**, individual child referrals may no longer come directly from other service providers. Encourage clients and families to reach out to BOB via their licensed childcare facility's educator or center director. The resource hotline remains open to all callers by contacting: **Ask BOB at (336) 334-5436**

For more information or to make a referral, please visit the BOB website or contact Janet Howard directly at (336) 334-3120.

Warmly,

Guilford County Partnership for Children on behalf of The Bringing Out the Best Team

Our mission is to partner with families, early childhood educators, and our community to support the diverse needs of children, prenatal to age 5, ensuring their success in school and in life.

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