



Karen DeBord, Ph.D.

Extension Specialist, Child Development & Parenting
Professor, Director of Graduate Programs

Dr. DeBord provides support to Cooperative extension in the areas of children's development, child care provider professional development, parenting education and engagement, and children's outdoor learning environments. She enjoys evaluation design and strategic planning, network development and educational program planning for family learning. She is the Director of the Masters program in Family Life & Parent Education and is a parent and grandparent.



Andrew O. Behnke, PhD.

Assistant professor of human development and an Extension Latino Parent Specialist

Andrew has served the Latino community for the last ten years in different capacities. He developed the “Juntos” program along with Cintia Aguilar. He conducts applied research and outreach on academic achievement among Latino youth, parent involvement in academics, stress and parenting, and Latino fatherhood. His life mission is bringing better attention to those factors that help immigrant Latino families succeed and thrive in the U.S.



Luci Bearon, PhD, CFLE

Adult Development/Aging Specialist (Human Development)
And Associate Professor

Programming Areas:

Positive aging

Family caregiving for elders

Grandparents raising grandchildren

Academic and Research Interests:

Attitudes and beliefs about aging

Quality of life and subjective well-being

Gerontology education

Personal Interests: Most of my personal interests center around family life and the Durham community. I have a husband who is an atmospheric scientist and a daughter who is a rising high school senior. In my spare time, I read news, memoirs and non-fiction, enjoy photography, journaling, acrostics, lectures and concerts, and volunteer at my daughter's school. I have a special interest in anything Japanese, having spent 3 months in Japan over two trips.



Cintia Aguilar

Latino Affairs Facilitator for the Department of 4-H Youth Development and Family & Consumer Sciences and the overall North Carolina Cooperative Extension system (NCCE).

My responsibilities include but are not limited to providing technical assistance on: a) reaching out to Latino audiences, b) developing and/or adapting programs and resources for Latino audiences, and c) developing partnerships with Latino-serving organizations, community agencies and programs, and community members. As needed, and considering my bilingual skills, my role is flexible to take part in the implementation of a program, i.e. be part of the developing team and be a facilitator to implement the “Together for a Better Education Program.



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