Buncombe County Early Childhood Committee
Focused Investment Plan

Potential Focused Investments
as of 12/2/2025

Slot reimbursement rate enhancements (Local supplements to state programs)

- Continue funding NC PreK slot rate supplement for eligible 4-year-olds
- Supplement to subsidy rates

Locally-designed subsidized childcare models

- Fund Pre-K slots for 4+ year olds from middle income families
- Fund preschool slots for 3-year-olds from middle income families
- A program to support infant and toddler slots/more infant classrooms
- Tri-share type model

Workforce supports

- Teacher pay supplements
- Support, encourage teacher development and education
- Support teachers with training and mental health
- Support our workforce (parents) with childcare
- Campaign to promote the profession of early education

Other ideas

- Establish a program to support behavioral health needs across the system, in classrooms
- Support for Family Child Care Home (FCCH) programs
- Create policy recommendations for county legislative agenda