

Buncombe County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
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Juvenile Justice/Juvenile Community Programming and the
Buncombe County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC)

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NEWS RELEASE

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Funds Available for Juvenile Delinquency Interventions

Approximately \$644,477 in state funding will be awarded to local non-profits and public agencies to assist in funding a variety of innovative projects for delinquent and at-risk youth. There will be a **mandatory** applicant orientation on Monday, February 17th, 2020 to be held at 200 College Street in Asheville on the 4th floor in room 404. Currently funded agencies will meet from 9:15am to 10:00am and new applicants will meet from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Programs will be required to complete an online application through NC Allies, the requirements and guidelines for access and submission will be given during the orientation. The application deadline is Monday, March 16th, 2020 by 5:00pm. All applications must be submitted in NC Allies and 18 hard copies submitted to Melissa Moses at 35 Woodfin Street Asheville, 28801 on the main level. The allocations hearing date will be Wednesday, April 22nd, 2020 at 200 College Street in the main level conference rooms.

The JCPC planning committee observed the following risk factors.

*R6 – Known Use – Alcohol, Illegal Drugs (prior 12 months) Buncombe County is showing a 2% increase from 23% in 2016-17 to 25% in 2018-19 in youth having some substance use and needing further assessment. That is higher than the state rate of 20% in 2018-19. It was noted that these responses are self-reported and are likely under reported.

R7 – School Behavior Problems (prior 12 months) Buncombe County shows an increase in serious school behavior problems from 42% in 2016-17 to 48% in 2017-18 and another increase in 2018-19 to 55%. 82% of school behavior problems are documented as being moderate to serious problems.

R8 – Relationship with Peers. There is a slight increase in youth being a gang member or associates with a gang from 1% in 2017-18 to 2% in 2018-19.

The JCPC planning committee observed the following elevated needs factors.

Y1 – Peer Relationships. In Buncombe County there has been a slight increase in gang association from 1% in 2017-18 to 2% in 2018-19.

Y2 – School Behavior/Adjustment. In Buncombe County the percentage of youth with serious school behavior problems has steadily increased since 2015-16 at 39% to 41% in 2016-17 to 48% in 2017-18 then to 54% in 2018-19 which is higher than the state rate of 51% in 2018-19.

Y6 – Abuse Neglect History. In Buncombe County in 2018-19 the percentage of abuse victims with support was 22% which is a decrease in the percentage of abuse victim with support in 2017-18 at 29%.

The JCPC proposes that the following services be approved as the funding priorities for fiscal year 2020-2021.

- Priority 1: Restitution/Community Service**
- Priority 2: Sex Offender Treatment**
- Priority 3: Teen Court**
- Priority 4: Vocational Skills**
- Priority 5: Interpersonal Skills**
- Priority 6: Runaway Shelter**
- Priority 7: Structured Day**
- Priority 8: Mentoring**
- Priority 9: Tutoring**
- Priority 10: Experiential Skills**

The Allocations Committee of the Buncombe County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) is responsible for reviewing and allocating funds to programs designed to serve delinquent and at risk youth and reduce the number of youth who enter the state’s youth development centers. **Any non-profits or public agency interested in applying for JCPC funds is *required* to send a representative to the applicant orientation. Below are the important dates.**

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- **For more information, please contact Melissa Moses, JCPC Coordinator at 828-776-7204, melissa.moses@buncombecounty.org.**