

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council County Plan

Buncombe County

For FY 2024-2025

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Executive Summary

The Buncombe County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC), in fulfillment of the duties and responsibilities as set forth in the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina, has reviewed and updated this County Plan for FY 2024-2025. In 2019, House Bill 593 passed which approved an optional 1 or 2-year funding cycle for DPS JCPC funds, which is determined locally by each JCPC statewide. Also included in the HB was Raise the Age in N.C. which directs 16 & 17 years old from District Court to Juvenile Court. In order to see any new possible trends in juvenile justice data (now serving 16 & 17 year old) and to plan programming in the community accordingly, the Buncombe County JCPC approved a 2-year funding cycle. Data continues to be monitored by the JCPC annually which provides direction to which funding cycle is most beneficial to the community and Council.

The JCPC has identified the issues and factors which have an influence and impact on youth and families who are involved in juvenile court, and those vulnerable or at-risk of juvenile court involvement in Buncombe County. Further, the JCPC has identified the strategies and services most likely to reduce/prevent behavior that could lead to court-involvement.

Monitoring and Evaluation: Each program funded in the past fiscal year by the JCPC has been monitored by the JCPC Monitoring Committee and most programs were found in full compliance with DPS JCPC Policy and within the operating parameters of their budget and, providing the services as described in their program agreement. The monitoring results and program outcome evaluations were considered in making funding allocation decisions. The JCPC will continue to conduct annual implementation monitoring of its funded programs.

Priorities for Funding: Through reviewing the Youth Assessment Screening Inventory (YASI) data, and a community resource assessment, the JCPC determined that the following services are priorities to serve youth who are court-involved and to reduce/prevent future involvement:

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| Priority 1: | Restitution / Community Service |
| Priority 2: | Comprehensive Clinical Assessments (CCAs) / Individual or Group Counseling / Substance Use Counseling Services* |
| Priority 3: | Teen Court |
| Priority 4: | Interpersonal /Experiential Skills |
| Priority 5: | Vocational Skills |
| Priority 6: | Restorative Services / Restorative Justice* |
| Priority 7: | Parent / Family Skill Building |
| Priority 8: | Structured Day/Tutoring/Academic Enhancement/Mentoring* |
| Priority 9: | Runaway / Temporary Shelter |

The Buncombe County JCPC shifted towards a 2-year funding cycle last year, so all but one of the JCPC programs were allocated funds through FY24–25. This meant that the funds available to allocate for FY25 were limited to the priorities in **bold**, as other priorities are included in programs funded for 2-years. The was an initial Request for Proposals (RFP) released in January for \$73,357.

Monitoring reports were presented in February, and there was one program whose monitoring report did not recommend the program for continued funding. Given that, the JCPC voted to discontinue funding for the program for FY25 and to release a second RFP for the \$66,893 previously proposed for that program. Priorities listed above with an asterisk* were included in this second RFP released in March.

Funding Recommendations: Having advertised two Request for Proposals (RFP) for prioritized services, each for a minimum of thirty (30) days, the JCPC has screened the submitted proposals and has determined which proposals best meet the advertised needed services. As required by statute, the JCPC recommends

allocation of the NC Department of Public, Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention funds to the following programs in the amounts specified below for the upcoming fiscal year: (Also, see the Buncombe County Funding Plan with this report.)

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| 1. *Teen Court (Buncombe Alternatives) | \$96,799 |
| 2. *Earn and Learn (Buncombe Alternatives) | \$207,021 |
| 3. *Kids at Work! & The Connection (Aspire – Buncombe) | \$105,549 |
| 4. *PIVOTPoint WNC (PIVOTPoint WNC) | \$84,858 |
| 5. PIVOTPoint Prevention (PIVOTPoint WNC) | \$16,893 |
| 6. Youth Justice Clinical Program (Buncombe County Justice Services) | \$50,000 |
| 7. Umoja and UNETE Restorative Practices Program (Umoja) | \$73,357 |

**Programs 1-4 were funded for 2 years. More information on all applications can be found in the Funding Decisions Summary included in this document.*

The JCPC further recommends that the following amount be allocated for the administrative costs of the Council for fiscal year 24-25: \$10,000.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jorge Redmond, Chair, Buncombe County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Date: Jorge Redmond

Buncombe County

NC DPS - Community Programs - County Funding Plan

Available Funds: \$ 644,477 Local Match: \$ 220,917 Rate: 30%

DPS JCPC funds must be committed with a Program Agreement submitted in NC Allies and electronically signed by authorized officials.

| # | Program Provider | DPS-JCPC Funding | LOCAL FUNDING | | | OTHER State/ Federal | OTHER Funds | Total | % from DPS-JCPC Program Revenues |
|----|--|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|---|
| | | | County Cash Match | Local Cash Match | Local In- Kind | | | | |
| 1 | JCPC Administration | \$10,000 | | | | | | \$10,000 | |
| 2 | Teen Court | \$96,799 | | | \$29,600 | | | \$126,399 | 23% |
| 3 | Earn and Learn | \$207,021 | | | \$63,400 | | | \$270,421 | 23% |
| 4 | Aspire Kids at Work & The Connection | \$105,549 | | | \$41,299 | | | \$146,848 | 28% |
| 5 | PIVOTPoint | \$84,858 | | \$25,457 | | | | \$110,315 | 23% |
| 6 | Umojah Health Wellness and Justice Collective | \$73,357 | | \$12,512 | \$10,000 | | | \$95,869 | 23% |
| 7 | Buncombe County Youth Justice Clinical Program | \$50,000 | \$33,581 | | | | | \$83,581 | 40% |
| 8 | PIVOTPoint Prevention | \$16,893 | | \$5,068 | | | | \$21,961 | 23% |
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| | TOTALS: | \$644,477 | \$33,581 | \$43,037 | \$144,299 | | | \$865,394 | 26% |

The above plan was derived through a planning process by the Buncombe County
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council and represents the County's Plan for use of these funds in FY 2024-2025

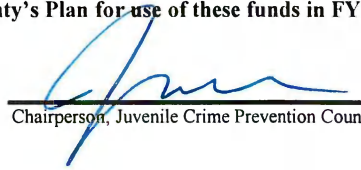
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| Reviewed by _____ Program Assistant | _____ Date |
| Verified by _____ Designated State Office Staff | _____ Date |


Chairperson, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

6-11-24
(Date)

Chairperson, Board of County Commissioners (Date)
or County Finance Officer

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Organization

| FY 23-24 | Name | Organization | Title |
|-----------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Chairperson | Jorge Redmond | Buncombe County Sheriff's Office | Senior Attorney |
| Vice-Chairperson | Suzanne Avett | Buncombe County HHS | Lead Attorney |
| Planning Committee Chair | Angela Garner | VAYA Health | Community Relations Regional Director |
| Monitoring Committee Chair | Brandon Priester | Land of Sky Regional Council | Youth Business Services Representative |
| Allocations Committee Chair | Angel Redmond | Asheville Parks & Rec. | Facility Supervisor |

Number of members for FY 23-24:

23

List meeting dates during the current fiscal year and identify the number of JCPC members in attendance for each.

| Meeting Date | Number of Members in Attendance | Quorum Present? Yes/No |
|--------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 8/17/23 | 17 | Yes |
| 10/19/23 | 17 | Yes |
| 12/21/23 | 17 | Yes |
| 2/1/23 | 17 | Yes |
| 2/15/23 | 13 | Yes |
| 3/21/24 | 21 | Yes |
| 4/26/24 | 18 | Yes |
| 5/13/24 | | |
| 6/15/23 | | |

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**RISKS, NEEDS, & STRENGTHS SUMMARY REPORT
BUNCOMBE COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL (JCPC)
PLANNING COMMITTEE
DECEMBER, 2023**

- I. Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI) Summary**
- II. Summary of Community Resources**
- III. Summary of Gaps and Barriers in the Community Continuum**
- IV. Proposed Priority Services for Funding**
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Part I. Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI) Summary

The Planning Committee reviewed aggregate data from Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI) assessments from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. This is a measurement tool administered by Juvenile Court Counselors after youth are referred with a complaint alleging that a delinquency act has occurred and before adjudication of the youth. The YASI is an assessment that measures risk, need, and strength/protective factors in youth who are referred to the juvenile justice system, used for measuring risks related to recidivism and developing service plans. The assessment addresses twelve domains: Legal History, Family, Basic Needs, School, Community and Peers, Alcohol and Drugs, Mental Health, Physical Health, Aggression, Attitudes, Skills, and Employment and Free Time.

The full YASI assessment consists of over 100 separate items useful for both predictive risk and case management, so data reported from this review consists of county-level risk factors that may be prioritized by the JCPC for RFP development, as well as for highlighting prevalent issues among court-involved youth that individual programs and community-based organizations will want to consider when working with youth in the county. The aggregate outputs from full YASI assessments are one of the data sources used by the Committee and are the focus of summaries that follow in this document. YASI questions are framed in either a historical context (Legal History, for example), or in some cases, “current” or “prior three-months” timeframes for other, more dynamic, questions.

According to the US Census, the approximate population of youth ages 6 – 17 for Buncombe County is 33,167. During the fiscal year of 2022 – 2023, Buncombe County Juvenile Court Services staff completed 526 YASI assessments. The data provided below is based on the risks, needs, and strengths that are noted at the first assessment by Juvenile Justice at intake:

General Observations and Points of Interest

There is both a pre-screen assessment and a full assessment, however in Buncombe County it is standard practice for all court-involved youth to receive the full YASI assessment at intake.

Risk Level – 65% of the 526 assessed youth exhibited low risks. This is higher than the state’s rate of 39%.

Needs Level – 82% of the 526 assessed youth exhibited very low to low needs. This is higher than the state’s rate of 53%.

Strengths Level – 81% of the 526 assessed youth exhibited high or very high strengths levels. This is higher than the state’s rate of 53%.

Compared to the state, Buncombe County has much higher numbers of youth being referred to DJJ with low risk levels, very low needs, and very high strengths. There are also concerns regarding the high percentage of school-based complaints filed in Buncombe County compared to the state (see “*School Domain, Q3 – School-Based Complaints*” on p.2), and recent reports demonstrating [inequities](#) in school discipline and referrals to court (see linked [Buncombe County Racial and Ethnic Disparities Data Presentation](#)).

Consistent with research across the country, in May 2023 the NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission published a Juvenile Recidivism Study ([linked here](#)), which noted: “the lowest levels of recidivism correspond[] to the least invasive systemic responses of the juvenile justice system, particularly by intervening with youth short of adjudication... this report and past report findings indicate the most efficient and effective investment of sufficient resources is in the community, at the front end of the juvenile justice system.”

YASI Elevated Risks, Needs, & Strengths:

Legal History

Q4 Felony Referrals to DJJ – 14% of the youth assessed had a felony referral. This is significantly lower than the state’s rate of 36%.

Q6 Previous Weapon Offense – 7% of the youth assessed had a previous weapon offense. This is an increase from the previous year (6%) but is lower than the state’s rate of 17%.

Family Domain

Q1 Runaway from Home or Placement – 12% of youth reported incidents of running away. This is a decrease from 15% the previous year. While under the NC average (21%), it is still of concern especially given gaps in community services.

Q4 Family Alcohol/Substance Abuse – 12% of the youth assessed had family members with alcohol and/or substance abuse issues compared to the state’s rate of 15%.

Q4 Family Member Legal History – 33% of the youth assessed had family members with prior history with the criminal legal system compared to the state’s rate of 29%.

Q7 Parent/Custodian Supervision – 94% of youth assessed in Buncombe reported good/some supervision compared to the state’s rate of 78%.

School Domain

Q1/Q10 School Enrollment Status – 2% of youth assessed were suspended at the point of assessment (NC – 3%). However, over the previous 2 years, 74% had been assigned one or more OSS (NC – 65%) and 43% had been assigned one or more ISS (NC – 36%).

Q2 School Attendance – 17% of youth assessed had 5 or more unexcused absences. This is close to the NC average of 26%.

Q3 School-Based Complaints – YASI assessments showed much higher numbers of complaints filed by schools than the state. Only 7% of youth assessed experienced interventions by school administrators – this is down from 17% last year and less than 12% across the state. 49% of youth assessed had police reports filed by school, which is significantly higher than the state average of 27%.

Q4 Academic Performance – 18% of youth assessed had C- or lower grades (NC – 14%), 12% were failing some classes (NC – 18%), and 12% were failing most classes (NC – 17%).

Q12 School Activities – 38% of the youth assessed were interested in school activities but they were not involved in those activities. This is higher than the state's rate of 29%. 33% of the youth assessed had no interest and were not involved in school activities; which is comparable to the state's rate of 34%.

Community & Peers Domain

Q1 Peers/Associates – 23% of youth assessed reported spending time with friends who have a negative influence, while 10% of youth assessed reported having no friends or companions.

Alcohol/Drugs Domain – The following data from the alcohol/drug domain represents youth who answered “Yes” to alcohol and/or drug use. Out of youth assessed for Buncombe County, 29% of youth answered “Yes” to alcohol and/or drug use.

Q1 Age at 1st Use – Of the youth who answered “Yes” to alcohol and/or drug use: 11% reported being under 12 years old at first use compared to 10% across the state; 85% reported first use between the ages of 12-15 compared to the state's rate of 78%.

Q1 Use Disrupts Function – 25% of the youth who answered “Yes” to alcohol and/or drug use stated that the usage disrupted their daily functions – an increase from 18% the previous year. This typically indicates that treatment is warranted. The state's rate was 29%.

Mental Health Domain – 42% of Buncombe youth assessed answered yes to having mental health problems and to being diagnosed with a mental health disorder, compared with 41% of youth assessed across the state. 29% of youth assessed were currently receiving mental health treatment.

Q5 History of Abuse (by a parent including biological, step, adopted, and legal guardians) – 9% of the youth assessed reported a history of physical abuse, compared with the state's rate of 10%. 9% of youth assessed reported a history of sexual abuse; higher than the state's rate of 7%.

Q6 Victimization History (by a peer or older person) – 6% of youth assessed reported experiences of sexual vulnerability.

Aggression Domain

Q1 Violence – Of Buncombe youth assessed, 5% had displayed a weapon (NC 10%), 3% had used a weapon (NC 8%), 9% had indications of bullying/threatening (NC 24%), 7% of destruction of property (NC 14%), 47% of assaultive behavior (NC 41%), and 2% of assault with a serious injury (NC 5%).

Employment and Free Time Domain

Q1 Employment – 24% of youth assessed were currently employed, 66% had never been employed, and 15% reported prior successful employment.

Q5 & Q6 Free Time – 25% of youth assessed participated in one or more structured activities, and 33% participated in one or more unstructured activities.

Part II. Summary of Community Resources

See Buncombe JCPC Youth Resource Guide, 2023-2024 ([linked here](#)).

Part III. Summary of Gaps and Barriers in the Continuum of Services

- **Restitution/Community Service** to address needs for positive peer support and provide diversion and restitution pathways for court-involved youth. *Earn and Learn is a necessary service used regularly by court services; not available without JCPC funding.*
- **Comprehensive Clinical Assessments (CCAs) / Individual or Group Counseling / Substance Use Counseling Services** to address the need for youth coming through DJJ to access timely assessments and mental/behavioral health services. *Buncombe County Youth Justice Clinical Program is a new JCPC-funded program to address CCA, individual/ group/ and substance use-related counseling needs.*
- **Teen Court** to address school conflict and the need for positive peer support. *Teen Court is a diversion used regularly by court services that also receives referrals directly from schools.*
- **Interpersonal and Experiential Skill-building** to address school conflict, the need for positive peer support, mental health needs, and conflict in the home. *Kids at Work! and PIVOTPoint are JCPC-funded diversion programs that support building these skills.*
- **Vocational Skill-building**, particularly to address needs for employment and structured activities. *Currently offered through other community programs. JCPC-funded programs The Connection and Kids at Work! include vocational skill building as well.*
- **Restorative Services/Restorative Justice**, particularly to address school conflict, needs for positive peer support, and to provide alternative responses to reduce school-based complaints for youth with low risks, low needs, and high strengths. *Restorative practices are being implemented in some schools, however, there is a need for more Restorative Justice diversion programs / alternative pathways away from court referrals.*
- **Parent/Family Skill Building**, particularly to address histories of abuse and/or victimization, conflict in the home, and the need for family supervision skills. *Currently offered through other community programs. Services addressing problems of sexual behavior are provided by TASK (Treatment Alternatives for Sexualized Kids).*
- **Structured Day / Tutoring / Academic Enhancement / Mentoring**, particularly to address needs related to school conflict, attendance, academic performance, and desire for involvement in activities. *Academic tutoring and mentoring are offered through JCPC-funded Partners Unlimited – Structured Day, and several non-JCPC funded programs.*
- **Runaway / Temporary Shelter** to address needs related to incidents of running away from home or placement, history of abuse, and the need for family supervision skills. *There is not a primary resource for temporary and runaway shelter for youth in Buncombe County. When needed, DJJ is currently using community placements funded by other sources.*

Part IV. Proposed Priority Services for Funding

The committee compared the services needed to address the elevated identified risks and needs with services currently available in the community. Priorities were determined, in part, based on ranking dispositional alternatives as top priorities, then diversion programs, and finally other needed services. Through reviewing the Youth Assessment Screening Inventory (YASI) data, and a community resource assessment, the JCPC has determined that the following services are priorities to serve youth who are court-involved and to reduce/prevent future involvement:

- Priority 1: Restitution / Community Service** (*Earn & Learn*)
- Priority 2: Comprehensive Clinical Assessments (CCAs) / Individual or Group Counseling / Substance Use Counseling Services** (*Youth Justice Clinical Program*)
- Priority 3: Teen Court** (*Teen Court*)
- Priority 4: Interpersonal /Experiential Skills** (*Kids at Work!, PIVOTPoint*)
- Priority 5: Vocational Skills** (*The Connection*)
- Priority 6: Restorative Services / Restorative Justice**
- Priority 7: Parent / Family Skill Building**
- Priority 8: Structured Day/Tutoring/Academic Enhancement/Mentoring** (*Buncombe Structured Day*)
- Priority 9: Runaway / Temporary Shelter**

The Buncombe County JCPC shifted towards a 2-year funding cycle last year, so all but one of the current JCPC programs are funded through the coming FY24 – 25 (the Youth Justice Clinical Program was a new program and so was only eligible for one year of funding). This means that the JCPC funds available to release in FY24-25 will be limited to the funds currently allocated to one program.

Given the limited funds available for FY24-25 and the assessment of current needs and gaps of services, the planning committee recommends the following services in ranked order be approved as funding priorities in FY24-25:

- Priority 2: Comprehensive Clinical Assessments (CCAs) / Individual or Group Counseling / Substance Use Counseling Services**
- Priority 6: Restorative Services / Restorative Justice**

These funding priorities are recommended in response to ongoing mental and behavioral health needs, as well as concerns regarding the high percentage of complaints filed for youth with low levels of risk and need, high strengths, paired with high percentage of school-based complaints. The committee recommends increasing alternative pathways to respond to youth behavior and needs, including through behavioral health and restorative justice opportunities, increasing access to other JCPC-funded programs through direct referrals from community members, and increasing awareness of community-based resources available to support youth.

Part III. Appendix – Additional Data

Overview of Juvenile Court Data – Buncombe County

The Overview of Juvenile Court Data includes information about how programs are used and the legal status of youth when referred to the Buncombe JCPC Programs.

| Juvenile Demographics | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Juvenile Population ages 6-17 | 34,120 | 34,039 | 33,440 | 33,167 |
| Juvenile Population ages 10-17 | | 23,312 | 22,994 | 22,736 |
| Juvenile Population ages 16 & 17 | | 5,900 | 6,028 | 6,095 |
| Juveniles seen in Intake | 337 | 256 | 456 | 385 |
| Juveniles Put on Diversion Plans or Contracts | 153 | 131 | 261 | 151 |
| Juveniles Approved for Court | 155 | 125 | 171 | 201 |
| Juveniles Adjudicated | 68 | 77 | 70 | 106 |
| Juveniles Put on Protective Supervision | 22 | 15 | 17 | 16 |
| Juveniles Put on Probation | 38 | 61 | 51 | 13 |
| Number of Detention Admissions | 54 | 48 | 47 | 5 |
| Number of Juveniles Committed to YDC | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Number of Juveniles put on Post Release Supervision | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| School-Based Complaints* | 49.00% | 20.57% | 57.61% | 48.92% |

*Please note: School-based offenses were off by one year in last year's Overview of Buncombe Court Data. All four years have been corrected in this year's information.

| JCPC Program Participants Legal Status at Referral to Program (Pulled from NC JOIN Data) | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Youth at Risk | 35 | 15 | 46 | 37 |
| Court Counselor Consultation | 123 | 15 | 2 | 2 |
| Vulnerable Juvenile (youth under age 10) | | | | 1 |
| Intake/Diverted | 69 | 35 | 134 | 89 |
| Petition Filed | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Deferred Prosecution | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Adjudicated Undisciplined, Disposition Pending | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Adjudicated Delinquent, Disposition Pending | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Protective Supervision | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Probation | 24 | 32 | 14 | 30 |
| Committed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Post Release Supervision | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Continuation Services | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Interstate Compact | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 259 | 103 | 201 | 162 |

Buncombe Program Admissions by Legal Status 22-23 (Pulled from NC ALLIES Data)

| Program Name | Court Counselor Consultation | Youth at Risk | Voluntary Juvenile (under age 10) | Intake/ Diverted | Petition Filed | Adjudicated | Probation | Protective Supervision | Referred from District Court | Interstate Compact (ICJ) | Continuation Services | Committed | Total |
|--|------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------|-----------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-------|
| Buncombe Structured Day | | 2 | | 5 | | | | 1 | | | | | 8 |
| Buncombe County Youth Justice Clinical Program | 3 | | | 1 | | | 3 | | | | | | 7 |
| Teen Court | | 19 | 1 | 24 | | | | | | | | | 44 |
| Earn and Learn | | | | 25 | 1 | | 20 | 1 | | | | | 47 |
| Aspire - The Connection | | | | 5 | | | 1 | | | | | | 6 |
| Aspire -Kids at Work! | | 9 | | 25 | | | 6 | | | | | | 40 |
| Eliada Student Training for Advancement | | 4 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 5 |
| PIVOTPoint WNC | | 4 | | 8 | | | 3 | | | | | | 15 |
| | 3 | 38 | 1 | 94 | 1 | 0 | 33 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 172 |

\$73,357**Anticipated Annual Allocation****30%****Required Local Match Rate****2/2/2024****Date Advertised****Buncombe County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council – Request for Proposals**

The Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) studied risk factors and needs of youth involved in Juvenile Court in this county and hereby publishes this Request for Proposals. The JCPC anticipates funds from the NC Dept. of Public Safety (NCDPS) in the amount above to fund the program types specified below. Programs will serve court-involved youth and youth at-risk of court-involvement for the **fiscal year 2024-25** beginning on or after **July 1, 2024**. The use of these funds **require a local match of 30%**.

Based on identified needed programs and possible gaps in the [service continuum](#), the following program types will be considered for funding:

- 1) Comprehensive Clinical Assessments (CCAs) / Individual or Group Counseling / Substance Use Counseling Services
- 2) Restorative Services / Restorative Justice

Programs that reduce risks, address needs, and increase protective factors for youth will be considered for funding. Elevated risks and needs identified for youth in Buncombe County by the Youth Assessment Screening Instrument (YASI) include the following: (See linked [Summary Risk & Needs Report, December, 2023](#))

- Need for positive peer influence, friends, and companions.
- Mental Health (including history of abuse and victimization)
- Alcohol/Substance Use (Age at 1st use and support those whose use disrupts function)
- Family Alcohol/Substance Use
- Assaultive behavior
- Runaway from Home or Placement
- Employment and Free Time (including increasing participation in structured and unstructured activities)
- School Enrollment, Attendance, Conflict, Academic Performance, Engagement with Activities

Applicants should provide:

- Program services that are shown to be effective with youth and families involved with the juvenile justice system (see NCDPS JCPC Minimum Standards [here](#)).
- Program services are outcome-based and have an evaluation component.
- Awareness of and sensitivity to Racial and Ethnic Disparities that exist in the County.

Only local public agencies, 501c3 non-profit organizations and local housing authorities will be considered for funding.

Interested organizations are required to complete an online application at the NC Dept of Public Safety website [NC ALLIES](#). Application instructions are linked [here](#) and [here](#). Private non-profits are also required to submit: 1) No Over Due Tax form, 2) DPS Conflict of Interest Statement, 3) Agency Conflict of Interest Policy, and 4) Proof of 501(c)(3) status.

**New Applicants are required to attend a JCPC Program Application Orientation Workshop:
Tuesday, Feb. 6 from 10-11 a.m. or Friday, Feb. 9 from 1-2 p.m. on Webex.**

Contact Lorraine Williams (info below) to register.

- **Application submission deadline is Monday, March 5, 2024, by 5 p.m.** All applications must be submitted in [NCALLIES](#) **AND** through **submitting 18 hard copies to:** Hannah Legerton, 200 College St., Suite 300, Asheville, NC 28801
- *Applicants will be required to present their proposal in an all-day Allocations Hearing on **Wednesday, March 13th**.*

For more info, please contact:

- JCPC Administrator, Hannah.Legerton@buncombecounty.org, 828-250-4087
- NCDPS Area Consultant, Lorraine.williams@ncdps.gov, 828-405-4056 (Application technical assistance & workshop)

**The deadline for receiving
the application:**

03/05/24 by 5pm

Submit on NCALLIES and deliver 18 copies to: Hannah Legerton, 200 College St., Suite 300, Asheville, NC 28801

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- Employment and Free Time (including increasing participation in structured and unstructured activities)
- School Enrollment, Attendance, Conflict, Academic Performance, Engagement with Activities

Applicants should provide:

- Program services that are shown to be effective with youth and families involved with the juvenile justice system (see NCDPS JCPC Minimum Standards [here](#)).
- Program services are outcome-based and have an evaluation component.
- Awareness of and sensitivity to Racial and Ethnic Disparities that exist in the County.

Only local public agencies, 501c3 non-profit organizations and local housing authorities will be considered for funding.

Interested organizations are required to complete an online application at the NC Dept of Public Safety website [NC ALLIES](#). Application instructions are linked [here](#) and [here](#). Private non-profits are also required to submit: 1) No Over Due Tax form, 2) DPS Conflict of Interest Statement, 3) Agency Conflict of Interest Policy, and 4) Proof of 501(c)(3) status.

New Applicants are required to attend a JCPC Program Application Orientation Workshop:

Contact Lorraine Williams (info below) to register.

- **Application submission deadline is Friday, April 19, 2024, by 12pm.** All applications must be submitted in [NCALLIES](#).
- *Applicants will be required to present their proposal during an Allocations Hearing, date and time **TBD**.*

For more info, please contact:

- JCPC Administrator, Hannah.Legerton@buncombecounty.org, 828-250-4087
- NCDPS Area Consultant, Lorraine.williams@ncdps.gov, 828-405-4056 (Application technical assistance & workshop)

The deadline for receiving the application:

04/19/24 by 12pm

Submit on [NCALLIES](#). Contact Lorraine Williams for support.

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| Funding Decision for: | FY 2024-2025 | Date Completed: | 5/10/2024 |
| Program(s) Funded | Select 1-year or 2-year funding and reason(s) for Funding (Check all that apply) | | |
| Teen Court (Buncombe Alternatives) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2-year Funding approved for FY2023-2024 and 2024-2025 OR <input type="checkbox"/> 1-year Funding approved for FY Rationale for 2-year Funding approval: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Funded in past _____ years <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In good standing with county/JCPC and DPS (following PA, timely reports, reporting to JCPC as requested) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Favorable JCPC monitoring <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In compliance with Consultant Monitoring <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quality of Service Assessment (QOS) rating is min 70% (min. score of 14) OR progress made on PEP in QOS. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provides an essential dispositional option, explain: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meets target population as described in Program Agreement (<i>number served, and described target population</i>), with minimal exceptions (i.e. less than 10% variance) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meets funding priority <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compatible with research <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost efficient <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Addresses reductions of complaints, violations of supervision & convictions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Has evaluation component <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Addresses parental accountability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Addresses use of alcohol/controlled substances <input type="checkbox"/> Addresses restitution to victims <input type="checkbox"/> Addresses gang participation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Would increase funding to this service if funds were available <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ Other _____ | | |
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| Kids at Work! & The Connection (Aspire – Buncombe) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2-year Funding approved for FY2023-2024 and 2024-2025 OR <input type="checkbox"/> 1-year Funding approved for FY Rationale for 2-year Funding approval: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Funded in past _____ years <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In good standing with county/JCPC and DPS (following PA, timely reports, reporting to JCPC as requested) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Favorable JCPC monitoring <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In compliance with Consultant Monitoring <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quality of Service Assessment (QOS) rating is min 70% (min. score of 14) OR progress made on PEP in QOS. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provides an essential dispositional option, explain: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meets target population as described in Program Agreement (<i>number served, and described target population</i>), with minimal exceptions (i.e. less than 10% variance) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meets funding priority <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compatible with research <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost efficient <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Addresses reductions of complaints, violations of supervision & convictions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Has evaluation component <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Addresses parental accountability <input type="checkbox"/> Addresses use of alcohol/controlled substances <input type="checkbox"/> Addresses restitution to victims <input type="checkbox"/> Addresses gang participation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Would increase funding to this service if funds were available <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ Other _____ | | |
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| Program Not Funded | Reason for Not Funding (Check all that apply) |
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| Buncombe Structured Day (Partners Unlimited, Inc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of funding, addresses priority need and would fund if resources allowed <input type="checkbox"/> Does not meet funding priority <input type="checkbox"/> Not compatible with research <input type="checkbox"/> Lesser quality than another program funded of its type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greater cost than program of same type and quality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Unfavorable JCPC monitoring <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Concerns about low numbers served and retained, and decreased need for structured day services as local school systems have developed their own alternatives to suspension programs |
| Aspired ACES (Aspire-Buncombe) | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of funding, addresses priority need and would fund if resources allowed <input type="checkbox"/> Does not meet funding priority <input type="checkbox"/> Not compatible with research <input type="checkbox"/> Lesser quality than another program funded of its type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greater cost than program of same type and quality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Decreased need for alternatives to suspension services as local school systems have developed their own alternatives to suspension programs <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
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Program Enhancement Plan

Program:

Buncombe County Teen Court

Brief
Description:

Teen Court is a diversion from juvenile court and an alternative to out of school suspension for low level offenders who have admitted guilt. Clients are given the opportunity to take responsibility for their offense by participating in court proceedings held by trained youth and adult volunteers. Teen Court does not decide guilt or innocence but centers on lowered recidivism through restorative justice.

| Category | SPEP Score | Enhancement Opportunity | Action Steps | Responsible Party | Comments: |
|---------------------------------------|------------|---|---|---|--|
| Primary Service Supplemental Services | 0 | | | | |
| Quality of Service Delivery | 18 | <p>Program Evaluation: Data on clients served pre and post programming will be collected and provide evaluation results</p> <p>Program Policies and Procedures: Create and implement a set of policy and procedures for tracking staff hours for direct referrals/tracking recidivism rates for SBTC and SJP direct referrals</p> | <p>Secure Funding and purchase the on-line program through The Change Companies All staff receive the training for on- line data entry and outcomes/this may go towards staff training hours</p> <p>Ensure Asheville City Schools and Buncombe County Schools are trained and understand the direct referral and SBTC options.</p> <p>Create flow chart, power point and calendar to educate the direct referral process for the court staff, SRO's and School Administration</p> | <p>Executive Director and Director of Teen Court Programs and Interns</p> <p>Executive Director/Director of Teen Court Programs/School Admin/School Resource officers and DJJ</p> | <p>PROGRESS: Funds secured and purchased the on-line programming services. Purchased by the 23-24 Program Year.</p> <p>IN-PROGRESS: Program staff will complete the series of trainings. All staff will be trained as of April-2024</p> <p>IN-PROGRESS and ON-Going: School Administrators trained and informed of the School Based Teen Court options and direct referral process completed by Jan 2024</p> <p>IN- PROGRESS and ON-Going: Court staff & School Resource Officers, School Admin are attending and receiving the proper materials to assist in direct referrals</p> |

Program Enhancement Plan

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| | | Structured Training and Program Documentation: Re-evaluate and create an organizational chart that allows for direct supervision of the Program Staff. Re-evaluate and create a more consistent volunteer and in-kind tracking system Re-evaluate the current staff and volunteer tracking system for training | Create an organizational chart that allows the Board to have a Best Practice position that will enhance the QOS and support the Program plan of work. Create a more fluid in-kind tracking system to track, courthouse and school hours, volunteer hours and validation. Have a system in place for staff signatures and validation of hours and scheduled trainings | Board of Directors/ Executive Director/Director of Teen Court Programs/Program Staff/Intern/Adults and youth volunteers | PROGRESS and ON-Going: We are creating a DPS recommended structure that will oversee Program Staff and accomplishments to ensure that services are readily available and delivered by agency standards. IN -PROGRESS and gathering feedback from community partners. Tracking systems and validation process are in action and feedback has been positive. IN – PROGRESS and ON-Going |
| Amount of Service: Duration and Contact Hours | 0 | | | | |
| Risk Level of Youth | | | | | |
| Total | 18 | | | | |

This Plan is approved by: Karen K. Peerson 2-1-2024
Program Manager Name & Signature Date



JCPC Chair Name & Signature 5-9-24
Date

Program Enhancement Plan

Program:

Earn & Learn Community Service and Restitution

Brief
Description:

Earn & Learn is the community service/restitution program in Buncombe County. This program works with youth assigned community service hours and/or given a monetary compensation requirement for victims provided through DJJ. Through supervised, assigned work and evidence-based journaling, juveniles provide important service to the community, are held accountable for their actions, and given the opportunity to acknowledge any harm they may have caused

| Category | SPEP Score | Enhancement Opportunity | Action Steps | Responsible Party | Comments: |
|-----------------------------|------------|--|---|--|---|
| Primary Service | 10 | | | | |
| Supplemental Services | 5 | | | | |
| Quality of Service Delivery | 17 | <p>Program Evaluation:</p> <p>Data on clients served pre and post programming will be collected and provide evaluation results</p> <p>Program Policies and Procedures:</p> <p>Create a more specific set of policy and procedures for tracking site supervisor hours. Develop a training to include site reviews and evaluations to streamline effectiveness</p> | <p>Secure Funding and purchase the on-line program through The Change Companies</p> <p>All staff receive the training for on- line data entry and outcomes/this may go towards staff training hours</p> <p>Ensure community service sites and supervisors are trained annually. Continue to elaborate and collaborate with community partners</p> <p>Create a specific power point training to educate the community partners and site supervisors and stakeholders</p> | <p>Executive Director and Program Staff/ Interns</p> <p>Executive Director/ Director of Community Service & Restitution/Program Staff/Site Supervisors</p> | <p>PROGRESS and Completed: Funds secured and purchased the on-line programming services. Purchased by the 23-24 Program Year.</p> <p>IN-PROGRESS and COMPLETED: Program staff will complete the series of trainings. All staff will be trained as of April-2024</p> <p>IN-PROGRESS and COMPLETED: Training and site contracts and site reviews completed in Jan 2024 and will happen again through the remainder of this year.</p> <p>IN- PROGRESS and ON-Going: Court staff & community partners and site supervisors are attending and receiving the proper materials and tracking documentation.</p> |

Program Enhancement Plan

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| | | Structured Training and Program Documentation: Re-evaluate and create a more consistent volunteer and in-kind tracking system Re-evaluate the current staff and volunteer tracking system for training | Create a more fluid in-kind tracking system to track, site supervisors, volunteer hours and validation. Have a system in place for staff signatures and validation of hours and scheduled trainings | Board of Directors/ Executive Director /Program Staff/ Intern /Adult and youth volunteers | IN-PROGRESS and ON-Going: gathering feedback from community partners. Tracking systems and validation process are in action and feedback has been positive. This is completed each quarter. |
| Amount of Service: Duration and Contact Hours | 10 | | | | |
| Risk Level of Youth | 10 | | | | |
| Total | 52 | | | | |

This Plan is approved by: Karen K. Peerson 12-12-2023
Program Manager Name & Signature Date

 5-9-24
JCPC Chair Name & Signature Date

Program Enhancement Plan (PEP)

Program/Component: Kids At Work Buncombe KAW

Brief Description: Kids at Work is an interpersonal skills development program based around the culinary arts. Youth are a part of the program for 20 weeks and meet for three hours once a week for instruction. The curriculum consists of 20 hands-on lessons that are designed to meet the youths unique learning styles and help them apply the skills in a work environment. Youth ages 14 and above also receive ServSafe food safety training and certification exam, making them more marketable for employment.

| Category | SPEP Score | Enhancement Opportunity | Action Steps | Responsible Party | Progress Report: Describe progress made, include date, what has been completed, in process or no progress |
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| Primary Service | 15 | | | | |
| Qualifying Supplemental Service | 5 | | | | |
| Quality of Service Delivery | 16 | Staff Retention & Software Enhancement for Reporting and Monitoring | 1. Revision of Job Descriptions and new Hiring strategies; 2. Enhanced Supervision by District Leads of Staff; 3. Staff input at regularly scheduled staff meetings; 4. Direction to software technicians to enhance system for better monitoring of student success and reports needed; 5. District Lead monitoring of data input and output on scheduled and regular basis. | Human Resources, Executive Director, District Leaders | 1. Job description have all been revised to accurately reflect job duties & responsibilities; 2. Enhanced supervision instituted; 3. Staff meetings regularly scheduled and attended; 4. Technicians providing enhancements to software; 5. Monitoring schedule being implemented for district leaders |
| Amount of Service: Duration and Contact Hours | 10 | | | | |
| Risk Level of Youth | 5 | | | | |
| Total SPEP Score | 51 | | | | |
| POP | 60% | | | | |

This Plan is approved by: Kimberly Castsano

Program Manager Signature

Date

JCPC Chair Signature

Date

5-10-17

Program Enhancement Plan (PEP)



Program/Component: PIVOTPointWNC -- Interpersonal Skills Program

Brief Description: PIVOTPointWNC offers therapeutic adventure-based interventions to court-involved youth ages 14 and older who are delinquent, undisciplined, or diverted, and to youth who are at-risk of court involvement. PIVOTPointWNC is a 10-week experiential program with 4-6-hour sessions in hiking, climbing, biking, rafting, and paddleboarding. Activities are paired with in-depth individualized goals and group dynamic-based facilitation and offers real-life application of inter- and intra-personal skill building, reducing substance use and recidivism utilizing the following therapy models: CBT, Adventure Therapy, Mindfulness-based practice, Acceptance and Commitment Therapy, and Person-Centered Therapy.

| Category | SPEP Score | Enhancement Opportunity | Action Steps | Responsible Party | Progress Report: Describe progress made, include date, what has been completed, in process or no progress |
|---------------------------------|------------|--|---|-------------------|---|
| Primary Service | 15 | | | | |
| Qualifying Supplemental Service | 5 | Full Requirement Met | N/A | | |
| Quality of Service Delivery | 17 | Increase Outreach to referring sources | 1. Plan Monthly meetings with Court Counselors to discuss program to increase referral base; 2. Work directly with Buncombe County Schools with universal referral forms for those identified as at-risk and/or prevention. | Tai Kulenic | In-Progress & Ongoing |

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| Amount of Service: Duration and Contact Hours | 14 | Number of weeks will never reach the optimal 12-16wk mark because our program is only 10wks based on feedback from court counselors; however, our contact hours exceeds triple the requirements | We will continue to meet with Court Counselors to fine-tune the duration of our program to best fit the needs of court-referred youth. It has been suggested that the duration of the program be shortened in week duration overall. We will continue to exceed the contact hours, however, based on our program curriculum. | Tai Kulenic | In-Progress & Ongoing |
| Risk Level of Youth | 2 | This category is out of our control | PIVOTPoint gathers collateral information, meets with referred youth and family, as well as anyone directly in contact with referral when risk factors and/or intake limitations are high because we realize that the paperwork does not always give a fair representation of the individual. | Tai Kulenic | In-Progress & Ongoing |
| Total SPEP Score | 53 | | | | |
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This Plan is approved by:

 5.9.24  5.10.24
 Program Manager Signature Date JCPC Chair Signature Date

Program Enhancement Plan (PEP)

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|---------------------------|---|
| Program/Component: | Buncombe Structured Day |
| Brief Description: | Our program targets at-risk youth between the ages of 12 and 18 who have been suspended from school, are at risk of court involvement and/or are involved with the court, youth identified as economically disadvantaged, and youth who have issues that prevent them from being academically successful. |

| Category | SPEP Score | Enhancement Opportunity | Action Steps | Responsible Party | Progress Report: Describe progress made, include date, what has been completed, in process or no progress |
|---|------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| Primary Service | | | | | |
| Qualifying Supplemental Service | | We are constantly improving our components based on need--i.e. GED support | Referral information from ABTech, along with their supplemental program in the Edington Center and UPFront Management. | Program Manager and Academic Director | All components are fully functional and confirmed |
| Quality of Service Delivery | | Based on an individual plan for each at risk youth | Per outlined plan | Program Manager and Academic Director | Progress based on return to their home school |
| Amount of Service: Duration and Contact Hours | | Time will vary based on referral information | | | Each at-risk youth will be followed up on at the end of each school semester |
| Risk Level of Youth | | N/A | | | |
| Total SPEP Score | 0 | | | | |
| POP | | | | | |

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| This Plan is approved by: | Sallie Graves, Program Manager 1/9/2024P | Jorge Redmond. 5/9/2024 | |
| | Program Manager Signature | JCPC Chair Signature | Date |

Brief Program Descriptions, FY2024 – 2025
For Programs without a Program Enhancement Plan

Youth Justice Clinical Program, Buncombe County Justice Services

NAME OF COMPONENT: Group Counseling

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: The Youth Justice Clinical Program provides group counseling via trauma-informed Motivational Interviewing, Cognitive Behavior Therapy, and Dialectical Behavioral Therapy to at-risk, delinquent, and adjudicated youth. The program addresses delinquent behaviors, family functioning, and other barriers and improves youths' ability to effectively cope with complex traumatic experiences. Effective counseling services help eliminate barriers/reduce recidivism for court-involved youth.

NAME OF COMPONENT: Comprehensive Clinical Assessment

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: The Youth Justice Clinical Program addresses the continuum of needs by providing extensive behavioral health assessments. Comprehensive Clinical Assessments ensure that youth receive the most accurate recommendation for future services to meet their individual situation. These services provide rapid access to assessments with priority given for youth involved with Juvenile Court Services or youth at risk of court involvement.

NAME OF COMPONENT: Individual Counseling

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: The Youth Justice Clinical Program addresses the continuum of needs by providing extensive behavioral health counseling. Individual counseling services ensure that youth receive the most appropriate level of care to meet their individual situation. This service provides access to individual counseling with priority given to youth involved with Juvenile Court Services or youth at risk of court involvement.

**Umoja and UNETE Restorative Practices Program,
Umoja Health Wellness & Justice Collective**

NAME OF COMPONENT: Umoja and UNETE Restorative Practices Program

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Umoja Health Wellness & Justice Collective (www.umojahwj.org) and UNETE (www.unetenc.org) will deliver evidence-based restorative services for youth and families engaged with Juvenile Justice in Buncombe County. Based in trauma-informed and resiliency-based curriculums at both organizations, we will deliver flexible services within the following modes: mediation, conferencing between affected parties, and circles to reduce recidivism, prevent future complaints, heal trauma, & share resources.

PIVOTPoint WNC Prevention, PIVOTPoint WNC

NAME OF COMPONENT: Afterschool Prevention

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: PIVOTPoint WNC (PPWNC) offers therapeutic adventure-based interventions to youth ages 14 and older who are at risk of court involvement. This is a preventative, skill-building program using evidence-based programming, including CBT, Experiential Coaching, Adventure Therapy, Mindfulness-based practice, Acceptance and Commitment Therapy, and Person-Centered therapy. It introduces personal agency development and pro-social skills, reducing substance use and recidivism.