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RPC receives Think Babies NC 2020 Outstanding Baby Advocate Award

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— On Monday, February 24, Randolph Partnership for Children Executive Director Lisa Hayworth accepted a 2020 Outstanding Baby Advocate Award on behalf of Randolph Partnership for Children (RPC). The award was presented by the Think Babies NC Alliance and the NC Early Education Coalition during a luncheon at the Think Babies NC Think Tank and Celebration, held at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh.

In an email from NC Early Education Coalition Policy Director Michele Rivest, RPC was notified that its nomination and selection were based on its outstanding leadership and advocacy to advance better opportunities and outcomes for babies and their families in Randolph County and North Carolina by promoting public awareness, engaging community members and advocating with policymakers on issues affecting babies and their families.

"The Think Babies Leadership team was so impressed by the extensive community education and engagement through seven round-table discussions and the Child Care Tour Event of high quality infant toddler child care programs in your the county, and the launch of The Baby Basics Randolph Program," Rivest said in the email. "We appreciated your outstanding work and advocacy to inform state legislators and local mayors and city council officials about the issues facing babies and families and provide the latest research and information about evidence-based programs."

The awards are presented to individuals, organizations, businesses, and local or state policymakers who have increased public awareness or promoted programs and policies for babies and their families in North Carolina. Eight recipients were announced, divided among three categories: State and Local Policymakers (two recipients), State Organizations (two recipients), and Community Champions (four recipients). Randolph Partnership for Children was among the Community Champions recipients. In addition to the eight award winners



Pictured from left are Micki Bare, Lisa Hayworth, Andee Edelson, and Michele Rivest.



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announced at the luncheon, 17 other agencies and individuals from across the state were nominated.

"This award is the result of the hard work and dedication of our entire team at Randolph Partnership for Children, as well as the efforts of our local community partners such as Randolph County Public Libraries, Randolph County Public Health, and the leadership in our towns and cities," Hayworth said during her acceptance speech. "We are also grateful for the support and confidence provided by Michele Rivest, the NC Early Education Coalition, and all those involved with Think Babies in North Carolina."

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About the Randolph Partnership for Children: Since 1999, the Randolph Partnership for Children (RPC), a non-profit organization, has been the community's lead organization for young children and their families. RPC brings together diverse agencies, individuals, organizations and communities to ensure all children enter school ready to succeed. RPC is a United Way agency. For more information, visit www.randolphkids.org.

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