

Buncombe County Agenda Item Information Sheet

AGENDA ITEM: Budget Amendment for Child Care Subsidy program (Buncombe County Health & Human Services – Social Services).	
MEETING DATE: May 31, 2016	
REQUESTED BY: Jennifer Chilton for Amanda Stone	
Background information: 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.	
Pro's Low income parents may receive child care assistance for one or more of the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents are working or are looking for work Parents are in school or in a job training program The child is receiving child protective services The child needs care to support child welfare services or because the family is experiencing a crisis; or The child has developmental needs 	Con's
Funds required in current budget: No County funds are required	
Funds required in future budgets: No County funds are required	
Alternatives N/A	
Action recommended: To adjust the budget to reflect additional allocated Federal and State funding for Non Smart-Start Child Care Subsidy funding for FY 2016. This funding represents Federal and State allocations to provide support for Child Care expenses for IV-E eligible children in Buncombe County. The original budgeted amount was based on the State's estimate. In Buncombe County, the Non Smart-Start Child Care Subsidy allocation is \$1,071,658. This allocation represents an increase of \$6,941 over currently budgeted expenditures. The total amount of Child Care Subsidy (with this additional allocation) for FY16 is \$9,704,006.	