

## Buncombe County Agenda Item Information Sheet

<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> Budget Amendment for Child Care Subsidy program (Buncombe County Health & Human Services – Social Services).	
<b>MEETING DATE:</b> November 3, 2015	
<b>REQUESTED BY:</b> Jennifer Chilton for Amanda Stone	
<b>Background information</b>  Subsidized child care services are vital to the successful employment and educational endeavors of parents and to the safety and well-being of their children. The amount the state pays for each child depends on family situation, income, the cost of the child care provided, and the type of public funds from which the payment is made. Federal and State dollars are provided for direct child care services as well as for administrative support costs and are defined with specific dollar amounts.	
<b>Pro's</b> <b>Low income parents may receive child care assistance for one or more of the following reasons:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents are working or are looking for work</li> <li>• Parents are in school or in a job training program</li> <li>• The child is receiving child protective services</li> <li>• The child needs care to support child welfare services or because the family is experiencing a crisis; or</li> <li>• The child has developmental needs</li> </ul>	<b>Con's</b>
<b>Funds required in current budget:</b> No County funds are required	
<b>Funds required in future budgets:</b> No County funds are required	
<b>Alternatives</b>	
<b>Action recommended:</b>  To budget additional federal and state dollars for Child Care Subsidy service funding and services support funding for FY 2016 to match federal and state allocations. The original budgeted amount was based on the State's estimate. Child Care Subsidy direct service dollars in the amount of \$738,462 and Child Care administrative funds in the amount of \$36,067. The total amount of funding available for direct services is \$8,144,285 and total administrative support funding is \$431,845.	