

# SFTA 2017 Annual Report: Race to the Top (RTTT), A Review & Next Steps for Sustainability

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Over the past 5 years, SFTA was a key player in implementing over ten Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge (RTTT) initiatives that helped build quality early care and education across Wisconsin and supported families with young children in accessing quality early education, understanding early development, receiving needed parenting supports, and more. In 2017, RTTT funding came to an end. SFTA is activating sustainability plans to continue vital programming, with an eye towards future funding possibilities that will keep these programs running.

## Early Care & Education

Research shows quality early care and education leads to better lifelong outcomes for children and their families, creating a stronger, more effective workforce and economy. Onsite coaching and mentoring and trainings funded through RTTT ended in 2017 with a total of:

- Nearly 3,600 hours of onsite technical consultation completed with 385 child care providers, pertaining to building and sustaining quality child care.
- Over 215 RTTT-funded trainings completed, for a total of nearly 1,330 hours of training, that served nearly 3,830 participants.

The RTTT funded cohort model ended in 2017 with:

- A total of 7 cohorts completed: 2 Family Child Care & 5 Infant and Toddler
- Over 240 hours of onsite technical consultation completed.

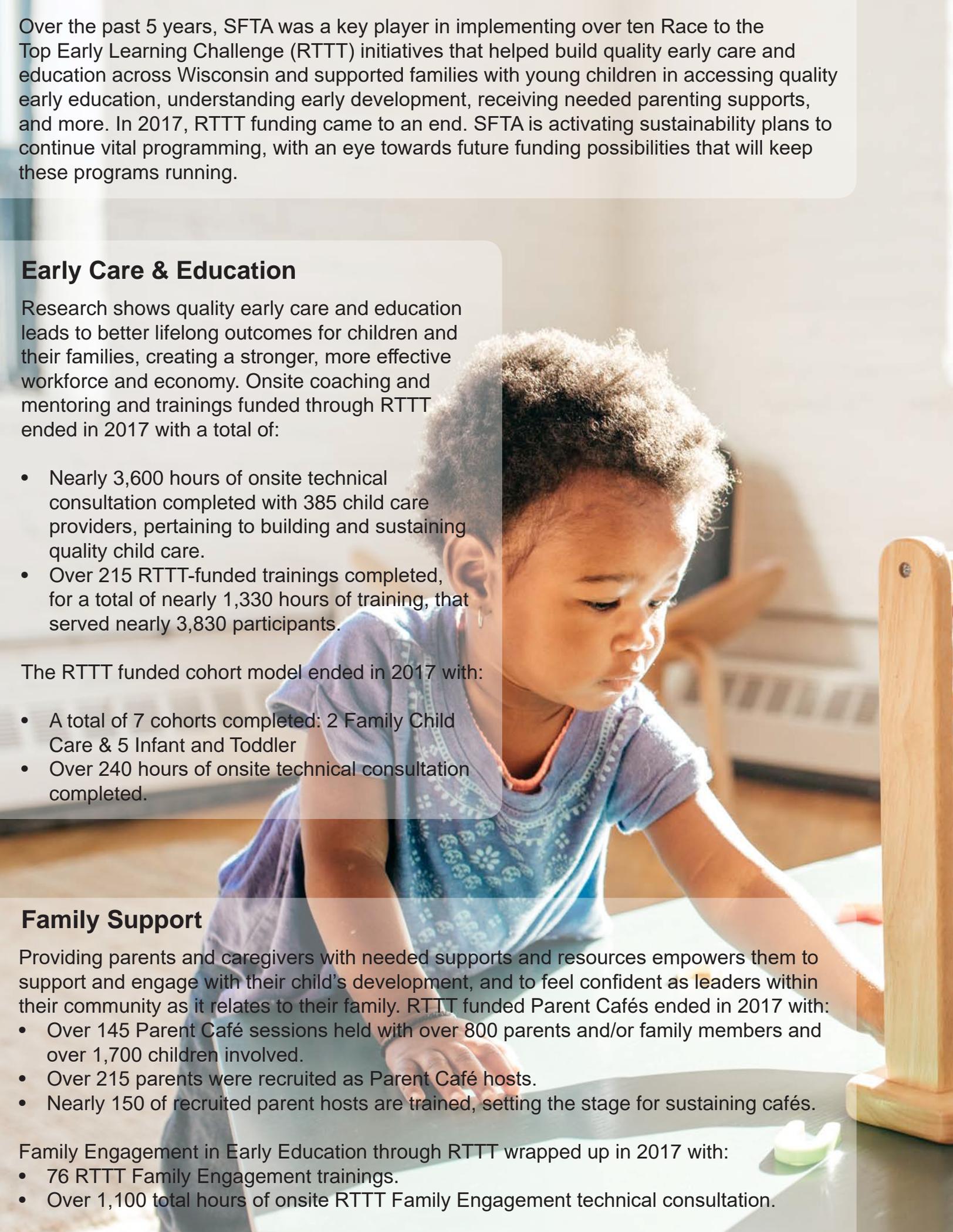
## Family Support

Providing parents and caregivers with needed supports and resources empowers them to support and engage with their child's development, and to feel confident as leaders within their community as it relates to their family. RTTT funded Parent Cafés ended in 2017 with:

- Over 145 Parent Café sessions held with over 800 parents and/or family members and over 1,700 children involved.
- Over 215 parents were recruited as Parent Café hosts.
- Nearly 150 of recruited parent hosts are trained, setting the stage for sustaining cafés.

Family Engagement in Early Education through RTTT wrapped up in 2017 with:

- 76 RTTT Family Engagement trainings.
- Over 1,100 total hours of onsite RTTT Family Engagement technical consultation.





## Systems Building

Strengthening and expanding statewide systems within early childhood increases the effectiveness and sustainability of efforts to build quality in early childhood.

- Our new statewide data system has led to a direct increase in the total number of unique child care referrals by making data such as child care openings and information more accurate, current and easy to use.
- A concerted focus on professional development for SFTA and member staff, and other early childhood stakeholders, has prepared them to better support child care programs and WI children and families, be more culturally competent and inclusive in the services they provide, and inspires innovation in their work.
- The hiring of SFTA's Family Engagement Specialist has allowed us to systematically embed family engagement throughout statewide services and supports, to more effectively serve WI.

## SFTA's RTTT Financials

Total approximate spending from 2013 to 2017, combining all RTTT initiatives, Coaching & Mentoring, Cultural Competency & Historical Trauma, Family Engagement, Parent Cafés, Active Early Kits & ASQ Supports, Challenge Grants & Branagh, and Inclusion & Complex Trauma:

RTTT Total: \$2,630,780

## SFTA's Overall 2017 Financials

Total Income: \$12,496,701

Total Expenses: \$12,490,466



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