

## Buncombe County Agenda Item Information Sheet

<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> Budget Amendment for Nurse Family Partnership program (Buncombe County Health & Human Services – Public Health).	
<b>MEETING DATE:</b> April 16, 2013	
<b>REQUESTED BY:</b> Jim Holland for Gibbie Harris	
<b>Background information</b> The Nurse-Family-Partnership (NFP) is an effective, evidence-based approach to improving the health and life-course of first-time, low-income mothers and their children. In its 30-year history, NFP has shown substantial and consistent results related to improved child and maternal health, child abuse and neglect reduction, crime reduction and school readiness. Buncombe County has been providing Nurse Family Partnership services since FY 2010.  The Duke Endowment and Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust are providing these additional grant funds for educational materials, training and related travel for five nurses to support the NFP program.	
<b>Pro's</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Linkage across Health &amp; Human Services in order to improve the lives of first time mothers and their children</li> <li>• Evidence based approach that has shown a decrease in reported incidents of child abuse &amp; neglect</li> <li>• Better health outcomes for newborns</li> </ul>	<b>Con's</b>  <b>None</b>
<b>Funds required</b> No county funds are required.	
<b>Alternatives</b> This nurse-based program provides an opportunity to partner across Human Services agencies in order to coordinate service delivery, improve the health of infants and children, and reduce incidents of child abuse and neglect. Satisfactory alternatives have not proven to produce the same results for children and families.	
<b>Action recommended:</b> Increase Community Health Promotion budget by \$15,000 to reflect new grant funding.	