

How you can get involved

I want to join SPICE

(SPICE membership is open to all Durham parents with children in school. Regular membership is \$30 and membership for literacy class graduates is \$10.)

I want to donate to SPICE

Name: _____

Address: _____

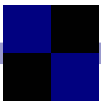
City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Send checks to SPICE at P.O. Box
11704, Durham, NC 27703



Strong Parental Involvement in Community
Education (SPICE)
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SPICE



Strong Parental Involvement in Community Education





What is SPICE?

SPICE is an organization of parents with children in Durham Public Schools.

We came together around quality education for our children and all children in Durham County, North Carolina.



Mission

We work in low-income communities to close the education achievement gap and the digital divide by promoting family literacy and access to computer

Our History

Strong Parental Involvement in Community Education (SPICE) was launched as a project of the Southern Anti-Racism Network (SARN) in August 2001 with support from the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation. SARN reached out to parents in the Cornwallis public housing community in collaboration with the Durham Literacy Center, City of Durham Parks and Recreation and Durham Housing Authority.

Durham Literacy Center created Parents Powered Up as a program for parents to work with their children to improve family literacy. SPICE parents at Cornwallis graduated from the 6-week class in April 2002. Three of the eight graduating parents began teaching classes in the fall of 2002. More parents have been recruited to teach classes at WD Hill Center, Weaver Street Center, Covenant Presbyterian Church and TOP-CAT locations in McDougald Terrace and at Village Lanes. NetCorps, a non-profit technology firm, consistently provided refurbished computers to all graduating SPICE families from April 2002 until November 2005. Teaming 4 Technology, a program of Triangle United Way, has provided refurbished computers to SPICE families since February 2006.

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SPICE Independence

In June 2004 a \$35,000 grant from the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation began the process of building SPICE as an independent organization of parents. On November 10, 2005 SPICE celebrated reaching 100 families with family literacy classes and home computers since April 2002. On November 16, 2006 SPICE celebrated reaching 102 families in a single year. On April 19, 2007, SPICE celebrated its 5-year anniversary with a graduation bringing the total families served to 262.

On June 11, 2007, SPICE members adopted by-laws and elected officers. SPICE is reaching out for additional partnerships to close the achievement gap and the digital divide. SPICE and community partners will build bridges to enrich the lives of African American and Latino families through improved literacy and access to technology. Parents working together for their children to succeed in school and have access to opportunities for economic advancement.

