NC Early Childhood Action Plan

Vision Statement: All North Carolina children will get a healthy start and develop to their full potential in safe and nurturing families, schools and communities.

By 2025, all North Carolina young children from birth to age eight will be:

1. Healthy: Children are healthy at birth and thrive in environments that support their optimal health and well-being.
2. Safe and Nurtured: Children grow confident, resilient, and independent in safe, stable, and nurturing families, schools, and communities.
3. Learning and Ready to Succeed: Children experience the conditions they need to build strong brain architecture and skills that support their success in school and life.
NC Early Childhood Action Plan
Goal 1: Healthy Babies
Babies across North Carolina from all backgrounds will have a healthy start in their first year of life.

Goal 2: Preventive Health Services
Babies, toddlers, young children and their families will have regular, ongoing access to high-quality health services.

Goal 3: Food Security
Babies, toddlers, young children and their families across North Carolina will have access to enough healthy food every day.

Goal 4: Safe and Secure Housing
Babies, toddlers, young children and their families across North Carolina will have access to safe, secure and affordable housing.

Goal 5: Safe and Nurturing Relationships
Babies, toddlers and young children across North Carolina will grow up with safe and nurturing family and caregiver relationships.
Goal 6: Permanent Families for Children in Foster Care
Babies, toddlers and young children in foster care will grow up in stable, consistent and nurturing families, whether that is with the child’s birth family or through an adoptive family.

Goal 7: Social-Emotional Health and Resilience
Babies, toddlers and young children across North Carolina will express, recognize and manage their emotions in a healthy way, especially under stress.

Goal 8: High-Quality Early Learning
Babies, toddlers and young children across North Carolina will have access to high-quality opportunities to engage in early learning.

Goal 9: On Track for School Success
Young children across North Carolina will enter kindergarten on track for reaching their developmental goals.

Goal 10: Reading at Grade Level
Young children across North Carolina will read on grade-level in elementary school, with a particular focus on African American, American Indian and Hispanic children who face the greatest systemic barriers to reading success.
Community Health Improvement

Buncombe County’s Community Health Improvement Process (CHIP) brings together many diverse partners to improve the health of our community. They align their efforts and support each other for greater collective impact on the priorities identified through our Community Health Assessment (CHA).
State of Children in Buncombe County

**Methodology**

County-specific data, when available & relevant:

- Based on categories from NC Early Childhood Action Plan
- Expanded ages to include birth to age 18
- Selected 2017 as a common most recently available year
- Compared with with region and/or state
- Shown in a trend
- Examined through lens of racial disparity
Healthy Babies

Data Included:
- Birth Rate
- Infant Mortality Rate
- Low Birth Weight
- Teen Pregnancy
- Prenatal Care

Goal 1: Healthy Babies
Babies across North Carolina from all backgrounds will have a healthy start in their first year of life.
Birth Rate

Rate per 1,000 population, 5-year aggregates
### Infant Mortality Rate

**Rate per 1,000 live births, 5-year aggregates**

#### Infant Mortality Rate Trend
- **Buncombe**
- **WNC Region**
- **North Carolina**

#### Table: Infant Mortality Rate by County

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*Rate per 1,000 live births, 5-year aggregates*
Low Birth Weight

2012-2016 Low Weight (≤2500 grams) Births by Race

- White Non-Hispanic: Buncombe 7.8, WNC Region 8.6, North Carolina 7.5
- Other Non-Hispanic: Buncombe 10.2, WNC Region 10.2, North Carolina 9.3
- Hispanic: Buncombe 5.9, WNC Region 6.4, North Carolina 6.9

2012-2016 Very Low Weight (≤1500 grams) Births by Race

- White Non-Hispanic: Buncombe 1.4, WNC Region 1.4, North Carolina 1.2
- Black Non-Hispanic: Buncombe 3.9, WNC Region 6.2, North Carolina 3.2

By Race, Single 5-year aggregate
Teen Pregnancy

Teen Pregnancy Trend
(per 1,000 Women age 15-19)

- Buncombe
- WNC Region
- North Carolina


Rate per 1,000 women, single years
Prenatal Care

2016 Percent of Pregnancies Receiving Prenatal Care in the First Trimester, by Race

- White Non-Hispanic: 87.9, 79.8, 75.6
- African American Non-Hispanic: 87.9, 61.9, 61.4
- Other Non-Hispanic: 77.4, 73.7, 67.3
- Hispanic: 91.6, 75.3, 58

Percent of total, single years
Preventive Health

Data Included:
- Medicaid Eligible
- Uninsured
- Medicaid by Race & Ethnicity

**Goal 2: Preventive Health Services**

Babies, toddlers, young children and their families will have regular, ongoing access to high-quality health services.
Authorized Medicaid eligibles as of December each year, single years
Uninsured

Estimated Percent under age 19
Uninsured

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# of Children (0-18) Uninsured in Buncombe County, 2017

- No insurance, 1,944, 4%
- With insurance, 49,434, 96%

Health insurance coverage estimate, single years
### Medicaid by Race & Ethnicity

**Children 0-17 Receiving Medicaid, 2017**

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Food Security

Data Included:
• Free & Reduced Lunch
• Access/Proximity to Grocery Stores
• Food & Nutrition Services Participation
• Food Assistance by Race & Ethnicity

Goal 3: Food Security
Babies, toddlers, young children and their families across North Carolina will have access to enough healthy food every day.
Free & Reduced Lunch

Percent of Students Eligible for Free or Reduced School Meals

- Buncombe
- WNC Region
- Asheville City Schools
- North Carolina

Yearly data from SY08-09 to SY16-17:

- 46.38%
- 48.42%
- 49.42%
- 50.8%
- 56.24%
- 55.98%
- 56.22%
- 55.86%
- 56.35%
- 55.07%
- 46.95%
- 47.5%
- 43.82%
- 43.77%
- 41.64%

Health insurance coverage estimate, single years
# Access/Proximity to Grocery Stores

## Table: Grocery Stores and Households, no car & low access to store

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Free & Reduced Lunch

Percent of Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch

Health insurance coverage estimate, single years
Food & Nutrition Services Participation

Food and Nutrition Services (SNAP/Food Stamps) Participation - Buncombe County, Jan. 2018

UNC-CH Jordan Institute for Families Management Assistance for Child Welfare, 2018
## Food Assistance by Race & Ethnicity

### Children 0-17 Receiving Food & Nutrition Services, 2017

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Safe and Secure Housing

Data Included:
• Housing Affordability
• Housing Cost (Rented)
• Housing Cost (Owned)
• Housing Adequacy
• Homeless Population

Goal 4: Safe and Secure Housing

Babies, toddlers, young children and their families across North Carolina will have access to safe, secure and affordable housing.
Housing Affordability

Housing Cost >30% of Household Income

- $75,000 OR MORE: 1.5%
- $50,000 - $74,999: 2.5%
- $35,000 - $49,999: 5.3%
- $20,000 - $39,999: 9.1%
- > $20,000: 12.5%

Housing Cost >30% of household income
Housing Cost (Rented)

Housing cost as a percentage of household income, among rented units, 5-year estimates
Housing Cost (Rented)

Housing cost as a percentage of household income, among owned units, 5-year estimates
Housing Adequacy

Housing adequacy of occupied housing units, both rented & owned, 2012-2016

- % with no heating fuel
- % heating house with fuel oil, kerosene, coal, coke, or other fuels *
- % with no telephone service
- % with no vehicle available
- % without complete kitchen facilities
- % without complete plumbing facilities
- % Built in 1959 or earlier **
- % Mobile Homes or other type of housing

State Total (3,815,392 units)  Asheville City (38,328 units)  Buncombe (102,118 units)
Homeless Population

![Bar chart showing homeless population by year from 2005 to 2016. The chart indicates a decrease in homelessness over the years, with the highest number in 2005 and the lowest in 2016. The chart includes categories for households without children and households with at least one adult and one child.]

- In a household without children
- In a household with at least one adult and one child
- In a household with only children

Data: 467, 37, 5
Safe and Nurturing Relationships

Data Included:

- Child Welfare
- Intimate Partner Violence
- Juvenile Justice

**Goal 5: Safe and Nurturing Relationships**

Babies, toddlers and young children across North Carolina will grow up with safe and nurturing family and caregiver relationships.
# Child Welfare

Rates children substantiated for abuse and/or neglect, dependency

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<td><strong>Number of Children with Investigated Reports of Abuse and Neglect</strong></td>
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**Buncombe County**

**North Carolina**

Rates children substantiated for abuse and/or neglect, dependency
Intimate Partner Violence

• 589 children were connected to Helpmate
  • Includes children receiving services as clients and children impacted by violence in the home

• 68 cases were substantiated or found in need of services where injurious environment was identified due to domestic violence
  • including cases with multiple children/siblings

Local provider data, 2017 calendar year
Juvenile Justice

Juvenile Undisciplined Rate
(Complaints per 1,000 Aged 6-17)

- Buncombe
- WNC Region
- North Carolina

2014: 3.47
2015: 4.99
2016: 4.17
2017: 4.17

Juvenile Delinquency Rate
(Complaints per 1,000 Aged 6-17)

- Buncombe
- WNC Region
- North Carolina

2014: 16.56
2015: 15.49
2016: 12.34
2017: 13.11

Juvenile Justice complaints and outcomes, single years
Permanent Families for Children

Data Included:
• Days to permanency

Goal 6: Permanent Families for Children in Foster Care

Babies, toddlers and young children in foster care will grow up in stable, consistent and nurturing families, whether that is with the child’s birth family or through an adoptive family.
## Days to Permanency

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<td>527 days to reunification</td>
<td>377 days to reunification, guardianship or custody</td>
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Children exiting care in in 2017, average days during length of stay
Social-Emotional Health and Resilience

Data Included:
- Social Emotional Learning (SEL)
- Emotion Self-Regulation
- Growth Mindset
- Self-Efficacy
- Self-Management

Goal 7: Social-Emotional Health and Resilience
Babies, toddlers and young children across North Carolina will express, recognize and manage their emotions in a healthy way, especially under stress.
## Social Emotional Learning

### Summary

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<td>Self-Efficacy</td>
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<td>Self-Management</td>
<td>72%</td>
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4,914 responses

Buncombe County Schools, grades 3-5, spring 2019
High Quality Early Learning

Data Included:
• Children in Care
• Enrollment
• Quality of Care
• Teacher Education Levels

Goal 8: High-Quality Early Learning
Babies, toddlers and young children across North Carolina will have access to high-quality opportunities to engage in early learning.
## Children in Care

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Children enrolled in licensed care by age (INF/infant through 5PS/5-year old pre-school)
Enrollment

CHILDREN IN LICENSED CARE (AGES 0-5)

Enrollment by Type of Licensed Facility

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Quality of Care

Children in Licensed High Quality Care - All Children

Percent of children served by 4 or 5 star facilities
Teacher Education Levels

Lead Teacher Education

Percent of children enrolled in 1-5 star centers that have at least 75% of lead teachers with associate's degrees (i.e. 7 lead teacher education points)
On Track for School Success

Goal 9: On Track for School Success
Young children across North Carolina will enter kindergarten on track for reaching their developmental goals.

Data Included:
• School Disciplinary Action
# School Disciplinary Action

## Suspensions and Expulsions, State Fiscal Year 2016-2017

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<th>School System</th>
<th>Total All Grades</th>
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<th>Grade 9-13 (Number)</th>
<th>Grade 9-13 (Rate per 100 students)</th>
<th>Long-Term Suspensions</th>
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Suspensions and Expulsions, State Fiscal Year 2016-2017
High School Drop-Out Rate

High School drop out rates by school district, by State Fiscal Year (SFY)
Reading at Grade Level

Data Included:

• Educational Achievement
• Proficiency
• Gap

Goal 10: Reading at Grade Level

Young children across North Carolina will read on grade-level in elementary school, with a particular focus on African American, American Indian and Hispanic children who face the greatest systemic barriers to reading success.
## Educational Achievement

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<th>Location</th>
<th>% 3rd Graders</th>
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<th>% 8th Graders</th>
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<th>% of All Students</th>
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<th>SAT Participation Rate</th>
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<td>80.6</td>
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Educational achievement indicators by State Fiscal Year (SFY)
Proficiency

Educational achievement indicators by State Fiscal Year (SFY)

Percent of Students Grade Level Proficient on EOG Tests (SY16-17)

- Buncombe
- Asheville City Schools
- WNC Region
- North Carolina

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Asheville City Schools Gap (White/Black)

Grade level proficiency by school year (2018 = SFY 2018)

Achievement Gap = 62 pt
Asheville City Schools Gap (White/Minority)

Grade level proficiency by school year (2018 = SFY 2018)

Achievement Gap = 44 pt
Asheville City Schools Gap (Economically Disadvantaged)

Grade level proficiency by school year (2018 = SFY 2018)

Achievement Gap = 30 pt
Achievement Gap = 33 pt

Grade level proficiency by school year (2018 = SFY 2018)
Buncombe County Schools Gap (White/Minority)

Grade level proficiency by school year (2018 = SFY 2018)

Achievement Gap = 21 pt
Buncombe County Schools Gap (Economically Disadvantaged)

Achievement Gap = 26 pt

Grade level proficiency by school year (2018 = SFY 2018)
State Data Dashboard

Early Childhood Action Plan
NC Department of Health & Human Services
ncdhhs.gov/about/department-initiatives/early-childhood/early-childhood-action-plan
Resources (Handouts)

• NC Early Childhood Action Plan
  NC Department of Health & Human Services
• Buncombe County Economic Snapshot
  NC Budget & Tax Center
• Buncombe County Health Profile
  NC Institute of Medicine
• Buncombe County Eviction Lab Report
  Princeton University
Committee Roadmap

Up Next Month:
October 3, 2019

The State of Early Childhood Education in Buncombe County
Including current data on how many children are being served, demographics, type of care, quality, funding streams, workforce, etc.
Sources

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