

BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: February 16, 2010

Action Requested: Increase Health Administration program budget by \$54,156 to reflect new pass-through state funding.

The Buncombe County Department of Health, in partnership with ARP-Phoenix, has received a grant from the NC Department of Public Health to expand an evidence-based program called, Strengthening Families Program.

The goals of this program are to:

- Improve child social/emotional health and development
- Improve parent-child communication
- Increase use of emotionally responsive and nurturing parenting practices
- Reduce harsh and coercive parenting practices
- Improve parent-child relationships

These grant funds make it possible to add programs for families with risk factors such as a child's school performance, special health/behavioral health needs, truancy issues, parental substance abuse or mental illness, poverty, etc. The Buncombe County Department of Health will contract with ARP-Phoenix for the provision of service.

The program starts in February and will serve families with children ages 6 - 11. ARP-Phoenix will also start a program in March to serve families with children ages 12 - 16.

NCGS Requiring Service: N/A

NCGS requires we PROVIDE:

or ENSURE AVAILABLE IN COMMUNITY:

Alternative Service Delivery Methods considered and evaluated:

Funds/Staff requested: There are no county funds or staff requested.

Request submitted by: Jim Holland for Gibbie Harris

Date Submitted: February 5, 2010