

K. Upper Coastal Plain Learning Council (UCPLC)

1. For the first time in their five year history, the Wilson Engineering Camps will convene on the campus of Wilson Community College where the campers will have access to a state of the art robotics teaching facility. Wilson Engineering Camps are offered in collaboration with The Engineering Place at the College of Engineering at NC State University. The UCPLC has continued developing, implementing and expanding the Wilson Engineering Camp to include an additional camp for area elementary students. *Twenty-six middle school students will attend camp this year, up from 20 last year. Thirty-two elementary students will attend camp this year, up from 12 last year.* This year the UCPLC Outreach Specialists made a deliberate decision to decrease the camps tuition from \$250 to \$150 to allow more student access to the camps.

In August of 2018, when the engineering camp teachers return to their classrooms in Nash, Edgecombe, and Wilson counties, they will share with their colleagues the strategies and approaches that they have learned in their camp training. The impact of the Wilson Engineering Camp of 2018 will reach into classrooms throughout those three systems, increasing the engagement levels and STEM access for students in kindergarten through the twelfth grade.

2. The Wisdom Tooth Program continues to thrive and grow. Each year the demand for this dental health outreach continues to be greater than our funds can support. As of today, more than 17,000 people of all ages in the five-county stakeholder area have been impacted by this oral health education program.

3. The UCPLC is working with the business and industry communities in Nash, Edgecombe and Wilson counties to research, collaborate, develop, and implement the Hometown Hires program. This program is geared to impact generational poverty and is a substantive initiative that will be portable to other counties as well. Several local organizations have indicated an interest in becoming the managing partner of Hometown Hires and this is the final step before candidates are selected for the program.

In summary, the two hundred thirteen UCPLC Program Offerings for this fiscal year support the mission of the Council. These efforts offered 4,864 stakeholders access to quality programming. The role that the UCPLC played in the creation of the Region 7 Health Alliance via the popularity and solid reputation of the Wisdom Tooth Program has allowed the Alliance to come into being as a great think tank for the promotion of a Wisdom Tooth Program Model for many other areas of the region and state as well.