FY2026 Early Childhood - Beginning of Year Data (collected October 2025)

LICENSED SLOTS

Organization	Less than 1 year	1 Year old	2 Years Old	3 Years Old	4 years or greater	Head Start	NC PreK	Child Care Subsidy	TOTAL
Buncombe County Schools	0	0	0	30	30	0	0	60	60
Community Action Oppportunities	0	0	0	167	239	442	186	0	406
Donald S Collins Early Learning Center	20	23	27	20	40	0	15	36	130
Irene Wortham Center	8	20	28	27	27	0	0	110	110
The Christine Avery Learning Center	8	10	24	30	16	0	27	65	88
Verner Center for Early Learning	24	32	32	20	44	76	20	18	152
YWCA Early Learning Program	10	24	30	35	35	0	13	70	134
Grand Total	**70**	**109**	**141**	**329**	**431**	**518**	**261**	**359**	**1080**

IDEAL ENROLLMENT

Organization	Less than 1 year	1 Year old	2 Years Old	3 Years Old	4 years or greater	Head Start	NC PreK	Child Care Subsidy	TOTAL
Buncombe County Schools	0	0	0	30	30	0	0	30	60
Community Action Oppportunities	0	16	16	160	246	442	186	0	438
Donald S Collins Early Learning Center	18	23	27	20	36	0	15	50	124
Irene Wortham Center	8	10	28	27	27	0	0	70	100
The Christine Avery Learning Center	8	10	24	30	16	0	27	65	88
Verner Center for Early Learning	24	32	32	20	44	76	20	18	152
YWCA Early Learning Program	10	24	24	35	35	0	18	70	128
Grand Total	**68**	**115**	**151**	**322**	**434**	**518**	**266**	**303**	**1090**

CURRENT ENROLLMENT

Organization	Less than 1 year	1 Year old	2 Years Old	3 Years Old	4 years or greater	Head Start	NC PreK	Child Care Subsidy	TOTAL
Buncombe County Schools	0	0	0	15	44	0	0	0	59
Community Action Oppportunities	0	0	0	119	170	330	156	0	289
Donald S Collins Early Learning Center	18	23	27	19	25	0	14	35	112
Irene Wortham Center	6	10	15	15	12	0	0	30	58
The Christine Avery Learning Center	7	7	17	25	16	0	27	60	72
Verner Center for Early Learning	24	31	38	20	31	76	19	16	144
YWCA Early Learning Program	8	14	29	19	17	0	13	40	87
Grand Total	**63**	**85**	**126**	**232**	**315**	**406**	**229**	**181**	**821**

WAIT LIST

Organization	Less than 1 year	1 year old	2 years old	3 years old	4 years or greater	Total
Buncombe County Schools	45	28	61	58	110	302
Community Action Oppportunities	0	0	0	99	110	209
Donald S Collins Early Learning Center	23	12	16	4	0	55
Irene Wortham Center	39	43	36	36	3	157
The Christine Avery Learning Center	20	19	29	29	25	122
Verner Center for Early Learning	75	70	40	10	3	198
YWCA Early Learning Program	72	65	75	52	25	289
Grand Total	**274**	**237**	**257**	**288**	**276**	**1332**

STAFFING

Organization	Lead teachers	Lead teacher vacancies	Assistant teachers	Assistant teacher vacancies
Buncombe County Schools	4	0	4	0
Community Action Oppportunities	19	7	19	10
Donald S Collins Early Learning Center	12	0	6	0
Irene Wortham Center	1	1	11	7
The Christine Avery Learning Center	10	0	10	2
Verner Center for Early Learning	16	0	28	2
YWCA Early Learning Program	7	3	6	4
Grand Total	**69**	**11**	**84**	**25**