Buncombe County Early Childhood Committee
Focused Investment Plan

COMMITTEE PROJECT SCHEDULE

Activity	Timeframe	Status
A look at early care & education in Buncombe County - including licensure, quality, data & context	August 2024	Complete
How early care & education is paid for and impacts of Buncombe's Early Childhood Fund	September 2024	Complete
Pause related to Tropical Storm Helene & FY2026 Funding Process	October 2024 – July 2025	Complete
FY2025 Data Review & Recap of 2024 Funding Strategy Series	August 2025	Complete
Data Measures: Program & System-level County Comparison Data	September 2025	Complete
State of Child Care Presentation	October 2025	Complete
Committee Site Visits/Listening Tour	October 2025 – November 2025	Complete
Roundtable of Experts in Early Care & Education	November 2025	Complete
Discuss Potential Focused Investments	December 2025	Complete
Host Other NC Counties that Invest in Early Care & Education	January 2026	Complete
The Daycare Myth Presentation	February 2026	Complete
Committee Purpose and Focus Discussion	March 2026	Complete
Parent & Family Survey	April 2026	Complete
Potential Focused Investments Workshop	May 2026	Complete
Goal Refinement & Prioritization of Potential Focused Investments	June 2026	Complete
Community Partner Survey (Applicants/Grantees) on Potential Focused Investments	July 2026	Complete
Community Partner Engagement Discussion	August 2026	Complete
Public Policy Panel Discussion	September 2026	Planned
Review Program Design Options for Potential Funding Priority: Workforce	October 2026	Planned
Review Program Design Options for Priority: Buncombe Pre-K	November 2026	Planned
Review Program Design Options for Priority: Infant/Toddler	December 2026	Planned
Review Scoping of All Potential Funding Priorities	December 2026	Planned
Final Determination of Funding Priorities & FY2028 Funding Recommendations by Priority	January 2027	Planned
Application process to select vendor(s) for focused investment(s)	January 2027 – April 2027	Planned
Commissioner Approval of FY2028 Funding	June 2027	Planned
Begin FY2028 Contracts	July 2027	Planned