# Juvenile Crime Prevention Council County Plan

# Buncombe County

# For FY 26-27

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## Executive Summary

The Buncombe County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC), in fulfillment of the duties and responsibilities as set forth in the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina, has reviewed and updated this County Plan for FY26-27. House Bill 593 passed which approved an optional 1 or 2-year funding cycle for DPS JCPC funds, which is determined locally by each JCPC statewide. Also included was Raise the Age in N.C. which directs 16 & 17 years old from District Court to Juvenile Court. In order to see any new possible trends in juvenile justice data (now serving 16 & 17 year old) and to plan programming in the community accordingly, the Buncombe County JCPC approved a 2-year funding cycle. Data continues to be monitored by the JCPC annually, which provides direction to which funding cycle is most beneficial to the community and Council.

The JCPC has identified the issues and factors which have an influence and impact on youth and families who are involved in juvenile court, and those vulnerable or at-risk of juvenile court involvement in Buncombe County. Further, the JCPC has identified the strategies and services most likely to reduce/prevent behavior that could lead to court-involvement.

Monitoring and Evaluation: Each program funded in the past fiscal year by the JCPC has been monitored by the JCPC Monitoring Committee and programs were found in full compliance with DPS JCPC Policy and within the operating parameters of their budget and providing the services as described in their program agreement. The monitoring results and program outcome evaluations were considered in making funding allocation decisions. The JCPC will continue to conduct annual implementation monitoring of its funded programs.

Priorities for Funding: Through a review of risk & needs assessment data, the Youth Assessment Screening Inventory (YASI) data and a community resource assessment, the JCPC has determined that the following services are priorities to serve youth who are court-involved and to reduce/prevent future involvement:

Priority 1: Restitution / Community Service
Priority 2: Restorative Services / Restorative Justice / Teen Court / Conflict Resolution
Priority 3: Interpersonal /Experiential Skills
Priority 4: Substance Misuse/Individual/Group Counseling Services
Priority 5: Vocational Skills
Priority 6: Tutoring/Academic Enhancement/Mentoring
Priority 7: Parent / Family Skill Building
Priority 8: Runaway / Temporary Shelter

Funding Recommendations: In 2025, the Buncombe County JCPC approved a 2-year budget cycle, and released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for both FY26 and FY27. The RFP for was advertised for a minimum of thirty (30) days, the JCPC screened the submitted proposals and determined which proposals best meet the advertised services needed. All approved program applications were funded for 2 years, and all programs received positive monitoring reports from the FY26 JCPC Montoring Committee with recommendations for continued funding during. As such, and as required by statute, the JCPC recommends allocation of the NC Department of Public Safety, Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention funds to the following programs in the amounts specified below for FY2027 fiscal years: (Also, see the Buncombe County Funding Plan with this report.)

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| 1. | Teen Court (Buncombe Alternatives) | $101,100 |
| 2. | Earn and Learn (Buncombe Alternatives) | $200,000 |
| 3. | Kids at Work! & The Connection (Aspire – Buncombe) | $117,716 |
| 4. | PIVOTPoint WNC & PIVOTPoint Prevention (PIVOTPoint WNC) | $131,374 |
| 5. | Umoja and UNETE Restorative Practices Program (Umoja) | $78,787 |

The JCPC further recommends that the following amount be allocated for the administrative costs of the Council for fiscal year 26-27: $15,500.

These funding priorities are recommended in response to ongoing concerns that a significant share of juvenile complaints involve youth with low risk and high strengths, alongside persistent racial and ethnic disparities at the point of referral into the juvenile justice system. At the same time, certain youth risk indicators are increasing, including mental health needs, suicidality, and conflict involving weapons, including firearms. The JCPC recommends expanding alternative pathways to address youth behavior and needs by increasing access to behavioral health, substance misuse, and restorative justice options, continuing to strengthen direct referral pathways from schools and community partners into JCPC-funded and community-based programs, and improving awareness and coordination of available youth supports, including for youth exposed to and involved in violence.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jorge Redmond

Jorge Redmond, Chair, Buncombe County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Date: 05/27/26

# Buncombe County

## NC DPS - Community Programs - County Funding Plan

Available Funds: $ **$644,477** Local Match: $ **$191,384** Rate: **30%**

**DPS JCPC funds must be committed with a Program Agreement submitted in NC Allies and electronically signed by authorized officials.**

| # | Program Provider | DPS-JCPC Funding | LOCAL FUNDING | | | OTHER | OTHER | Total | % Non DPS-JCPC Program Revenues |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | County Cash Match | Local Cash Match | Local In-Kind | State/ Federal | Funds | | |
| 1 | JCPC Administration | $15,500 | | | | | | $15,500 | |
| 2 | Teen Court | $101,100 | | | $30,400 | | | $131,500 | 23% |
| 3 | Earn and Learn | $200,000 | | | $60,800 | | | $260,800 | 23% |
| 4 | Aspire Kids at Work & The Connection | $117,716 | | | $37,136 | | | $154,852 | 24% |
| 5 | PIVOTPoint & PIVOTPoint Prevention | $131,374 | | $39,412 | | | | $170,786 | 23% |
| 6 | Umojah Health Wellness and Justice Collective | $78,787 | | $13,636 | $10,000 | | | $102,423 | 23% |
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| | TOTALS: | $644,477 | | $53,048 | $138,336 | | | $835,861 | 23% |

**The above plan was derived through a planning process by the Buncombe County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council and represents the County's Plan for use of these funds in FY 2026-2027.**

Amount of Unallocated Funds _____

Amount of funds reverted back to DPS _____

Discretionary Funds added _____

Jorge Redmond 05/27/26

Chairperson, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (Date)

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Reviewed by _____ _____
Area Consultant Date

Reviewed by _____ _____
Program Assistant Date

Verified by _____ _____
Designated State Office Staff Date

Chairperson, Board of County Commissioners (Date)
or County Finance Officer

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# Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Organization

| FY 25-26 | Name | Organization | Title |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Chairperson** | Jorge Redmond | Buncombe County Sheriff's Office | Senior Attorney |
| **Vice-Chairperson** | Brandon Priester | Land of Sky Regional Council | Youth Business Services Representative |
| **Planning Committee Chair** | Angela Garner | VAYA Health | Community Relations Regional Director |
| **Monitoring Committee Chair** | Banta Whitner | Community Member, County Commissioner Appointee | LCSW, Ancestral Lineage Healing Practitioner |
| **Allocations Committee Chair** | Angel Redmond | Asheville Parks & Rec. | Facility Supervisor |

**Number of members for FY 25-26:** **25**

List meeting dates during the current fiscal year and identify the number of JCPC members in attendance for each.

| Meeting Date | Number of Members in Attendance | Quorum Present? Yes/No |
|---|---|---|
| 8/21/25 | 19 | Yes |
| 9/12/25 | 12 | No |
| 10/16/25 | 12 | No |
| 12/18/25 | 17 | Yes |
| 2/19/26 | 19 | Yes |
| 4/16/26 | 21 | Yes |
| 6/18/25 | | |

*Special Session

**RISKS, NEEDS, & STRENGTHS SUMMARY REPORT**
**BUNCOMBE COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL (JCPC)**
**PLANNING COMMITTEE**
**DECEMBER 2025**


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## Part I. Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI) Summary

The Buncombe County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council's Planning Committee reviewed aggregate data from Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI) assessments from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. This is a measurement tool administered by Juvenile Court Counselors after youth are referred with a complaint alleging that a delinquency act has occurred and before adjudication of the youth. The YASI is an assessment that measures risk, need, and strength/protective factors in youth who are referred to the juvenile justice system, used for measuring risks related to recidivism and developing service plans. The assessment addresses twelve domains: Legal History, Family, Basic Needs, School, Community and Peers, Alcohol and Drugs, Mental Health, Physical Health, Aggression, Attitudes, Skills, and Employment and Free Time.

The full YASI assessment consists of over 100 separate items useful for both predictive risk and case management, so data reported from this review consists of county-level risk factors that may be prioritized by the JCPC for RFP development, as well as for highlighting prevalent issues among court-involved youth that individual programs and community-based organizations will want to consider when working with youth in the county. The aggregate outputs from full YASI assessments are one of the data sources used by the Committee and are the focus of summaries that follow in this document. YASI questions are framed in either a historical context (Legal History, for example), or in some cases, "current" or "prior three-months" timeframes for other, more dynamic, questions.

According to the US Census, the approximate population of youth ages 6 – 17 for Buncombe County is 33,606. During the fiscal year of 2024 – 2025, Buncombe County Juvenile Court Services staff completed 258 YASI assessments (the previous year there were 311 YASI assessments completed). The data provided below is based on the risks, needs, and strengths that are noted during assessments by Juvenile Justice at intake and during case management (at 3-month intervals). There is both a pre-screen assessment and a full assessment, however, in Buncombe County it is standard practice for all court-involved youth to receive the full YASI assessment at intake.

## General Observations and Points of Interest

Between July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025, Buncombe County saw a decline in the number of youth referred to the Juvenile Justice System from the previous year:

- 277 total complaints were filed in FY25. **Buncombe County had a 43% decrease in the number of complaints from fiscal year 2024, when a total of 650 complaints filed.*
- 132 individual youth were involved with the 277 complaints filed in FY25.
- 151 intakes performed (FY24=254), and 258 YASI assessments completed (FY24=311).

School-Based Complaints declined as well:

- In FY25, 96 school-based complaints were filed, a 71% decrease from 2 years prior (FY24=181, FY23=336).
- 70 individual youth were involved with these school-based complaints: White = 26 youth (36%); Black = 32 youth (44%); Hispanic/Latino = 11 (16%); Other races = (4%)
- 92% (88) of school-based complaints were misdemeanors: 35% were filed on White youth, 43% on Black/African American youth, and 15% on Hispanic/Latino youth.
- 8% (8) were felony charges (the breakdown by race and ethnicity is not available due to the small number of youth with felony charges).

The JCPC received updated Racial and Ethnic Disparity (RED) data, indicating persistent racial disparities, particularly at the front-end of the system.

*Buncombe County Youth Population Overall:* 2023 Census data identified 33,606 youth between the ages of 6 – 17 in Buncombe County, and provided the following demographics:

- 24,570 (73%) identified as White
- 2,866 (9%) identified as Black
- 5,355 (16%) identified as Hispanic/Latino
- 703 (2%) identified as Asian
- 112 (0.33%) identified as Native American/American Indian/Alaskan Native
- Census data provided did not have youth identified as Native Hawaiian, Other Pacific Islander, or Multi-racial

**Despite making up 27% of the youth population, BIPOC youth faced 71% of complaints received.*

- Complaints received by race/ethnicity:
  - White=80 (29%); Black=136 (49%); Hispanic/Latino=39 (14%); Multiracial = 22 (8%)

- Complaints received by Offense Class Groups:
  - 178 (64%) of complaints filed were for minor offenses (Class 1, 2, or 3 misdemeanors)
  - 76 (27%) were for serious offenses (felony class F, G, H, I and misdemeanor A1)
  - 23 (8%) were for most serious offenses (felony class A-E)

- Distinct youth involved in complaints received:
  - 132 youth were involved in the 277 complaints filed: White=50 (38%); Black=57 (43%); Hispanic/Latino=19 (14%); Multiracial=(5%)

- Gender: 94 male (71%) and 38 female (29%) out of 132 youth

- Complaints Not Approved/Diverted:
    - 91 out of 277 (33%)
    - White=37 out of 80 (43%); Black=34 out of 136 (36%); Hispanic/Latino=12 out of 39 (31%); Other=8 out of 22 (28%)

- Detention Admissions: 63
    - Total detention admissions data available by Race/Ethnicity: 59
        - White=8 (14%); Black=37 (63%); Hispanic/Latino=10 (17%); Multiracial=(7%)

- Youth Development Center Confinement: 2
- Transfers to Adult Court: 1

Compared to the state, Buncombe County still has higher numbers of youth being referred to DJJ with low risk levels, very low needs, and very high strengths, though the percentage of youth with low risks and needs at intake declined since the previous year.

- Risk Level – 52% of assessed youth exhibited low risks (a decline from 55% the previous year). This is still higher than the state's rate of 44%.
- Needs Level – 29% of assessed youth exhibited very low needs (a decline from 57% the previous year). This is higher than the state's rate of 37%.
- Strengths Level – 72% of assessed youth exhibited high or very high strengths levels (previous year had been 73%). This is higher than the state's rate of 58%.

There are ongoing concerns regarding disparities in school discipline, referrals to court from school, and in community-based referrals. Despite overall reductions, Buncombe County does still have a higher percentage of total complaints filed from schools compared to the state (see "*School Domain, Q3-School-Based Complaints*" on p.2). Consistent with research across the country, in May 2023 the NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission published a Juvenile Recidivism Study (linked here), which noted: "the lowest levels of recidivism correspond[] to the least invasive systemic responses of the juvenile justice system, particularly by intervening with youth short of adjudication… this report and past report findings indicate the most efficient and effective investment of sufficient resources is in the community, at the front end of the juvenile justice system."

Finally, there has been an increase in days that Buncombe County youth were held in Juvenile Detention centers. This includes both youth tried in the juvenile system and youth tried in the adult system who are detained in Juvenile Detention Facilities. Additional information is needed to identify drivers – for instance, additional information on detention stays by charge types or exit reasons (bond out vs release to parents) would help inform appropriate interventions.

## YASI Elevated Risks, Needs, & Strengths:

**Legal History**

**Q4** Felony Referrals to DJJ – 26% (67) of youth assessed had a felony referral. This is lower than the state's rate of 35%.

**Q6** Previous Weapon Offense – 15% (39) of youth assessed had a previous weapon offense. This is an increase from 10% (31) the previous year. While lower than the state's rate of 17%, this increase is still concerning.

**Q7** Person crimes – 45% (116) of youth assessed were referred for person crimes. This is higher than the state's rate of 41%.

**Family Domain**

**Q1** Runaway from Home or Placement – 13% (34) of youth reported incidents of running away. This is a decrease from 15% the previous year. While under the NC average (21%), it is still of concern especially given gaps in community services. 5% of youth reported being kicked out (NC=6%).

**Q4** Family Alcohol/Substance Abuse – 6% (12) of youth assessed had a family member with reported alcohol and/or substance abuse issues compared to the state's rate of 12%.

**Q4** Family Mental Health – 13% (34) of youth assessed had a family member with a history of mental health concerns.

**Q4** Family Member Legal History – 28% (72) of youth assessed had a family member with prior history with the criminal legal system compared to the state's rate of 24%.

**Q4** Family Member Violent History – 5% (13) of youth assessed had a family member with prior violent criminal history; an increase from the previous year's 1% (4) of youth assessed.

**Q6** Living Arrangements – 8% (21) of youth assessed were living in foster care, independent living, or other environment rather than living with a parent, sibling, or relative (the number of youth assessed has been between 20 – 21 per year since FY22).

**Q7** Parent/Custodian Supervision – 84% of youth assessed in Buncombe reported good/some supervision, while 14% (36) reported some/frequently or consistently inadequate supervision (an increase from 9% in FY24).

**School Domain**

**Q1/Q10** School Enrollment Status – 1% (3) of youth assessed were suspended at the point of assessment, a decrease from the previous year's 4% and less than the state's rate of 3%. Over the previous 2 years, 76% (179) had been assigned one or more OSS (NC=61%) and 64% (151) had been assigned one or more ISS (NC=42%).

**Q2** School Attendance – 13% (34) of youth assessed had 5 or more unexcused absences (NC=19%).

**Q3** School-Based Complaints – 29% (75) of youth who qualified for the School Domain of YASI questions had a police report filed by schools. This is a significant decrease from the previous year's rate of 45%, however, it is still higher than the state average (NC=22%).

**Q4** Academic Performance – 15% (39) of youth assessed were failing some classes (NC=15%), and 8% (21) were failing most classes (NC=14%).

**Q12** School Activities – 30% of the youth assessed were interested in school activities but they were not involved in those activities (NC=31%). 36% of the youth assessed had no interest and were not involved in school activities (NC=28%).

**Community & Peers Domain**
**Q1** Peers/Associates – 35% (90) of the youth assessed reported spending time with friends with negative influence, and 13% reported having no friends or companions.

**Alcohol/Drugs Domain** – The following data from the alcohol/drug domain represents youth who answered "Yes" to alcohol and/or drug use. Out of youth assessed for Buncombe County, 40% (104) of youth answered "Yes" to alcohol and/or drug use.

**Q1** Age at 1st Use – Of the youth who answered "Yes" to alcohol and/or drug use: 10% (10) reported being under 12 years old at first use compared to 11% across the state; 74% (77) reported first use between the ages of 12-15 compared to the state's rate of 78%.

**Q1** Use Disrupts Function – 21% (22) of the youth who answered "Yes" to alcohol and/or drug use stated that the usage disrupted their daily functions. This typically indicates that treatment is warranted. The state's rate was 29%.

**Mental Health Domain** – 38% (99) of Buncombe youth assessed answered yes to having mental health problems and to being diagnosed with a mental health disorder. 21% of youth assessed were currently receiving mental health treatment.

**Q3** History of Suicidality – 14% (35) of youth assessed had a history of suicidal thoughts or ideation. This is higher than the state rate of 9%.

**Q5** History of Abuse (by a parent including biological, step, adopted, and legal guardians) – 9% (22) of the youth assessed reported a history of physical abuse (NC=8%). 4% of youth assessed reported a history of sexual abuse (NC=6%).

**Q6** Victimization History (by a peer or older person) – 9% (24) of youth assessed reported experiences of sexual vulnerability, 8% reported experiences of being bullied, and 8% reported experiencing physical assault.

**Aggression Domain**
**Q1** Violence – Of Buncombe youth assessed in FY25:

- 13% (34) had displayed a weapon (NC 11%); this is an increase in both the number and percentage of local youth who displayed a weapon the previous year (FY24=24%, 21)

- 6% (15) had used a weapon (NC 8%); (increase since FY24=4%, 13)
- 13% (34) had indications of bullying/threatening (NC 22%)
- 12% (31) of destruction of property (NC 12%); (increase since FY24=7%, 23)
- 44% (114) of assaultive behavior (NC 39%);
- 4% (11) of assault with a serious injury (NC 4%)

**Employment and Free Time Domain**
**Q1** Employment – 27% of youth assessed were currently employed, 66% had never been employed, and 13% reported prior successful employment.

**Q5 & Q6** Free Time – 27% of youth assessed participated in one or more structured activities.

## II. Summary of Community Resources

See attached Youth Resource Guide (Continuum of Services).

## III. Summary of Gaps and Barriers in the Continuum of Services

- **Restitution/Community Service** to address needs for positive peer support and provide diversion and restitution pathways for court-involved youth. *Earn and Learn is a necessary service used regularly by court services; not available without JCPC funding.*
- **Restorative Services/Restorative Justice/Teen Court/Conflict Resolution**, to address school conflict, needs for positive peer support, and to provide alternative responses to reduce school-based complaints for youth. *Restorative practices are implemented in some schools; need remains for more restorative justice diversion when harm has occurred. Teen Court's diversion program receives referrals from court services and directly from schools. Umoja and UNETE receive JCPC funding to provide restorative practices services for youth referred by court services, schools, and community.*
- **Interpersonal and Experiential Skill-building** to address school conflict, the need for positive peer support, mental health needs, and conflict in the home. *Kids at Work! and PIVOTPoint are JCPC-funded diversion programs that support building these skills*.
- **Substance Misuse/Individual/Group Counseling Services** to address the need for behavioral health services for youth. *Continued need for increased access to substance misuse/individual/group counseling as a community-based intervention.*
- **Vocational Skill-building** to address needs for employment and structured activities. *JCPC-programs The Connection and Kids at Work! offer vocational skill-building, however, more community-based vocational opportunities are still needed.*
- **Tutoring / Academic Enhancement / Mentoring,** particularly to address needs related to school conflict, attendance, academic performance, and desire for involvement in activities. *Some tutoring and mentoring are offered through community programs and are an ongoing need.*
- **Parent/Family Skill Building**, particularly to address histories of abuse and/or victimization, conflict in the home, and the need for family supervision skills. *Currently offered through other community programs. TASK (Treatment Alternatives for Sexualized Kids) provides services for court-involved youth addressing problematic sexual behavior through Intensive Intervention funds.*
- **Runaway / Temporary Shelter** to address needs related to incidents of running away from home or placement, history of abuse, and the need for family supervision skills. *There is not a primary resource for temporary and runaway shelter for youth in Buncombe County. When needed, DJJ is currently using community placements funded by other sources.*

## IV. Proposed Priority Services for Funding

The committee compared the services needed to address the elevated identified risks and needs with services currently available in the community. Priorities were determined, in part, based on ranking dispositional alternatives as top priorities, then diversion programs, and finally other needed services. Through reviewing the Youth Assessment Screening Inventory (YASI) data, and a community resource assessment, the JCPC has determined that the following services are priorities to serve youth who are court-involved and to reduce/prevent future involvement:

**Priority 1:** **Restitution / Community Service**
**Priority 2:** **Restorative Services / Restorative Justice / Teen Court / Conflict Resolution**
**Priority 3:** **Interpersonal /Experiential Skills**
**Priority 4:** **Substance Misuse/Individual/Group Counseling Services**
**Priority 5:** **Vocational Skills**
**Priority 6:** **Tutoring/Academic Enhancement/Mentoring**
**Priority 7:** **Parent / Family Skill Building**
**Priority 8:** **Runaway / Temporary Shelter**

These funding priorities respond to ongoing concerns that a significant share of juvenile complaints involve youth with low risk and high strengths, alongside persistent racial and ethnic disparities at the point of complaint filing. While juvenile system involvement in Buncombe County is declining (complaints are down 43% from FY24 supported by increased front-end diversion to JCPC-funded programs, community-based interventions, and School-Justice Partnership strategies) school-based complaints remain above the state average, and the greatest disparities continue to occur at system entry.

At the same time, certain youth risk indicators are increasing, including mental health needs, suicidality (above state rates), and conflict involving weapons. DJJ Court Counselors identify access to weapons, particularly firearms, as a priority concern. System gaps limit coordinated supports for 16–17-year-olds charged with A-E felonies who are now charged as adults since HB834 was implemented December 1, 2024, and for youth transferred to adult court.

The committee recommends expanding alternative pathways to address youth behavior and needs by increasing access to behavioral health, substance misuse, and restorative justice options, continuing to strengthen direct referral pathways from schools and community partners into JCPC-funded and community-based programs, and improving awareness and coordination of available youth supports, including for youth exposed to and involved in violence. Additional action steps discussed include elevating youth voice and lived experience in program design (including input from youth involved with JCPC programs and court services), assessing the impacts of Hurricane Helene on youth trauma and service needs, expanding mental health and substance misuse services within existing youth programs, and leveraging the growing network of clinicians of color and community partnerships to strengthen culturally responsive supports for youth.

# V. Appendix – Additional Data

## Overview of Juvenile Court Data – Buncombe County

The information below shows how JCPC programs are used and the legal status of youth when referred.

| Juvenile Demographics | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Youth Population ages 6-17 | 33,440 | 33,167 | 33,002 | 33,931 |
| Youth Population ages 10-17 | 22,994 | 22,736 | 22,660 | 23,241 |
| Youth Population ages 16 & 17 | 6,028 | 6,095 | 6,095 | 6,096 |
| Youth seen in Intake | 456 | 385 | 254 | 151 |
| Youth Put on Diversion Plans or Contracts | 261 | 151 | 98 | 58 |
| Youth Approved for Court | 171 | 201 | 128 | 81 |
| Youth Adjudicated | 70 | 106 | 65 | 65 |
| Youth Put on Protective Supervision | 17 | 16 | 3 | 5 |
| Youth Put on Probation | 51 | 86 | 54 | 60 |
| Number of Detention Admissions | 47 | 53 | 33 | 63 |
| Number of Youth Committed to YDC | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Number of Youth put on Post-Release Supervision | 2 | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| Number of School-Based Complaints | 401 | 340 | 190 | 99 |
| Number of Total Complaints | 696 | 695 | 690 | 311 |
| Percentage that were School-Based Complaints | 57.61% | 48.92% | 27.54% | 31.83% |

| JCPC Program Participants Legal Status at Referral to Program *(from NC JOIN Data)* | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Youth at Risk | 46 | 37 | 34 | 49 |
| Court Counselor Consultation | 2 | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| Vulnerable Juvenile (*youth under age 10*) | | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| SRO/Law Enforcement Diversion | | | 1 | 2 |
| Intake/Diverted | 134 | 89 | 52 | 48 |
| Petition Filed | 3 | 1 | 7 | 0 |
| Deferred Prosecution | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Adjudicated Undisciplined, Disposition Pending | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Adjudicated Delinquent, Disposition Pending | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Protective Supervision | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Probation | 14 | 30 | 28 | 16 |
| Committed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Post Release Supervision | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Continuation Services | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Interstate Compact | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 201 | 162 | 129 | 130 |

**Buncombe Program Admissions by Legal Status 24-25 (Pulled from NC ALLIES Data)**

| Program Name | Court Counselor Consultation | Youth at Risk | Vulnerable Juvenile (under age 10) | Intake/ Diverted | SRO/Law Enforcement Diversion | Petition Filed | Adjudicated | Probation | Protective Supervision | Referred from District Court | Interstate Compact (ICJ) | Continuation Services | Committed | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Teen Court | | 5 | | 13 | 2 | | | | 1 | | | | | **21** |
| Buncombe County Youth Justice Clinical Program | No Youth Served - Program Closed in December 2024 | | | | | | | | | | | | | **0** |
| Earn and Learn | | | | 15 | | | | 13 | | | | | | **28** |
| Aspire - The Connection | | | | | | | | | | | | | | **0** |
| Aspire -Kids at Work! | | 4 | | 15 | | | 1 | 2 | | | | | | **22** |
| PIVOTPoint WNC | | 6 | | 5 | | | | 4 | | | | | | **15** |
| PIVOTPoint Prevention | | 23 | | | | | | | | | | | | **23** |
| Umoja Health, Wellness, and Justice Collective | 8 | 11 | | 3 | | | | | | | | | | **22** |
| | **8** | **49** | **0** | **51** | **2** | **0** | **1** | **19** | **1** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **131** |

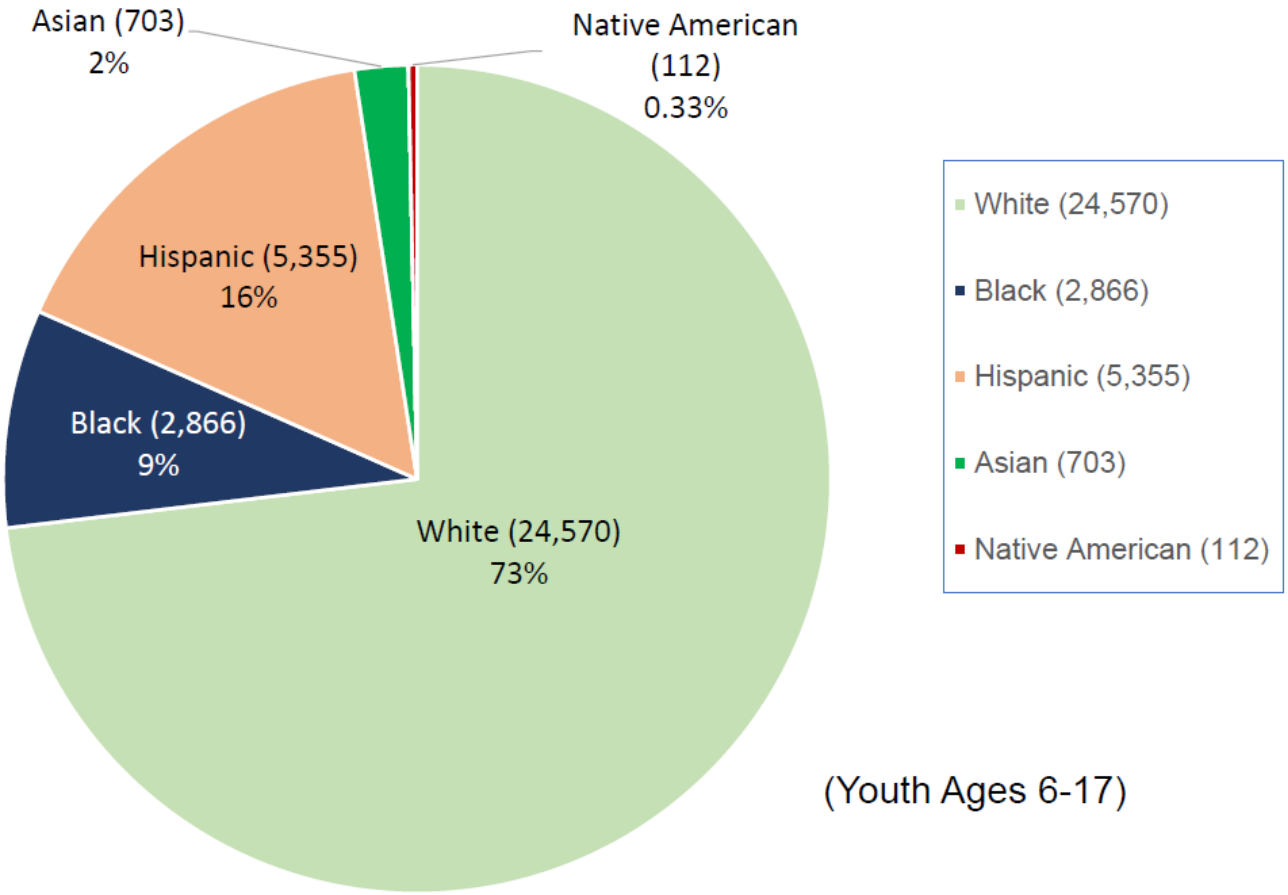
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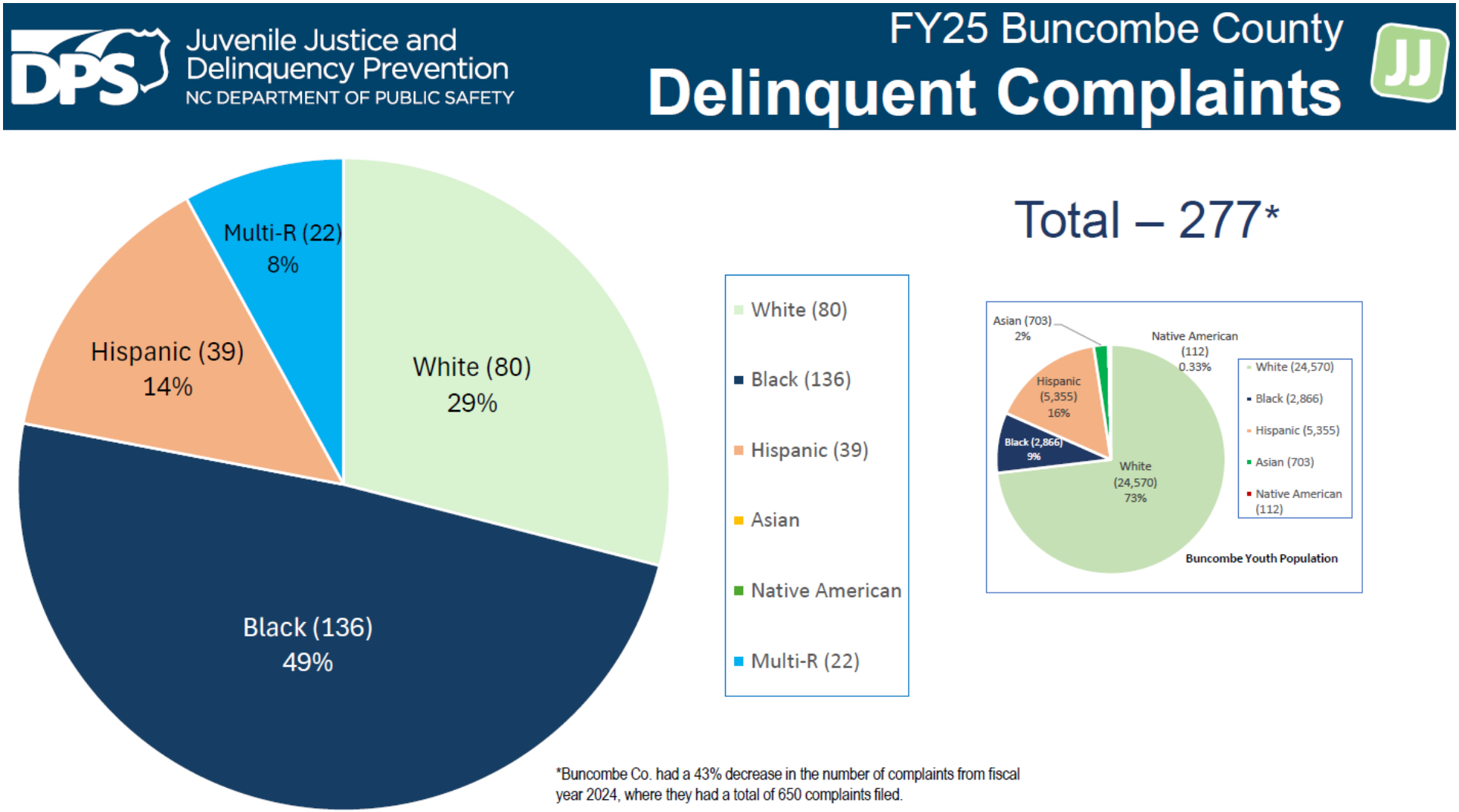
**Youth Population**

**33,606**

**2023 US Census Report*




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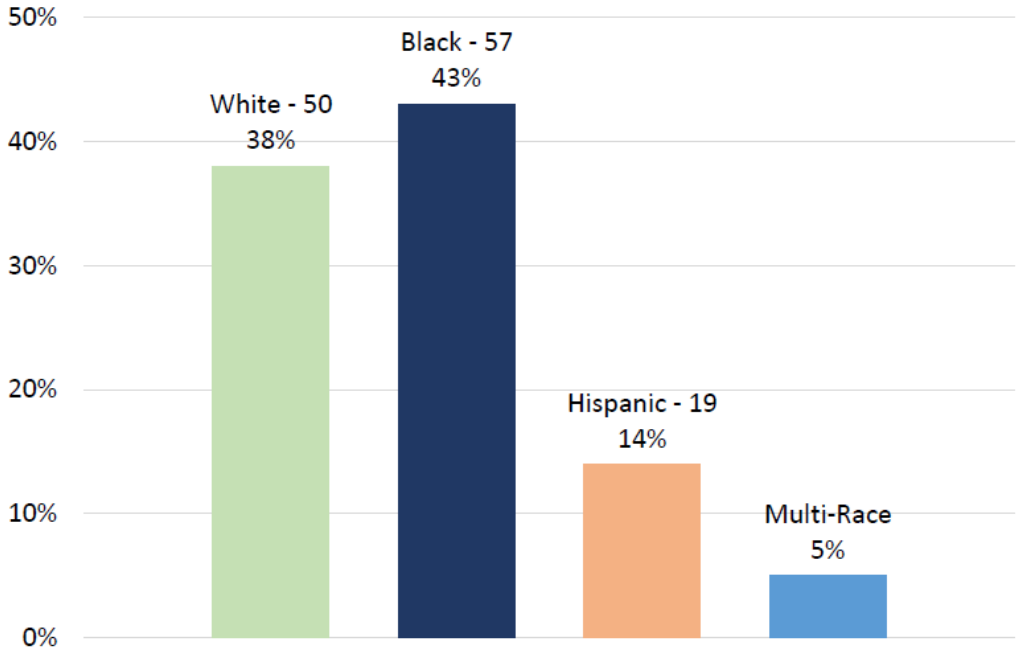

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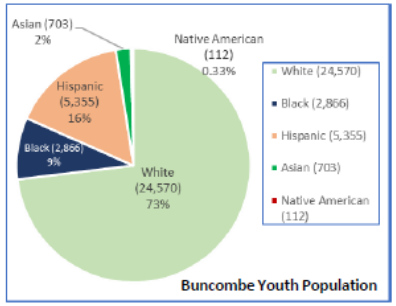
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# BUNCOMBE COUNTY: FY25 DISTINCT JUVENILES

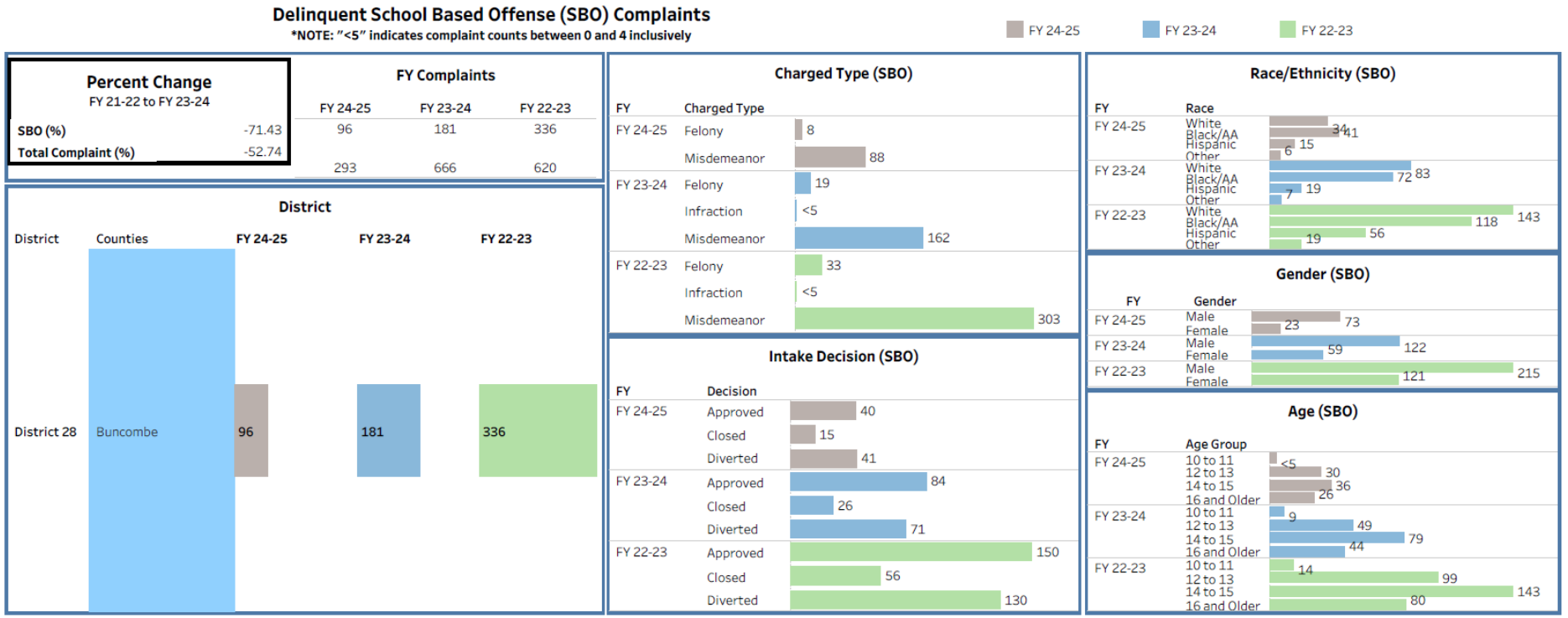
## Total Juveniles - 132

Distinct Juveniles by Race & Ethnicity




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*Reference: North Carolian Department of Public Safety, Juvenile Justice, School-Justice Partnership Dashboard, available at [https://www.ncdps.gov/our-organization/juvenile-justice/datastatisticsreports/school-justice-partnership-dashboard](https://www.ncdps.gov/our-organization/juvenile-justice/datastatisticsreports/school-justice-partnership-dashboard).*

**Buncombe County Summary of Trends Over Four Years:**
**Complaints, Juveniles, and School-Based Offenses for Fiscal Years 2022-2025**

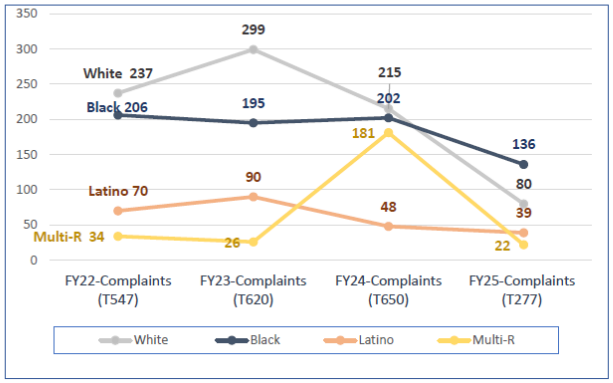
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## Complaints 4-Year Trends FY22 – FY25

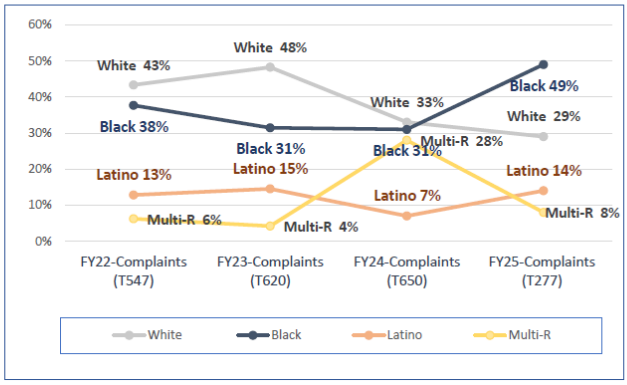
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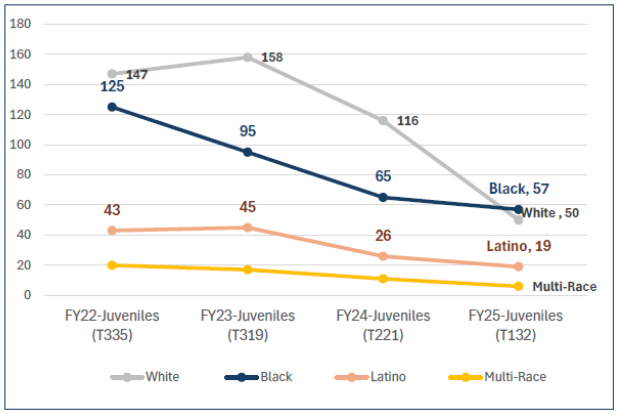
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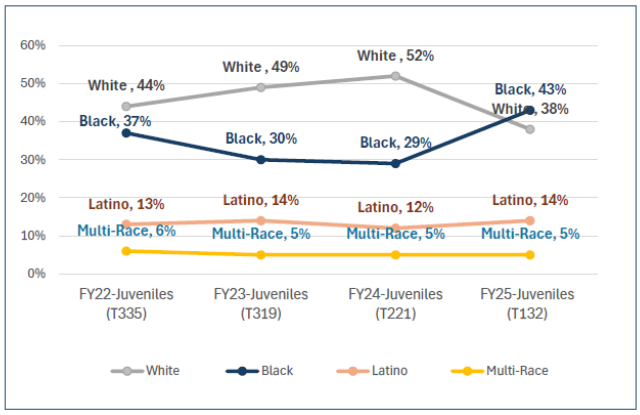
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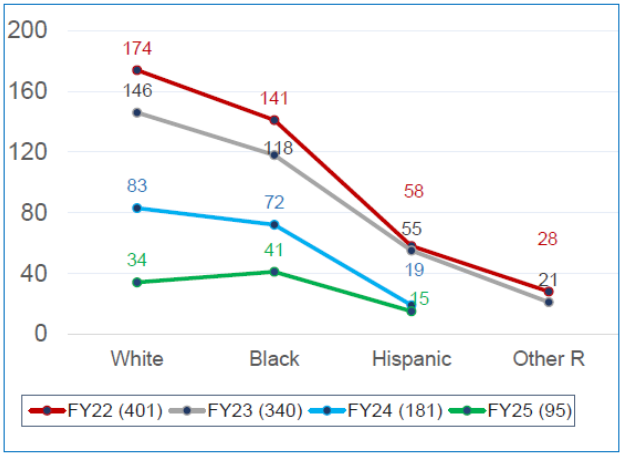



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## School-Based Offenses 4-Year Trends by Race/Ethnicity FY22 – FY25

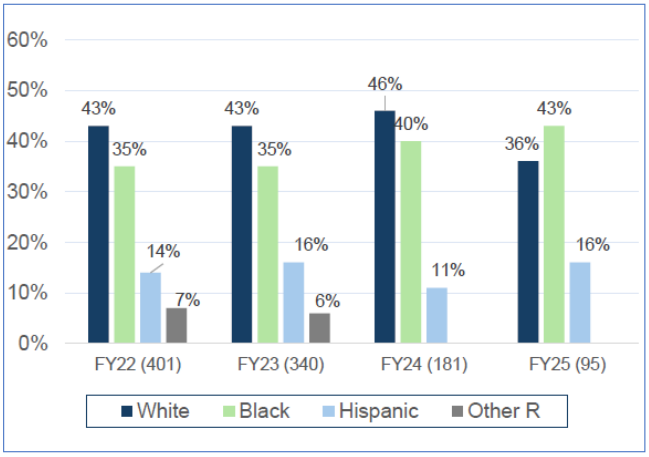
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## Detention Admissions Billed to Buncombe County, FY23 - FY26 Year to Date (YTD)

**FY23**

| Detention Type | Count | Percent | ALOS (Days) | Min. Days | Max. Days |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| JJ | 52 | 98.1% | 16.6 | 2 | 108 |
| H593 | 1 | 1.9% | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| TSC | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 53 | | | | |

**FY24**

| Detention Type | Count | Percent | ALOS (Days) | Min. Days | Max. Days |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| JJ | 31 | 91.2% | 28.3 | 2 | 217 |
| TSC | 3 | 8.8% | 150 | 95 | 217 |
| H593 | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 34 | | | | |

**FY25**

| Detention Type | Count | Percent | ALOS (Days) | Min. Days | Max. Days |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| JJ | 60 | 95.2% | 18.7 | 2 | 107 |
| H593 | 3 | 4.8% | 9 | 3 | 20 |
| TSC | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 63 | | | | |

| Admit Month | H593 | JJ | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| July | 0 | 7 | 7 |
| August | 0 | 9 | 9 |
| September | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| October | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| November | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| December | 0 | 9 | 9 |
| January | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| February | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| March | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| April | 0 | 8 | 8 |
| May | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| June | 1 | 7 | 8 |
| Total | 3 | 60 | 63 |

**FY26 YTD (July - October)**

| Detention Type | Count | Percent | ALOS (Days) | Min. Days | Max. Days |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| JJ | 34 | 85.0% | 14.6 | 2 | 65 |
| H593 | 6 | 15.0% | 12.3 | 1 | 34 |
| TSC | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 40 | | | | |

| Admit Month | H593 | JJ | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| July | 0 | 9 | 9 |
| August | 3 | 7 | 10 |
| September | 2 | 9 | 11 |
| October | 1 | 9 | 10 |
| Total | 6 | 34 | 40 |

*Reference: Data provided by request from NC DPS, Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.*

| $644,477 | 30% | 1/28/2025 |
|---|---|---|
| **Anticipated Annual Allocation** | **Required Local Match Rate** | **Date Advertised** |

# Buncombe County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council – Request for Proposals

The Buncombe County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) studied risks, needs, and strengths of youth involved in Juvenile Court and hereby publishes this RFP. The JCPC anticipates $644,477 from the NC Dept. of Public Safety (NCDPS) to fund program types listed below that serve court-involved youth and youth at-risk of court-involvement. The JCPC will approve 1-to-2-year awards (FY25-FY27) beginning on or after July 1, 2025, depending on JCPC approval and programs meeting all requirements. **Local programs must provide a match of 30%.**

**Based on identified needed programs and possible gaps in the service continuum, the following program types will be considered for funding:**

1) Restitution / Community Service
2) Restorative Services / Restorative Justice / Teen Court / Conflict Resolution
3) Interpersonal / Experiential Skills
4) Vocational Skills
5) Tutoring / Academic Enhancement / Mentoring
6) Substance Misuse/Individual/Group Counseling Services
7) Parent / Family Skill Building
8) Runaway / Temporary Shelter

**Programs that reduce risks, address needs, and increase protective factors for youth will be considered for funding.** Elevated risks and needs identified for youth in Buncombe County by the Youth Assessment Screening Instrument (YASI) include the following: *(See linked Summary Risk & Needs Report, December, 2024)*

- Need for positive peer influence, friends, and companions.
- Mental Health (including history of abuse and victimization)
- Alcohol/Substance Use (Age at 1st use and support those whose use disrupts function)
- Family Alcohol/Substance Use
- Assaultive behavior
- Runaway from Home or Placement
- Employment and Free Time (including increasing participation in structured and unstructured activities)
- School Enrollment, Attendance, Conflict, Academic Performance, Engagement with Activities

**Applicants should provide:**

- Services that are effective with youth and families involved with the juvenile justice system and align with NCDPS JCPC Minimum Standards (linked here).
- Services that are outcome-based and have an evaluation component.
- Awareness of and sensitivity to Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the County.

*Only local public agencies, 501c3 non-profit organizations and local housing authorities will be considered for funding.*

**Interested organizations are required to complete an online application at the NC Dept of Public Safety website**. Application instructions are linked here: Program Agreement Information | NC DPS. Private non-profits are also required to submit: 1) No Over Due Tax form, 2) DPS Conflict of Interest Statement, 3) Agency Conflict of Interest Policy, and 4) Proof of 501(c)(3) status.

**New Applicants are required to attend a JCPC Program Application Orientation Workshop on Thurs. Feb. 6 at 1:30 pm via Webex.** Contact Lorraine Williams (info below) to register.

- **Application submission deadline is Tuesday, Mar. 4, 2025, by 5pm.** All applications must be submitted in NCAllies.
- ***Applicants will be required to present their proposal during an all-day Allocations Hearing on March 12th.***

**For more info, please contact:**

- JCPC Administrator, Hannah.Legerton@buncombecounty.org, 828-250-4087
- NCDPS Area Consultant, Lorraine.williams@ncdps.gov, 828-405-4056 (Application technical assistance & workshop)

| **The deadline for submitting an application:** | **03/04/25 by 5pm** | **Submit on NCALLIES and email a copy to Hannah.Legerton@buncombecounty.org. Contact Lorraine Williams for support.** |
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# Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Funding Decisions Summary

| **Funding Decision for:** | **FY** 2025-2027 | Date Completed: | 5/20/2025 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Program(s) Funded** | **Select 1-year or 2-year funding and reason(s) for Funding** | | **(Check all that apply)** |
| Teen Court (Buncombe Alternatives) | ☒ 2-year Funding approved for FY2025-2026 and 2026-2027 OR ☐ 1-year Funding approved for FY<br><br>**Rationale for 2-year Funding approval**: ☒ Funded in past years ☒ In good standing with county/JCPC and DPS (following PA, timely reports, reporting to JCPC as requested) ☒ Favorable JCPC monitoring ☒ In compliance with Consultant Monitoring ☒ Quality of Service Assessment (QOS) rating is min 70% (min. score of 14) OR progress made on PEP in QOS. ☒ Provides an essential dispositional option, explain:<br>☒ Meets target population as described in Program Agreement (*number served, and described target population*), with minimal exceptions (i.e. less than 10% variance)<br><br>☒ Meets funding priority ☒ Compatible with research ☒ Cost efficient ☒ Addresses reductions of complaints, violations of supervision & convictions ☒ Has evaluation component ☒ Addresses parental accountability ☒ Addresses use of alcohol/controlled substances ☐ Addresses restitution to victims ☐ Addresses gang participation<br>☒ Would increase funding to this service if funds were available ☐ Other Other | | |
| Earn and Learn (Buncombe Alternatives) | ☒ 2-year Funding approved for FY2025-2026 and 2026-2027 OR ☐ 1-year Funding approved for FY<br><br>**Rationale for 2-year Funding approval**: ☒ Funded in past years ☒ In good standing with county/JCPC and DPS (following PA, timely reports, reporting to JCPC as requested) ☐ Favorable JCPC monitoring ☒ In compliance with Consultant Monitoring ☒ Quality of Service Assessment (QOS) rating is min 70% (min. score of 14) OR progress made on PEP in QOS. ☒ Provides an essential dispositional option, explain: Restitution<br>☒ Meets target population as described in Program Agreement (*number served, and described target population*), with minimal exceptions (i.e. less than 10% variance)<br><br>☒ Meets funding priority ☒ Compatible with research ☒ Cost efficient ☒ Addresses reductions of complaints, violations of supervision & convictions ☒ Has evaluation component ☒ Addresses parental accountability ☐ Addresses use of alcohol/controlled substances ☒ Addresses restitution to victims ☐ Addresses gang participation<br>☒ Would increase funding to this service if funds were available ☐ Other Other | | |
| Kids at Work! & The Connection (Aspire – Buncombe) | ☒ 2-year Funding approved for FY2025-2026 and 2026-2027 OR ☐ 1-year Funding approved for FY<br><br>**Rationale for 2-year Funding approval**: ☒ Funded in past years ☒ In good standing with county/JCPC and DPS (following PA, timely reports, reporting to JCPC as requested) ☒ Favorable JCPC monitoring ☒ In compliance with Consultant Monitoring ☒ Quality of Service Assessment (QOS) rating is min 70% (min. score of 14) OR progress made on PEP in QOS. ☒ Provides an essential dispositional option, explain:<br>☒ Meets target population as described in Program Agreement (*number served, and described target population*), with minimal exceptions (i.e. less than 10% variance)<br><br>☒ Meets funding priority ☒ Compatible with research ☒ Cost efficient ☒ Addresses reductions of complaints, violations of supervision & convictions ☒ Has evaluation component ☒ Addresses parental accountability ☐ Addresses use of alcohol/controlled substances ☐ Addresses restitution to victims ☐ Addresses gang participation<br>☒ Would increase funding to this service if funds were available ☐ Other Other | | |
| PIVOTPoint WNC (PIVOTPoint WNC) | ☒ 2-year Funding approved for FY2025-2026 and 2026-2027 OR ☐ 1-year Funding approved for FY<br><br>**Rationale for 2-year Funding approval**: ☒ Funded in past years ☒ In good standing with county/JCPC and DPS (following PA, timely reports, reporting to JCPC as requested) ☒ Favorable JCPC monitoring ☒ In compliance with Consultant Monitoring ☒ Quality of Service Assessment (QOS) rating is min 70% (min. score of 14) OR progress made on PEP in QOS. ☒ Provides an essential dispositional option, explain:<br>☒ Meets target population as described in Program Agreement (*number served, and described target population*), with minimal exceptions (i.e. less than 10% variance)<br><br>☒ Meets funding priority ☒ Compatible with research ☒ Cost efficient ☒ Addresses reductions of complaints, violations of supervision & convictions ☒ Has evaluation component ☒ Addresses parental accountability ☒ Addresses use of alcohol/controlled substances ☐ Addresses restitution to victims ☐ Addresses gang participation<br>☒ Would increase funding to this service if funds were available ☐ Other Other | | |

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# Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Funding Decisions Summary

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|---|---|
| Umoja and UNETE Restorative Practices Program (Umoja Health Wellness & Justice Collective) | ☒ 2-year Funding approved for FY2025-2026 and 2026-2027 OR ☐ 1-year Funding approved for FY<br><br>**Rationale for 2-year Funding approval**: ☒ Funded in past years ☒ In good standing with county/JCPC and DPS (following PA, timely reports, reporting to JCPC as requested) ☒ Favorable JCPC monitoring ☒ In compliance with Consultant Monitoring ☐ Quality of Service Assessment (QOS) rating is min 70% (min. score of 14) OR progress made on PEP in QOS. ☐ Provides an essential dispositional option, explain:<br>☒ Meets target population as described in Program Agreement (*number served, and described target population*), with minimal exceptions (i.e. less than 10% variance)<br><br>☒ Meets funding priority ☒ Compatible with research ☒ Cost efficient ☒ Addresses reductions of complaints, violations of supervision & convictions ☐ Has evaluation component ☒ Addresses parental accountability ☒ Addresses use of alcohol/controlled substances ☐ Addresses restitution to victims ☐ Addresses gang participation<br>☒ Would increase funding to this service if funds were available ☐ Other Other |
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# Program Enhancement Plan (PEP)

**Program/Component:** Kids at Work!

**Brief Description:** Kids At Work is an interpersonal skills development program based around the culinary arts. Youth are a part of the program for 16 weeks and meet for three hours once a week for instruction. The curriculum consists of 24 hands-on lessons that are designed to meet the clients unique learning styles and help them apply the skills in a work environment. Youth ages 15+ also receive training in food safety via ServSafe in order to gain certification and an edge in employment.

| Category | SPEP Score | Enhancement Opportunity | Action Steps | Responsible Party | Progress Report: Describe progress made, include date, what has been completed, in process or no progress |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Primary Service | 15 | | | | |
| Qualifying Supplemental Service | 5 | | | | |
| Quality of Service Delivery | 11 | Staff Evaluation | 1. Write a Staff Evaluation and Development Plan; 2. Revise the evaluation forms for all staff positions; 3. Assign supervisors to complete each staff evaluations; 4. Schedule all staff evaluations to occur by 1/15/26; 6. Complete evaluations with staff; 7. Write a Staff Development Plan incorporating areas for improvement/development for each staff; 8. Establish a follow up procedure on set goals/areas for improvement. | District Leader | At this time, all action steps have been compeleted of the PEP Plan. |
| Amount of Service: Duration and Contact Hours | 10 | | | | |
| Risk Level of Youth | 8 | | | | |
| Total SPEP Score | 49 | | | | |
| POP | 58% | | | | |

**This Plan is approved by:**

Kimberly Castano 10/17/25 — 2/19/26

Program Manager Signature — Date — JCPC Chair Signature — Date

# Program Enhancement Plan (PEP)

**Program/Component:** The Connection

**Brief Description:**

Technology opens up new vocational options for the next generation that are not age-restricted. The Connection program teaches youth entrepreneurial and vocational skills through a music/cinema production job training program. Learning is project-based and designed to prepare youth for employment, higher education, and/or business ownership. Youth with a wide range of abilities and work preferences will find a role that fits them best, from the artistically-inclined to the technically-minded.

| Category | SPEP Score | Enhancement Opportunity | Action Steps | Responsible Party | Progress Report: Describe progress made, include date, what has been completed, in process or no progress |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Primary Service | 5 | | | | |
| Qualifying Supplemental Service | 0 | | | | |
| Quality of Service Delivery | 10 | Staff Evaluation | 1. Write a Staff Evaluation and Development Plan; 2. Revise the evaluation forms for all staff positions; 3. Assign supervisors to complete each staff evaluations; 4. Schedule all staff evaluations to occur by 1/15/26; 6. Complete evaluations with staff; 7. Write a Staff Development Plan incorporating areas for improvement/development for each staff; 8. Establish a follow up procedure on set goals/areas for improvement. | District Leader | At this time, all action steps have been compeleted of the PEP Plan. |
| Amount of Service: Duration and Contact Hours | 0 | | | | |
| Risk Level of Youth | 0 | | | | |
| Total SPEP Score | 15 | | | | |
| POP | 20% | | | | |

**This Plan is approved by:**

Kimberly Castano 10/17/25 — Program Manager Signature — Date

JCPC Chair Signature — Date 2/19/26

# Program Enhancement Plan (PEP)

**Program/Component:** Buncombe County Teen Court

**Brief Description:** Teen Court is a diversion from juvenile court and an alternative to out of school suspension created for first-time offenders who have admitted guilt. Clients are given the opportunity to take responsibility for their offense by participating in court proceedings held by trained youth and adult volunteers. Teen Court does not decide guilt or innocence but centers on lowered recidivism through restorative justice.

| Category | SPEP Score | Enhancement Opportunity | Action Steps | Responsible Party | Progress Report: Describe progress made, include date, what has been completed, in process or no progress |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Written Protocol | 2 out of 4 | Create and implement a set of policy and procedures for direct referrals and tracking client services | Continue to ensure Asheville City Schools and Buncombe County Schools are trained and understand the direct referral and SBTC options through flow chart, power point and calendar to educate the direct referral process for the court staff, SRO's/SJP | Executive Director/Director of Teen Court/School Admin/SRO/DJJ/DSS/ Interns | Completed for 2025 and in process and on going through Fall 2026 |
| Staff Training | 2 out of 4 | Structured Training and Documentation | Secure Funding for Expansion of Training Opportunities / Create enhancements to support the staff plan of work for training requirements | Executive Director/Director of Teen Court/School Admin/SRO/DJJ/DSS/ Interns | Completed required training for 2025 and in process and ongoing for 2026 |
| Staff Retention | 4 out of 4 | | | | |
| Program Evaluation, Monitoring & Corrective Action | 2 out of 4 | Program Evaluation and monitoring | Create and implement a set of polly and procedures for tracking staff/volunteer hours for direct referrals/tracking recidivism rates for SBTC and SJP direct referrals | Executive Director/Director of Teen Court/School Admin/SRO/DJJ/DSS/ Interns | Completed required program evaluations and monitoring requirements for 2025 and on going and in process for 2026 |
| Staff Evaluation | 3 out of 4 | Staff Evaluations and Human Resource Tracking | Create and enhance a tracking system to ensure documention that will emphasis and validate accomplishments and areas for improvemtns | Executive Director/Director of Teen Court/School Admin/SRO/DJJ/DSS/ Interns | Completed and in process and ongoing: Annually revisited and enhanced, using observation data to ensure QOS by agency standards |
| Total SPEP Score | 14 | out of 20 | | | |
| POP | | | | | |

**This Plan is approved by:**

Kaen K. Peerson 5-20-26 Jorge Redmond 5/21/26

Program Manager Signature Date JCPC Chair Signature Date

# Program Enhancement Plan (PEP)

**Program/Component:** Earn & Learn Community Service and Restitution

**Brief Description:** Earn & Learn is the community service/restitution program in Buncombe County. This program works with youth assigned community service hours and/or given a monetary compensation requirement for victims provided through DJJ. Through supervised, assigned work and evidence-based journaling, juveniles provide important service to the community, are held accountable for their actions, and given the opportunity to acknowledge any harm they may have caused

| Category | SPEP Score | Enhancement Opportunity | Action Steps | Responsible Party | Progress Report: Describe progress made, include date, what has been completed, in process or no progress |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Primary Service | 10 | Earn and Learn is a Group 2 ans can only gain 10 points and 5 supplemental | | | |
| Qualifying Supplemental Service | 5 | | | | |
| Quality of Service Delivery | 14 | Program Evaluation Program Policies and Procedures/ Structured Training and Program Documentation | Ensure community service sites and supervisors are trained annually/ Continue collaboration with community partners/Develop & implement a standardized training for all agency stakeholders/Create &maintain | Executive Director/ Director of Community Service & Restitution/ Teen Court staff/ interns and volunteers /Board/DJJ/JJTC/JCPC | Completed monthly through 2025-2026 and in-process and on-going: Staff trainng tracking/planning calendars are completed and monitired. Training and site contracts/reviews completed in June 25 and on going through June 26 |
| Amount of Service: Duration and Contact Hours | 6 | Re-evaluate and create an extension of services through intake/and community service/Life Skills and through incentives | Create an extension of services through DPS, J. Target population policy 1 and 2 and K. Referral Source to provide positive experiences/reminders and develop useful skills through Alternative life skill/pro social opportunities. | Executive Director/ Director of Community Service & Restitution/ Teen Court staff/ interns and volunteers | Completed monthly through 2025-2026 and in-process and on-going: Flash Resume' – Art and Feeling – Build your Character – Life skills and incentives |
| Risk Level of Youth | 18 | | | | |
| Total SPEP Score | 53 | | | | |
| POP | 66% | out of 80% | | | |

**This Plan is approved by:**

Karen K. Pearson — 5-20-26 — Jorge Redmond — 5/21/2026

Program Manager Signature — Date — JCPC Chair Signature — Date

# Program Enhancement Plan (PEP)

PIVOTPoint WNC - Prevention, July 01, 2024- June 30, 2025

PIVOTPoint WNC is a 10-week therapeutic adventure-based program comprised of 4-6 hour sessions hiking, climbing, rafting, paddleboarding, or mountain biking. Activities are paired with in-depth individualized goals and group facilitation that focus on communication skills, core value identification, personal agency development, and healthy peer interaction, while helping clients indentify areas of strength and resilience.

**Program/Component:**
**Brief Description:**

| Category | SPEP Score | Enhancement Opportunity | Action Steps | Responsible Party | **Progress Report**: **Describe progress made, include date, what has been completed, in process or no progress** |
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| **Primary Service** | 25 | | | | |
| **Qualifying Supplemental Service** | 5 | Full requirement met. | N/A | | |
| **Quality of Service Delivery** | 18 | We are aiming to enhance our retention rates and increased guardian involvement. | 1. We now have a dedicated employee (Community Liaison) who is intentionally increasing outreach with guardians/participants and our school-based points of contact. 2. This dedicated employee will also increase in-person contact with partcipants on a consistent basis. | Program Director/Community Liaison | The Community Liaison has increased outreach efforts for the second round of cohorts for the school year starting at the moment of the referral and will continue these efforts upon program exit. Our second round of cohorts has doubled in size due to these efforts to the point where we had to add an additional outing day to accomodate the increase. |
| **Amount of Service: Duration and Contact Hours** | 0 | The organization is examining whether or not the group counseling is the most appripriate SPEP type to fit the program design. The weeks: hours requirement is challenging with an after school program. | 1. We are looking into whether Group Counseling is the most accurate SPEP type for our program. 2. We would lke to get on the JCPC agenda to discuss switching our SPEP category that aligns more with what we do. | Program Director/Community Liaison | The Program Director plans to email tthe director of the JCPC to get on February's agenda |
| **Risk Level of Youth** | 5 | Due to our intake limitations, risk level will always impact our score. | N/A | Program Director/Community Liaison | |
| **Total SPEP Score** | 53 | | | | |
| **POP** | 56% | | | | |

**This Plan is approved by:**

Matthew B Nannis 5/20/2026
**Program Manager Signature** **Date**

Jorge Redmond 05/21/2026
**JCPC Chair Signature** **Date**

# Program Enhancement Plan (PEP)

PIVOTPoint WNC--Interpersonal Skills Program, July 01, 2024- June 30, 2025

PIVOTPoint WNC is a 10-week therapeutic adventure-based program comprised of 4-6 hour sessions hiking, climbing, rafting, paddleboarding, or mountain biking. Activities are paired with in-depth individualized goals and group facilitation that focus on communication skills, core value identification, personal agency development, and healthy peer interaction, while helping clients indentify areas of strength and resilience.

**Program/Component:**
**Brief Description:**

| Category | SPEP Score | Enhancement Opportunity | Action Steps | Responsible Party | **Progress Report**: **Describe progress made, include date, what has been completed, in process or no progress** |
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| **Primary Service** | 15 | | | | |
| **Qualifying Supplemental Service** | 5 | Full requirement met. | N/A | | |
| **Quality of Service Delivery** | 19 | Increase/expand our referral base beyond soley court counselors to maximum our outreach | 1. Hire a full time Community Liaison for dedicated engagement for direct school-based referrals and parent/participant outreach. 2. Engagement with Buncombe County and Asheville Ciy School SRO captains to discuss our program and the referral process. | Program Director/Community Liaison | Hired Community Liaison July 1, 2025 |
| **Amount of Service: Duration and Contact Hours** | 8 | PIVOTPoint is a 10-week program and may never reach the 16-week target mark; however our contact hours will always exceed by double or even triple the target hour requirement. | We will continue to not meet the 16-week duration requirement of our SPEP score but will always exceed the contact hour requirement. | Program Director/Community Liaison | |
| **Risk Level of Youth** | 10 | Due to our intake limitations, risk level will always impact our score. | N/A | Program Director/Community Liaison | |
| **Total SPEP Score** | 59 | | | | |
| **POP** | 69% | | | | |

**This Plan is approved by:**

Matthew B Nannis 5/20/2026
**Program Manager Signature** **Date**

Jorge Redmond 5/21/2026
**JCPC Chair Signature** **Date**

# Program Enhancement Plan (PEP)

**Program/Component:** Umoja UNETE Restorative Practices Program

**Brief Description:** Umoja Health Wellness and Justice Collective (www.umojahwj.org) and UNETE (www.unetenc.org) will deliver evidence-based restorative services for youth and families engaged with Juvenile Justice in Buncombe County. Based in trauma-informed and resiliency-based curricula at both organizations, we will deliver flexible services within the following modes: mediation, conferencing between affected parties, and circles to reduce recidivism, prevent future complaints, heal trauma, and share resources.

| | Enhancement Opportunity | Action Steps | Responsible Party | Progress Report: Describe progress made, include date, what has been completed, in process or no progress |
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| **Quality of Service Delivery** | Restorative Practices/Mentoring/ Conferencing with Clients and Familes | Continue and increase the work with school systems to look at incidence of absenteeism and behavioral/social challenges. | JCPS Staff from Umoja and UNETE | Our work with clients continues along dates that follow the school calendar. Recently a client has had difficulty navigating the various systems that respond to family/client conflicts. |
| | Program Evaluation (Q of S Score 2): Consistently collect data from student and parent surveys. | The program has client files and has been working on ensuring the data entry for clients into NC ALLIES is accurate and up to date. Of the files reviewed, several were available for review, several were unavailable due to review at the time of monitoring, and several had most items present but had not been terminated from NC ALLIES within the appropriate time outlined by JCPC policy. | JCPS Staff from Umoja and UNETE | Karen Hayes Roberts (KHR) has transitioned into the JCPC program coordinator. We continue to work on ways to review files and other program practices regularly to ensure consistency will increase program effectiveness. |
| | Staff Training (Q of S Score 2): Clarify annual staff training requirements. | Training is sometimes inconsistent and the organization is still working to organize their training protocols for the JCPC Restorative Practices Program offererred jointly by Umoja and Unete. | JCPS Staff from Umoja and UNETE | Training: Umoja has received a grant from Mtn Area Workforce Dev Board for staff trainings (incl UNETE) for Youth Mental Health First Aid (and Train the trainer) Restorative practices cont to be offered by UW. KHR is currently training on JCPC model and NC Allies best practices. |
| | Staff Evelaution (Qof S Score 2) | Staff Eval: Umoja has worked to develop some good staff training and peer evaluation models to use in the program. The program has an HR checklist, onboarding process, and a peer review process. In spite of this work, program evaluations were not present in the staff files, however. | JCPS Staff from Umoja and UNETE | We are introducing the Apricot case management system to better track JCPC and HOPE 4 the Future case data. We would welcome any JCPC funded org experiences with a similar integration project. |
| | Staff Retention (Q of S Score 2) | Staff Retention: There were fourteen employees that worked for Umoja including the Operations Direction and Executive Director/Program Manager. Five of those staff members no longer work with Umoja, averaging a 64% retention rate in the past 14 months since program began. | JCPS Staff from Umoja and UNETE | Retention: We cont to have good staff retention across all youth centered programs and have devoted key personell (KHR) to JCPC. |

**POP**

**This Plan is approved by:**

Michael Hayes — 26-May-26 — Jorge Redmond — 05/27/26

**Program Manager Signature** **Date** **JCPC Chair Signature** **Date**

JCPC YOUTH SERVICES

# INTERVENTION & PREVENTION RESOURCE GUIDE

## FOR BUNCOMBE COUNTY



BUNCOMBE COUNTY
PEOPLE TO MATCH OUR MOUNTAINS
NORTH CAROLINA

**LAST UPDATED:**
December 2025

# DEAR BUNCOMBE COUNTY COMMUNITY MEMBERS,

We are pleased to introduce the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) Youth Services: Intervention & Prevention Resource Guide for Buncombe County, a compilation of services and support designed to enhance the well-being and development of youth in our community.

North Carolina established JCPCs in the late 1990s as a state & local partnership to provide alternatives to youth development centers (YDCs) and offer noninstitutional dispositional interventions that protect both the community and youth. Buncombe County faces challenges with high numbers of youth referred to the Juvenile Justice system for low level behaviors (see JCPC Summary Risk & Needs Report, December, 2025). Concerns persist about the high percentage of school-based complaints filed in Buncombe County compared to the state, and recent reports demonstrating inequities in school discipline and referrals to court from the ACLU and the NCDPS Division of Juvenile Justice.

Consistent with research across the country, in May 2023 the NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission published a Juvenile Recidivism Study (linked here), which noted: “the lowest levels of recidivism correspond to the least invasive systemic responses of the juvenile justice system, particularly by intervening with youth short of adjudication… this report and past report findings indicate the most efficient and effective investment of sufficient resources is in the community, at the front end of the juvenile justice system.”

Aligning with these findings, the JCPC advocates for increasing alternative pathways to respond to youth behavior and needs, emphasizing behavioral health and restorative justice opportunities, increasing access to other JCPC-funded programs through direct referrals from school and community partners, and increasing awareness of community-based resources available to support youth.

Please explore this resource guide as a reference point for programs, interventions, and support available to our youth. We hope that by centralizing this information, we can foster a more informed and connected community, working collaboratively to uplift and empower the next generation. We look forward to a collaborative effort in building a stronger, safer, and more supportive community for our youth.

Sincerely,

Jorge Redmond, Chair, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, Senior Attorney, Buncombe County Sheriff’s Office

Hannah Legerton, Youth Justice Division Manager, Buncombe County Justice Services

# OVERVIEW



*The purpose of this resource guide is to document a continuum of services available for youth. The following is a list of existing resources – it is not a measure of resource effectiveness and/or sustainability.*

## Buncombe County JCPC Funded Programs: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

JCPC programs serve youth involved in the court system – or at risk of involvement – through intervention, diversion, treatment, and aftercare to support families and community safety.

- **Aspire Youth & Family:** 828-556-1155 or 828-226-5533, robin@aspirenc.org.
  - Kids At Work! Interpersonal skills development program for 12 to 17 year-olds to learn cooking skills, better methods of communication, skills to get hired for jobs, and gain ServSafe Certification. Participants do not have to be enrolled in school to participate.
  - The Connection Youth learn entrepreneurial and vocational skills through a music production job training program.

- **Buncombe Alternatives:**
  - Teen Court Diversion from juvenile court and alternative to suspension for youth who take responsibility for low-level behaviors by participating in court proceedings held by trained youth and adult volunteers. Teen Court does not decide guilt or innocence but centers on lowered recidivism through restorative justice. (828)707-2113, jamielee@buncombealternatives.org.
  - Earn and Learn: Restorative Community Service Works with youth assigned community service and/or given a monetary compensation requirement. Through supervised, assigned work and evidence-based journaling, youth provide important service to the community, are held accountable for their actions, and given the opportunity to acknowledge harm they may have caused. (828)707-3800, juan@buncombealternatives.org.

- **PIVOTPoint WNC** Therapeutic adventure- and nature-based interventions for youth ages 14+ who are court-involved, diverted, or at-risk of court involvement. Introduces personal agency development and pro-social skills, reducing substance use and recidivism, using CBT, Experiential Coaching, Mindfulness-based practice, Acceptance and Commitment Therapy, and Person-Centered therapy. (828) 560-3123, admissions@pivotpointwnc.com.

- **Umoja Health Wellness & Justice Collective + UNETE** Restorative Practices Program uses trauma and resiliency-based curriculums to deliver flexible services for youth and families including: mediation, conferencing between affected parties, and circles to reduce recidivism, prevent future complaints, heal trauma, & share resources. Umoja: (828) 490-5774, umojahwjcollective@gmail.com, UNETE: (828) 273-9065, contactus@unetenc.org.

# ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY RESOURCES



This continuum starts with prevention and moves towards graduated interventions.

## MENTORING

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| **Umoja's HOPE (Healing Our Past Experiences) 4 the Future** | A free after school and summer camp for school aged children and teens. This program is trauma-informed, culturally aligned and knows that by reaching these youth now, so they are more likely to avoid risky behaviors such as substance use and violence, in their future. To refer someone or register for the HOPE 4 the Future program go the website linked here. https://www.umojahwj.org/programs or contact Michael Hayes the Executive Director at 828-490-5774 or email by at umojahwjcollective@gmail.com. |
| **UNETE's Mentoring and Nurturing Our Students (M.A.N.O.S)** | To encourage Latino youth to consider a path to college and careers, this program was created in 2009 and continues to provide a safe space for students and their parents to cultivate a culture of academic achievement, social engagement, and community accountability. More information about the M.A.N.O.S program can be accessed through their website linked here https://unetenc.org/ or by calling (828) 273-9065. |
| **Youth Transformed for Life (YTL)** | G.R.A.C.E. for Teens Afterschool, Summer Camp, G.R.A.C.E for R.O.S.E.S/M.O.S.S, YTL G.R.A.C.E for Girls Elementary, YTL G.R.A.C.E for Boys, and YTL G.R.A.C.E for Teens Advocacy and Outreach programs were created to assist disadvantaged youth in reaching and exceeding their personal, educational, and professional goals by equipping them with effective communication skills; supporting and advocating for them in the school system; investing time and resources, and creating experiences that will enhance their self-worth and improve their vision for the future. http://ytltraining.org/programs/. For more information call YTL Training Program at (828)407-8979 or email ytltraining@gmail.com. |
| **My Daddy Taught Me That** | Serves youth in grades 6 - 12, ages 10-19, and is developing an ambassador program for young adults. The program serves many kids in public housing but is not limited to public housing residents. The mission is to assist in the development of young males into Righteous, Respectable and Responsible Men through empowerment, education and support. Applications for the My Daddy taught me That as well as the Junior Program are available on the website linked here https://mydaddytaughtmethat.org/. For more information call MDTMT at (828) 582 2261. |

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| **Open Doors** | he Mentorship programing includes Academic/tutoring program, enrichment activities, quarterly guest Teaching, and AVL Rise. Open Doors Asheville supports students' kindergarten through college age. Students can be referred directly through their website https://opendoorsasheville.org/. For more info call Open Doors at 828-239-8811. |
| **Word on the Street/La Voz de les Jóvenes, Arteria Collective** | A program that centers the leadership and creativity of black and brown teens, through arts-based programming and opportunities for participants to develop healthy relationships with peers and mentors, while working to make a difference in their community using their voices, talents and imaginations. For more information visit https://arteriacollective.org, call WOTS/VDLJ at (828)505-8377, or email wots.vdlj@gmail.com. |
| **Big Brothers/ Big Sisters** | Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western North Carolina offers three mentoring programs—each of which provides its own unique opportunities for your child to engage with their Big Brother or Big Sister. There is no cost to participate in any of our programs. To enroll a child, visit the website at https://www.bbbswnc.org/new-littles-enrollment-form/ or email the enrollment and matching specialist Jennifer Griffin at jenniferg@bbbswnc.org |
| **Journeymen** | Journeymen mentorship programming supports adolescent males ages 12-17. The programs' goal is to help male-identified youth step into new aspects of themselves, allowing an opportunity to let go of old patterns that no longer serve, while stepping into a new more integrated identity. Through their partnership with United Way, they offer mentoring groups in several Buncombe County Schools (A.C. Reynolds middle and Highschool, North Buncombe Middle School, Clyde A. Erwin Middle School, and Enka Middle School). Prospective Mentors and Mentees for all Journeymen programs can apply through their website https://journeymenasheville.org. For more information contact Journey Men at (828) 771-6344 or email journeymenasheville@gmail.com. |



## PARENT/FAMILY SKILLS

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| **MotherLove YWCA** | MotherLove YWCA is for pregnant and parenting teens, to help support them staying in school, having access to higher education and vocational training, develop skills needed for strong parenting, and delay another pregnancy. YWCA provides MotherLove to each high school. MortherLove provides additional case management services and group meeting to encourage the student to stay in school and graduate. For more information on the YWCA programing contact the MotherLove Coordinator at 828.254.7206 x 205 or by email at motherlove@ywcaofasheville.org. |
| **Project NAF** | Nurturing Asheville and Area Families is a program offered through the Mount Zion Community Development Program and supported by NC Dept of HHS and Buncombe County. Programs offered include prenatal and postnatal support, coordination of childcare and transportation, perinatal smoking cessation, breastfeeding, and empowerment plan. With questions or to access this resource contact Belinda Grant at (828) 776-1427. For more information on this program visit their website https://www.mtzionasheville.org/mzcd-inc/naf/. |
| **SistasCaring4Sistas** | Sistas Caring 4 Sistas is a community-based doula program founded by women of color for women of color who could benefit from this evidence-based form of birth support. Their mission is to reduce adverse birth-related outcomes among individuals of color by providing doula services, advocacy, and education with a vision to eliminate the barriers contributing to birth-related inequities among persons of color. For more information visit their website https://www.sistascaring4sistas.org/ or contact SC4S at (828) 620-9828 or email them at doulaup@sistascaring4sistas.org. |
| **MAHEC Ob-Gyn** | MAHEC provides comprehensive patient-centered obstetrical and gynecological care including working with adolescents, substance use disorder treatment, and high-risk of pregnancies. For more information visit the MAHEC Ob-Gyn Teen Services website https://mahec.net/obgyn/index. To contact MAHEC call (828) 771-5500.<br>**Services provided include:**<br>• Teen Services<br>• Project CARA: Substance use disorder treatment for pregnant and parenting people<br>• Centering Pregnancy |
| **Triple P: Positive Parenting Program** | Triple P Positive Parenting Program is an evidence-based program that gives parents the skills they need to build strong family relationships, manage misbehavior and prevent problems happening in the first place. Offered through groups and seminars. To access these resources call (828) 257-4456 or email triplep@mahec.net. |

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| **Circle of Security Parenting Classes** | Circle of Security™ Parenting: Join other parents for an 8-week class to strengthen parent-child relationships. Interventions focus on helping caregivers reflect upon children's attachment needs to promote secure attachment with a child. The training is built for parents and caregivers of children 2 months to 6 years old. For more info go to the https://buncombepfc.org/for-families/circle-of-security/ or call 828-285-9333. Classes provided through:<br>• Buncombe Partnership for Children<br>• Verner Early Learning Center<br>• Mountain Child Advocacy<br>• Resources for Resilience<br>• Buncombe HHS (REQUIRES DSS REFERRAL) |
| **Verner Early Learning Center** | Verner Center for Early Learning is a nonprofit agency providing high quality, affordable early care for children birth to five years old. This program is centered around holistic learning environments. Verner Early Learning Center strives to help build a community where every child and family can thrive. Waitlist Applications for the Early Head Start (ages 0-3) and NC pre-K and Kindergarten readiness are available through their website. Children participating in this programming also have access to the Verner Experiential gardens and Vern's Rainbow in in my Tummy Program. Verner Families also have access to the Family Empowerment Program, through this Program Verner Early Learning Center provides one-on-one support and case management to motivated families who want to gain the necessary skills to return to the workforce, increase their income levels, and break the cycle of poverty. For more information go to the Vener website https://vernerearlylearning.org/family-empowerment-program/ or email info@vernerlearning.org |
| **Helpmate** | Helpmate provides free emergency shelter, counseling, and support for you and your children. Helpmate offers "Talking with Your Teens", a workshop focused on teaching parents how to identify signs of abusive relationships and support their teens in cultivating healthy relationships. For more information about Helpmates extensive services are available on their website https://helpmateonline.org/services/#outreach, those seeking more information can also call the Helpmate business line at (828) 254-0516. |
| **First Resource Center for people of all ages with disabilities** | FIRSTwnc offers comprehensive services to children, youth and adults with disabilities or at risk of disabilities, young children with a variety of mental wellness and the people who love and support them. Referrals can be sent through their website https://firstwnc.org/refer/. Those looking to access this service email FIRSTwnc info@firstwnc.org or via phone by calling 828-277-1315. |

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| **SPARC Family Visitation and Parent Coaching Program** | The SPARC Foundation supports family reunification through our Family Visitation and Parent Coaching program. SPARC offers professional staff to observe court-ordered visitation between parents and children in foster care. SPARC also has Visitation Coaches for parents in need of guidance and support with parenting skills. SPARC coaches are available to transport children and/or parents to/from visits to reduce transportation barriers. Families often have scheduling challenges that require visits to occur outside the typical 9-5, M-F workday. SPARC coaches will develop schedules with families that work for them in accordance with their court order. Families and individuals can be referred directly on the SPARC foundation website at this link https://thesparcfoundation.org/family-center-treatment-referral/ More info available through the SPARC Foundation website as well as through email frontoffice@thesparcfoundation.org or phone (828) 552-3771. |
| **Nurse Family Partnership** | Nurse-Family Partnership® (NFP), established in Buncombe County in October 2009, has served over 1100 families. NFP is an evidence-based community health program that helps transform the lives of vulnerable mothers who are pregnant. Each mother served by NFP is partnered with a registered nurse early in her pregnancy and receives ongoing nurse home visits that continue through her child's second birthday. To qualify for enrollment, first-time mothers must be enrolled prior to 29 weeks' gestation, and pregnant mothers with one or more children must be enrolled prior to delivery. For more information or to access this resource visit the Buncombe County Nurse Family Partnership or contact Veronic Watts at Veronica.watts@buncombecounty.org or by calling 828-250-5063. |
| **Mission Children's Family Support Network** | Family Support helps families access services and supports it is a community-based approach that increases the strength and resilience of families, supports parents as they help their children with special needs achieve their full potential, improves community providers' capacity to serve families with children who have special needs. The services family support offers are parent to parent support, information and referral, support groups and workshops, and service system navigation support. More information is available through their website https://missionhealth.org/member-hospitals/childrens/fsn/. Referrals are accepted from any source by phone, email, mail or in person at the office. To learn more about our services or to make a referral please call Reuter Children's Outpatient Center at 828-213-0047 or Mission Hospital at 828-213-9787for inpatient. Referrals can be made via email at MHAV.FamilySupportNetwork@HCAHealthcare.com. |

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| **First Resource Center for people of all ages with disabilities** | FIRSTwnc offers comprehensive services to children, youth and adults with disabilities or at risk of disabilities, young children with a variety of mental wellness and the people who love and support them. Referrals can be sent through their website https://firstwnc.org/refer/. Those looking to access this service email FIRSTwnc info@firstwnc.org or via phone by calling 828-277-1315. |
| **VA Group for Vets with children** | PTSD Family Education classes are offered at various points throughout the year and Veterans can obtain referrals to that through their VA provider, as well as Veteran family therapy. For more information or to find out how to access these resources contact Jennifer Holser atJennifer.Hosler@va.gov. |
| **Christine Avery Early Learning Center** | The Christine Avery Early Learning Center provides children with all backgrounds with access to a quality education rooted in sociocultural theory and ministry, assisting in the growth and development of the students academically, socially, and spiritually. Registration for the Early learning program (2- to 4-year-olds) and NC pre-K are available through their website as well as registration for the school aged children's programs which include after school and summer camp. More information on this program can be accessed through their website https://www.cwalearningcenter.com/school-aged-programs or by phone at 828-232-7433. |
| **ABCCM Transformation Village** | ABCCM Transformation Village provides up to 100 beds of transitional housing for homeless women, mothers with children, and Veterans. Typically serving those who have experienced domestic violence and/or abandonment and are working towards recovery. These services can be accessed by calling Transformation Village at 828-259-5365. Information regarding their other miniseries including Crisis, Medical, and Veterans Services can be accessed through the ABCCM website https://www.abccm.org/get-help/. For further support or questions about these services contact ABCCM by email at info@abccm.org or by phone (828) 259-5300. |
| **Blue Ridge Healthy Families – Buncombe** | BRHF is a free, voluntary program designed for families that are expectant or have recently delivered a new baby. We seek to provide empathic support that serves to assist families in developing nurturing and responsive parent-child relationships. Highly trained and qualified family support specialists (home-visitors) partner with families to guide their parenting practices, respond to their individual needs, and establish family goals all within the context of child-centered services. For more information go to the Blue Ridge Healthy Families Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/BRhealthyfamilies/ or call (828) 682-0047. |

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| **De Mujer a Mujer, UNETE** | This a grassroots volunteer-based community group founded in 2016 by Latino women as result of focus groups and collaboration between Children First/CIS and Mountain Area Health Education Center (MAHEC) De Mujer A Mujer NC (DMAM) believes in creating a culture which supports women and their families in achieving a comprehensive well-being through equity, solidarity and empowerment. More information about UNETE can be accessed through their website https://unetenc.org/ and more support or questions regarding these services can be directed to their email contactus@unetenc.org or by phone (828) 273-9065. |
| **Children First Family Resource Centers @ Emma and Estes Elementary** | Family Resource Centers at Emma and Estes support families access to resources through a food pantry, SNAP applications, emergency financial assistance, community referrals, and parent workshops. More information about these services are available through Children First Family Resource Centers website https://childrenfirstcisbc.org/familyresourcecenters/, further support or questions about these resources can be accessed via phone 828-259-9717 or email info@childrenfirstbc.org. . |



## INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

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| **ASPIRE Youth & Families, Kids At Work!** | Kids At Work! is an afterschool program for youth 12-17 years old to learn technical skills of cooking while building better methods of communication. Participants do not have to be enrolled in school. Participants will work to gain their ServSafe Certification as well as to gain skills they will need to get hired for jobs. Referrals: kidsatworknc.com/kaw-referral-form, call Aspire 828-226-5533 or 828-556-1155, robin@aspirenc.org. |
| **PIVOTPoint WNC** | PIVOTPoint is an innovative therapeutic adventure company that harnesses the power of nature to drive transformation. PIVOTPoint also offers Group Intensives, Family Intensives, and Day Programs Those seeking more information on this resource contact Matt Nannis PIVOTPoint founder at 828-748-8424 or email admissions@pivotpointwnc.com |
| **Mountain Child Advocacy Center, School-based programming** | Mountain Child Advocacy Center is setting the standard for the prevention and treatment of neglect and child abuse. Yearly, they teach more than 8,000 children in Buncombe County through highly interactive and research-based classes designed to educate and empower kids. When abuse occurs, they provide access to free, evidence-based therapies that help children heal. To access this information contact MCAC at advocacy@mtncac.org or Colleen Burnett educator@mtncac.org. |
| **Our Voice** | Our Voice is an organization with a mission of preventing sexual violence and providing outreach. Youth programs include a 90-minute dating and communication program for middle and high school students; an 11-week “Climbing Toward Confidence” girls empowerment program for 7th-8th grade girls; and an interactive theater program for teens and college students. For more information visit the Our Voice website here https://www.ourvoicenc.org/programs/#youth, call the office line (828) 252-0562, or email through this link: https://www.ourvoicenc.org/contact/. |
| **Helpmate** | Helpmate offers both single- and multi-session Youth Prevention Education programming about healthy dating and dating abuse prevention to youth ages 12-18 in public and private schools, youth groups and summer camps. For more information about Helpmates extensive services are available on their website https://helpmateonline.org/services/#outreach, those seeking more information can also call the Helpmate business line at (828) 254-0516. |

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| **Community-Based Public Health Response to Violence (CPrV)** | The CPrV model focuses on root causes of violence and honors the lived experience of community members whose voices have historically been overlooked or downplayed. One core strategy of CPrV is Youth Leadership Development through Youth Empowerment Solutions (YES). Youth in YES work to change the community as a way to prevent youth violence. Contact William.Baxter@buncombecounty.org or 828-767-2770. |
| **Resources for Resilience** | Resource for Resilience offers a wide variety of services including the Ambassadors for Youth (R.A.Y.) program, Circle of Security® Parenting™ (COS-P), Reconnect for Resilience™ (Reconnect), and Reconnect for Resilience™ Implementation Coaching. We offer dynamic tools to support everyone's capacity for wellbeing. The classes and trainings are trauma-informed and resiliency-focused. The effective tools can empower individuals, organizations, and whole communities to handle adversity and remain connected during tough times. For more information about these programs and to find out how to access these resources visit the Resource for Resilience website https://resourcesforresilience.com/resources-for-resilience-offerings/, call 828-367-7092, or email information@resourcesforresilience.com. |
| **Light a Path** | Light a Path (LAP) offers yoga/fitness instruction for youth, the incarcerated, the unhoused, and those in recovery at community partner locations. Volunteers are trained in racial justice, physical responses to trauma, and trauma-informed wellness. Moe information is available on their website https://www.ywcaofasheville.org/light-a-path/, those interested in accessing this resource or with questions can contact Erika Bowman at lightapath@ywcaofasheville.org or call 828-254-7206 x 229. |



## EXPERIENTIAL SKILLS

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| **Girls on the Run** | Girls on the Run is a confidence skill building program that helps girls build healthy lifestyles. The program is for 10 weeks afterschool for 3rd-5th graders, and a new program, Heart and Soul, continues for girls in middle school. Activities are run at the following school locations: Averys Creek, Black Mtn Primary, Black Mtn Elementary, Claxton, Estes, Glen Arden, Hall Fletcher, Hominy Valley, Invest Collegiate, Ira B. Jones, Isaac Dickson, Leicester, NB, UNC A, Oakley Elementary, and Vance. for more information or to access this resource call (828) 713-4290 or go to the website https://www.gotrwnc.org/. |
| **Muddy Sneakers** | Muddy Sneakers introduces students to the wonders of the natural world through experiential outdoor education aligned to North Carolina's essential science standards. For more information on Community Programming email info@muddysneakers.org, or call 828-862-5560. |
| **Asheville City Schools Foundation & In Real Life After-School** | Asheville City Schools Foundation offers experiential opportunities through the In Real Life Program, or through teacher led opportunities during the school day that the Foundation funds. For more information or to gain access to these services contact Asheville City Schools (828)-350-6174, more information can also be found on the ACSF website https://www.acsf.org/, those looking for more information can also email acsf@acsf.org. In Real Life After-school provides high quality, hands-on, equitable, and accessible after school experiences for all Asheville City Schools middle school students. IRL is committed to ensuring that all students have access to opportunities which allow them to explore their interests and ignite their creativity. IRL operates on an affordable sliding scale of $0-$75/club and partners with Asheville City Schools transportation to provide bussing around the city and in the evenings. To learn more about the IRL program and to find out how to access this resource reach out IRL Program Coordinator Joshua Wilson at joshua.wilson@acsgmail.net or (828) 747-2247 or Gregory Hall via email at greg@acsf.org or by phone at his office number 828-350-2608 or through the IRL 828-747-2247. |



# TUTORING/ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT

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| **Partners Unlimited- Structured Day Program** | Partners Unlimited is open and accepting Buncombe County/Asheville City school students for Credit Recovery and Long-Term Suspension with the approval of the home school. Transportation not available outside city limits. This program is targeted at youth ages 10 to 18 years old. For students long or short term suspended, or credit recovery. Those interested in accessing this resource should contact Anderson Davis, Partners Unlimited Director, at 828-216-5326 or email p.unlimited18@gmail.com. more information is available through the Partners Unlimited Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/davis.anderson2009/. |
| **Community Action Opportunities** | Community Action Opportunities offers a wide variety of services to both children and families in the community. The Head Start program is a comprehensive child and family development program serving families who live on limited incomes and have children ages 3-5 years old. The Life Works program helps individuals obtain full-time, living wage jobs so they can move out of poverty and obtain economic security. Participants are typically in the program one to three years. The Weatherization Services program helps make home improvements that result in safer and more energy efficient homes. For more information on this program and to learn how to access this contact Community Action Opportunities at (828) 252-2495 or info@communityactionopportunities.org. More information is also available through their website communityactionopportunities.org. |
| **Read to Succeed** | Read to Succeed serves youth Kindergarten through 3rd grade. They work with youth who test below expected grade ready level and are referred by their schools for tutoring with trained volunteers. Most are from low-income homes. Currently, offered in six BC elementary schools: Johnston, Candler, Haw Creek, Woodfin, Oakley and Estes; and ACS elementary schools.For more information on this service contact 828-747-2277, email info@r2sasheville.org, or visit their website at https://www.r2sasheville.org/. |
| **Youthful HAND** | Youthful Hand, Housing Against Narcotics and Drugs (HAND) at Hillcrest Community Center, run by Elinor Earles. Youthful Hand is an enrichment and academic program that works with 5-12-year-olds after school and in summer and 3pm-5:30pm. For questions or for more information contact Executive Director Copland Arnold Rudolph at copland@acsf.org or (828) 350-6174. |
| **Bright Ideas through Isaac Dickson** | Bright IDEAS is an extended-day afterschool program that offers safe and fun enrichment opportunities for students enrolled at Isaac Dickson Elementary. Bright IDEAS runs Monday through Friday, 2:30-6:00. Email penny.lewis@acsgmail.net to register with Bright IDEAS Google Group to receive updates. |

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| **OpenDoors of Asheville** | Open Doors is a local program primarily for youth academic enhancement, but also with individualized education and enrichment opportunities for youth that enhance lifelong social, emotional, cognitive and physical skills. There are three levels of programming for youth, including community level programming, tier 2 programming, and intensive. OpenDoors of Asheville serves children birth-12th grade. Students can be referred directly through their website https://opendoorsasheville.org/. For more information call Open Doors at 828-239-8811. |
| **Asheville Middle School After School - In Real Life** | Asheville Middle School – In Real Life, IRL is a diverse and engaged network of Service Providers who remove barriers and serve the Social-Emotional and academic needs of Asheville City students. IRL provides transportation, healthy snacks, and integrated support for students during the school day, and wrap-around services for disadvantaged families. IRL programs are fun, hands-on, and high quality. Each year IRL offers over 80 programs in STEM, Health and Wellness, and Humanities. For more info or to access this service contact Gregory Hall via email at greg@acsf.org or by phone at 828-350-2608 or through the IRL 828-747-2247. |
| **Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club** | The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club of Buncombe County is a nonprofit youth development organization serving young people of all backgrounds, ethnicities, and life experiences, particularly those who are vulnerable or marginalized. Through after-school services, summer programs, and a teen center, The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club provides a safe place for children to learn and grow, ongoing relationships with caring mentors, and life-enhancing experiences. |
| **Asheville Parks and Rec After School Programs** | Asheville Parks and Rec offers many after school programs for young kids and teens including Fun Day Out and Fun Day Out Teen Programs as well as Therapeutic Recreation Fun Day Out. The schedule and registration information for these programs are available through their website linked here; they can also be reached via phone at (828)259-5800. |

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| **YWCA of Asheville** | YWCA of Asheville Offers many different childcare programs. Pay-By-The-Hour Childcare is designed so busy parents can take care of errands, doctor's appointments, meetings, etc. The Empowerment Childcare is an income verified program that provides up to 12 hours of free childcare per week for parents who are in transition, continuing their education, and/or accessing social services. Many YWCA programs offer childcare including Health & Wellness, MotherLOVE, Getting Ahead, and more. For more information about these resources contact Alesia Summey, Director of Empowerment Childcare at ecc@ywcaofasheville.org or 828-254-7206 x113. More information is also available through the Asheville YWCA website https://www.ywcaofasheville.org/empowerment-childcare. |
| **YMCA of Western North Carolina** | The YMCA of Western North Carolina offers four different afterschool programing options:<br>**Part-time:** this program is offered three days of your choice per week for the school year. Early release care included. Does not include holidays or School's Out days.<br>**Full-time:** 41 weeks of program through the school year. Includes afterschool childcare, teacher workdays, snow days, two weeks of care for winter break, spring break and most holidays.<br>**Year-round:** 50 weeks of program. Includes afterschool childcare, teacher workdays, snow days, two weeks of care for winter break, spring break, most holidays, and summer day camp. Complimentary household membership to the YMCA. Must register by Aug. 31.<br>**Year-round with Watia upgrade:** Comes with the same benefits and coverage as the year-round plan, plus one week at YMCA Camp Watia for children ages 7 and up. Must register by Aug. 31.<br>To register for these programs, visit their website https://ymcawnc.org/programs/children-teens/childcare/afterschool or email the YMCA Business Center ybc@ymcawnc.org or call 828-251-5910. |
| **Buncombe County Schools McKinney Vento Tutoring** | Those who qualify for McKinney-Vento Services are Homeless students are children and youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. The term "homeless student" shall also be deemed to include the term "unaccompanied youth", which includes a youth who is not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.<br>Asheville City Schools Contact Jordan Mayhew the McKinney-Vento and Foster Care Coordinator at O: 828-350-6266, C: 828 747-1486 or via email at jordan.mayhew@acsgmail.net.<br>Buncombe County Schools Contact Shannon Boyd the McKinney-Vento and Foster Care Coordinator and Director of the Buncombe County Schools Family Resource Center at 828-775-1898 |

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| **Community Schools Homework Diners:**<br>• Asheville Middle<br>• Enka Middle<br>• Owen Middle<br>• Erwin Middle<br>• Reynolds Middle<br>• North Buncombe<br>• Asheville High/SILSA | Community Nights (featuring Homework Diners) offer students and their families a nutritious meal, academic support, and access to a wide variety of community resources. This unique family engagement experience builds connections between parents, teachers, students, and community resources. Community Nights happen weekly at several local schools and are open to all families with a K-12 student in the surrounding school district (PreK-8th grade students must attend with an adult family member). The schedule of Homework Dinner locations and times available on their website https://www.unitedwayabc.org/homework-diners. |
| **Delta House Life Development at Asheville Middle** | LEAAP for Success (Learning through expanded Academics and Arts Program) Community Learning Center is an after-school program of Delta House Life Development of Asheville, Inc. The program provides a safe learning environment and high-quality hands-on learning opportunities for students in grades 6-12 who are at high risk of not achieving in and out of school. Students served live in poverty, and they attend free. The program provides academic support such as homework help, tutoring, and developing skills.Students participate in cultural and social enrichment activities such as arts and crafts, jazz band, health/nutrition, field trips, mentoring, Social Graces, visual arts; positive prevention/intervention and awareness activities such as alcohol, bullying, drugs, gambling, and uses social-emotional growth. Students attend the program Monday thru Thursday from 3:30pm – 6:15pm. Shirley Whitesides is the program director at 254-6804 (office) and 230-9192 (cell); email deltahse218@deltahouse21stcentury.com, website: www.deltahouseleeap21stcentury.com. |
| **Children First/ Communities in Schools Learning Center Program at Pisgah View and Woodridge** | Children First/Communities in Schools Learning Centers are safe haven afterschool programs that provide homework help, enrichment activities (like soccer, dance and yoga) and a healthy snack to children in grades K-5 living in vulnerable communities. The program free of charge to families living in public housing/low-income communities of Pisgah View and Woodridge Apartments. A summer camp program is also being offered. For more information or to learn how to access these services contact the Director Barbara Norton at barbaran@childrenfirstbc.org. |

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| **Youth Transformed for Life (YTL)** | YTL's G.R.A.C.E. for Teens Afterschool, Summer Camp, G.R.A.C.E for R.O.S.E.S/M.O.S.S, YTL G.R.A.C.E for Girls Elementary, YTL G.R.A.C.E for Boys, and YTL G.R.A.C.E for Teens Advocacy and Outreach programs were created to assist disadvantaged youth in reaching and exceeding their personal, educational, and professional goals by equipping them with effective communication skills; supporting and advocating for them in the school system; investing time and resources, and creating experiences that will enhance their self-worth and improve their vision for the future. For more information visit the Youth Transformed for Life website https://www.ytltrainingprograms.org/ or contact them directly via phone at (828) 348-8357 or via email ytltraining@gmail.com. |
| **Marvelous Math Club** | Marvelous Math Club is an afterschool club that integrates math and psychology, centering the experiences of the students, families, and guardians at Pisgah View Community Center and celebrates its elementary-age students (Math Leaders). MMC is a partnership between Asheville Housing Authority, UNC Asheville, and Asheville City Schools. Marvelous Math Club was created at the request of the community to make a space where Math Leaders feel safe physically and emotionally while practicing and celebrating Math Leadership. For more information or to find out how to access this resource go to the Marvelous Math Club face book page https://www.facebook.com/marvelousmathclub/about or email mmc@unca.edu. |



# VOCATIONAL SKILLS

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| **Aspire: Kids at Work!** *(Cooking)* **The Connection** *(Music Production)* | Kids at Work! builds interpersonal skills in an after-school program led by a chef and a therapist, designed to help youth (12-17) learn technical skills of cooking while building better methods of communication. The Connection Youth learn entrepreneurial and vocational skills through a music production job training program. Aspire Youth & Family: 828-556-1155, 828-226-5533, robin@aspirenc.org. |
| **Goodwill Youth Resources and Opportunities** | Job readiness training, paid work experience, communication skills, individual career plans, assistance in getting diploma and accessing resources. The LINKS Program is available for current and former foster care youth. Call 828-298-9023 ext. 11167, www.ncdhhs.gov/assistance/state-guardianship/independent-living-services-for-foster-children |
| **Mountain Area Workforce Development Board, NEXTGEN** | WIOA Youth Program, NEXTGEN, provides training and development to eligible youth ages 16-24, connecting in-school and out-of-school youth to career readiness, guidance, remediation, community resources, employment, and training. NEXTGEN provides skills to gain and retain employment, directs individuals to careers that are in demand and promotes advancement to become self-sufficient. Participants receive one-on-one assistance from a Career Advisor to create a service strategy to obtain career goals. Visit www.mountainareaworks.org/youth-services or contact Brandon Priester at brandonp@landofsky.org |
| **Job Corps** | Schenck Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center's mission is to teach eligible young people skills to become employable, independent, and place them in meaningful jobs or further education. Based in Brevard, provides residential services and training. Visit schenck.jobcorps.gov or call 1-877-763-0580. |
| **Operation Gateway** | Operation Gateway is decreasing recidivism by addressing the social determinants of the health of returning citizens. Operation Gateway's community health workers advocate, provide prison in-reach, welcome home people returning from prison, and offer intensive support. Visit www.operationgateway.org or call 828-318-5234. |
| **Hood Huggers** | Hood Huggers International (HHI) identifies cooperative ambitions, celebrates and maintains connections, and builds accountability through a variety of community-centered projects at intersections of economic development, environmental and social justice, and creativity. HHI, Peace Gardens & Market, and partners provide youth vocational development, including the YouthBuild (below). Contact MZ Yehudah, 828.419.0743, mz.yehudah@hoodhuggersfoundation.org, hoodhuggers.com. |

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| **YouthBuild** | YouthBuild Core-2 is a free program that offers GED preparation and industry-recognized construction certifications, opening doors to real career opportunities. Participants will gain hands-on skills, receive one-on-one support (including financial stipends), and participate in leadership development. Eligible teens and young adults include 16–24 year-olds who left high school without a diploma, live in Buncombe County, and face barriers to education or employment. Skilled trades are in high demand across the U.S. and globally, offering excellent starting wages. Many training paths can be completed in 6–24 months, and construction skills open doors to stable, well-paid careers. YouthBuild CORE-2 is a partnership project of Land of Sky Regional Council, Hood Huggers Foundation, and Worx Project: youthbuildcore2.com, carla@hoodhuggersfoundation.org, 828.419.0743. |
| **Worx Project** | The Worx Project provides youth experiential career-connected learning, giving middle and high school students in WNC a chance to do hands-on learning, exploring interesting job paths, and diving into exciting activities. At the heart of the Worx Project, is a drive to help kids find their path. No matter where they are on their academic journey, we're ready to guide them on a journey toward a brighter future. Career-connected learning opens doors to great careers in fields like construction, culinary arts, outdoor recreation and more. Visit www.worxproject.org, contact admin@worxproject.org or call through Camp Grier: 828-668-7793. The Worx Project is also partnering on YouthBuild (above) with Hood Huggers and Land of Sky Regional Council. |
| **GO Places** | GO Places helps justice-involved young adults prepare for employment through placement into paid work experiences, job training, and mentorship. Contact GO Places Coordinator lindseyh@landofsky.org, 980-295-9195. |
| **Watauga Opportunities** | Watauga Opportunities provides Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) for students ages 14-21 with disabilities. Pre-ETS includes instruction in five categories: Job Exploration, Self-Advocacy, Workplace Readiness, Post-Secondary Exploration, and Work-Based Learning. The Pre-ETS program operates within most of the high schools in Buncombe and Madison Counties, as well as providing community-based experiences and summer services. Contact 828-264-5008 or preets@woiworks.org. |
| **United Community Development** | UCD uses home repair, weatherization, and social enterprise to provide job training, living wage jobs, and cooperative community control of social enterprise to organizations and residents served as an anti-poverty strategy. Profits support charitable work in low-income weatherization and energy efficiency, home repair job training, de-cluttering services, and resident capacity-building. Visit ucdofnc.org, 828-275-6217, info@ucdofnc.org. |

# RESTORATIVE & MEDIATION SERVICES

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| **United Way Restorative Practices Trainings** | United Way is partnering with Asheville City and Buncombe County Schools to offer free Restorative Practices trainings to school and community partners. For info on schools integrating RP visit www.unitedwayabc.org/united-youth-network; to sign up for RP training contact jo.jamison@unitedwayabc.org. |
| **Umoja + UNETE Restorative Practices Program** | Umoja + UNETE Restorative Practices Program: Umoja Health Wellness & Justice Collective and UNETE deliver restorative services for youth and families, using trauma-informed and resiliency-based curriculums to deliver flexible services within the following modes: mediation, conferencing between affected parties, and circles to reduce recidivism, prevent future complaints, heal trauma, & share resources. Umoja: (828) 490-5774, umojahwjcollective@gmail.com, UNETE: (828) 273-9065, contactus@unetenc.org. |
| **Earn and Learn Restitution** | Earn and Learn Restitution works with youth assigned community service hours and/or given a monetary compensation requirement for victims provided. For more information go to the Earn and Learn information site https://buncombealternatives.org/earn-learn-restorative-community-service/ or contact them directly vis phone (828)707-3800 or by email at juan@buncombealternatives.org. |
| **Teen Court** | Teen Court Clients are given the opportunity to take responsibility for offenses by participating in court proceedings held by trained youth and adult volunteers. For more information or to find out how to access these resources contact (828)707-2113 or email jamielee@buncombealternatives.org. |
| **Mediation Center** | The mission of the Mediation Center is to create opportunity from conflict. They offer Mediation, Family Visitation Support, and Training and Workshops. Family Mediation is offered for free for conflict for families and the youth in the family. Visit mediatewnc.org or contact the Executive Director Laura Jeffords at 828-251-6089. |

# COMMUNITY DAY PROGRAMMING/STRUCTURED DAY

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| **Schools Day Treatment with A Caring Alternative, Buncombe County Schools** | Day Treatment is an intensive behavioral health service that allows children and adolescents to access clinical treatment while enrolled in the local county school system (Woodfin Elementary, Owen Middle, Buncombe Community High Pass Program). Day Treatment services focus on helping the child or adolescent meet goals and return to a traditional academic setting. Day Treatment Services partners with Buncombe, Mitchell, and Yancey County School Systems. For more information visit www.caringalternative.com/services/buncombe-county or call (828) 475-0822. |
| **Eliada Reuter Transitional Cottage** | The Reuter Transitional Cottage is a level 3 cottage designed to care for students in need of this level of care that have been in higher levels of care for extended periods of time.This program serves youth ages 11-17. The Typical stay is an average of 6 months. This program partners with area agencies to return the student to the family home with varying levels of support at home and school or step them down to a therapeutic foster care level with additional supports as well. The students should be referred by their Complex Care Manager from VAYA. For more information go to the Reuter Transitional Cottage page on the Elida website www.eliada.org/reuter-transitional-cottage/, or contact Eliada directly by calling (828) 348-3381 or emailing referral@eliada.org. |
| **Partners Unlimited Structured Day Program** | Academic and behavioral supports for at-risk middle and high school youth as well as an alternative placement for short- and long-term suspended youth and DJJ referrals. For more information on this resource contact Partners Unlimited at (828) 281-2800 or p.unlimited18@gmail.com, more information is also available through their website punlimited18.wixsite.com/partnersunlimitedinc. |



# OUTPATIENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

## Vaya Local Management Entity/Managed Care Organization

Vaya Health is a specialty managed care organization that oversees publicly funded behavioral health and intellectual/developmental disability services across a 32-county region of North Carolina. Vaya manages Medicaid, federal, state and local funding to meet member and community needs while advancing whole-person health. Access to crisis assistance is available 24/7 at 1-800-849-6127. For more information visit https://www.vayahealth.com/.

## Youth Villages

Youth Villages provides direct services ranging from in-home to residential treatment; shares its nationally recognized and evidence-based program models with partners; and supports state child welfare leaders to bring sustainable change to systems.

**Services Offered by Youth Villages:**

- **Comprehensive Clinical Assessments (CCA)**
- **Hi-Fidelity Wrap Around Services**
- **Intercept: Strengthening families to prevent or limit the need for foster care**
- **Residential Treatment Programs: Research-based therapy for serious emotional and behavioral problems**
- **Lifeset: Helping young adults make a successful transition to adulthood**
- **Multi Systemic Therapy: For teens who are at-risk of placement out of home due to anti-social behavior**

For more information or to refer a child for services visit the Youth Villages website https://youthvillages.org/services/refer-a-child/ or contact them via phone (828) 250-3700.

## Mountain Child Advocacy Center

Mountain Child Advocacy Center is setting the standard for the prevention and treatment of neglect and child abuse. Yearly, they teach more than 8,000 children in Buncombe County through highly interactive and research-based classes designed to educate and empower kids. When abuse occurs, they provide access to free, evidence-based therapies that help children heal. To access this information contact MCAC at advocacy@mtncac.org or Colleen Burnett educator@mtncac.org or call (828) 213-9824

**Services:**

- **Counseling**
- **Interpersonal Skills**
- **Child Abuse Prevention Education**

## Children's Hope Alliance: TASK program

The TASK treatment model is designed to meet the complex needs of youth who have caused sexual harm. Youth who cause sexual harm or engage in sexually problematic behavior come from a variety of backgrounds and are often involved with the justice system. Problem sexual behavior can be symptomatic of underlying mental health issues, including trauma and dysregulation. Highly qualified, licensed staff members who are trained in the TASK model of care provide therapy through an in-home, outpatient model that provides structured family, individual, and group therapy, with an emphasis on safety planning. TASK serves youth ages 8 to 20 years old and emphasizes the development of skills related to self-regulation, communication, healthy sexuality, family conflict, academic engagement, peer relations, and risk management. Treatment lasts an average of 9 to 12 months. All youth receive a Comprehensive Evaluation of Sexual Harm (CESH). For more information on this program or to refer a youth to this program visit the Children's Hope Alliance website https://www.childrenshopealliance.org/services/treatment-alternatives-for-sexualized-kids-task/ or call Childrens Hope Alliance at 844-226-8855.

**Services:**

- **Comprehensive Clinical Assessments (CCA) & Comprehensive Evaluation of Sexual Harm (CESH)**
- **Outpatient Counseling Treatment for Sexualized Youth**

## Clarvida

Clarvida (formerly Family Preservation Services and Access Services) is a comprehensive provider offering professional psychiatric services, comprehensive evaluations, outpatient care, emergency support, and in home services services for children and adolescents. Clarvida also provides Substance Abuse Intensive Outpatient (SAIOP), a structured program to assist clients who need more intensive substance use treatment to develop skills for recovery using an individualized, trauma-informed and recovery-oriented approach.

As part of an interdisciplinary approach to the treatment of mental health symptoms, many individuals receive medication to address, stabilize and improve their symptoms as well as therapeutic behavioral interventions.

For more information visit https://www.clarvida.com/north-carolina/locations/asheville-ridgefield. To request services visit http://clarvida.com/north-carolina/services/request-services or call (828) 225-3100.

**Services:**

- **Comprehensive Clinical Assessments (CCA)**
- **Counseling & Medication Management**
- **Intensive In Home**
- **Family Centered Treatment**
- **Substance Abuse Intensive Outpatient (SAIOP)**
- **First Episode Psychosis Treatment Program**

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| **RHA** | RHA Asheville is a comprehensive provider that offers a wide range of services. They offer Psychiatric Evaluation, Medication Managemental, outpatient counseling, school-based therapy, and outpatient+ services for children and adolescents. As part of an interdisciplinary approach to the treatment of mental health symptoms, many individuals receive medication to address, stabilize and improve their symptoms, and RHA provides ongoing medication monitoring. Children, adolescents, and adults can access the Crisis Walk In Center Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm (insurance-blind). Visit rhahealthservices.org/c3356-comprehensive-care-center/crisis-walk-in-services/#bhuc or call 1-800-848-0180.<br>**Services:**<br>• **Counseling Services & Medication Management**<br>• **Comprehensive Clinical Assessments (CCA)**<br>• **Mobile Crisis Management**<br>• **MORES Pilot (Mobile Outreach, Response, Engagement, and Stabilization)**<br>• **Special Program: Asheville Buncombe Futures Movement (ABFM):** ABFM is a youth-led, student collective optimizing youth voices to advocate for a happy, healthy drug-free Buncombe County. The program is designated for high school aged students (in or out of school). Visit www.substancefreeyouth.com/our-youth or email barry.merlu@rhanet.org. |
| **Appalachian Counseling and Psychological Services (ACAPS)** | ACAPS offers psychological evaluation and neuropsychological assessments to clarify diagnoses, identify obstacles, determine current functioning, and guide treatment options. ACAPS assesses Depression, Anxiety, Learning Disabilities, ADHD Testing, Mood Disorders, Personality Disorders, Cognitive Functioning, Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI), Parental Fitness Evaluations, Giftedness Evaluations, Developmental Disabilities, and Speech-Language/Social Communication. Visit apppsych.org/our-services or call 828-575-9760.<br>**Services:**<br>• **Counseling & Medication Management**<br>• **Comprehensive Clinical Assessments (CCA)** |
| **Grandis Evaluation Center** | Grandis Evaluation Center provides psychological evaluations serves youth ages 3 and up. Contact gectesting.com/forms or call 828-299-7451.<br>**Services:**<br>• **Psychological Evaluations** |
| **MAHEC Center for Psychiatry & Mental Wellness** | Visit MAHEC's Center for Psychiatry & Mental Wellness: mahec.net/psychiatry<br>**Services:**<br>• **Comprehensive Clinical Assessments (CCA)**<br>• **Counseling & Medication Management**<br>• **School-Based Therapy**<br>• **Substance use disorder treatment (including in pregnancy-Project CARA)** |

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| **Carolina Pediatrics** | Carolina Pediatrics serves Infants, Toddlers, School-Age Youth, Teenagers, and Families. Clinicians are trained to work with children and teens in various treatment models, including cognitive behavioral therapy, solution-focused, positive psychology, mindfulness-based, Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) or Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. Behavioral Health services can benefit children & youth experiencing anxiety, traumatic stress, depression, ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder), and learning challenges such as dyslexia, math & reading learning disabilities. Visit www.carolinapeds.com/pediatric-behavioral-health or call (828) 845-4042.<br><br>**Services:**<br>• **Comprehensive Clinical Assessments (CCA)**<br>• **Counseling & Medication Management** |
| **Blue Ridge Community Health Services (BRCHS** | BRCHS offers Trauma-informed therapy services, including individual, group, and family interventions. Whole-person care plans are developed with the family through clinical assessment. Case management offered alongside outpatient therapy. Support is provided in home and in community for those transitioning between services, or who benefit from coordination between multiple agencies. BRCHS has School-Based Health Centers: IC Imagine (828-233-2261); The Franklin School of Innovation (828-233-2280); Asheville Middle School (828-233-2279); Erwin Middle (828-233-2280). Visit www.brchs.com/services/behavioral-health-counseling or 888-573-1006.<br><br>**Services:**<br>• **School-Based Health Centers**<br>• **Outpatient Counseling & Medication Management**<br>• **BRCHS is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) providing whole-person medical care** |
| **Appalachian Mountain Community Health Center (AMCHC)** | AMCHC offers Trauma-informed therapy services, including individual, group, and family interventions. Whole-person care plans are developed with the family through clinical assessment. Case management offered alongside outpatient therapy. Support is provided in home and in community for those transitioning between services, or who benefit from coordination between multiple agencies. AMCHC has School-Based Health Centers at Asheville High School (comprehensive primary care, behavioral health counseling, and dental) and PEAK Academy (Holistic School-Based Health Care). Contact 828-202-5200, info@amchc.org, www.amchc.org.<br><br>**Services:**<br>• **Outpatient Counseling & Medication Management**<br>• **AMCHC is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) providing whole-person medical care** |

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| **AMI Kids Functional Family Therapy** | AMI Kids North Carolina Family Services program provides home-based family counseling. Functional Family Therapy (FFT) is a highly regarded evidence-based model proven to reduce recidivism rates and increase overall family functioning. Contact: amikids.org/programs-and-services/programs/amikids-north-carolina-family-services-morganton/story/program or 813-887-3300. **DJJ REFERRAL REQUIRED**<br>**Services:**<br>• **Home Based Family Therapy** |
| **SPARC Foundation** | SPARC Foundation supports keeping families together and reuniting disrupted families through intensive home-based family therapy called Family Centered Treatment (FCT), an evidence based, in-home family therapy model designed to find simple, practical and holistic solutions for families faced with disruption or dissolution of their family due to external and/or internal stressors, circumstances, or forced removal of their children from the home. With FCT and FCT Recovery (addressing parental substance misuse), SPARC supports clients to improve the outcomes for their families and generations to come as children see a positive shift in their family system and carry that into their future families. Contact: thesparcfoundation.org/family-center-treatment-referral, 828.552.3771, thesparcfoundation.org/programs, frontoffice@thesparcfoundation.org.<br><br>**Services:**<br>• **Family Centered Treatment (FCT)**<br>• **Domestic Violence Intervention Program (DVIP)**<br>• **Community Wellness & Safety (Community Health Worker-Violence Prevention Professionals)** |
| **SPARC Services & Programs** | Family Centered Treatment® (FCT) is an evidence-based practice (EBP) model of home-based treatment that lowers rates of out of home placements. FCT is a systemic family systems change model. The third phase of treatment, valuing changes (through use of paradoxical and experiential exercises), seeks to confirm and capitalize on internal changes within the family so that the family is not dependent on the therapist once services terminate. Services are intensive with a minimum of 10 hours per month provided to the family. FCT incorporates coordination with other systems, such as MCO, DSS and DJJ as well as 24/7/365 Crisis Intervention. Contact Abram Reid at 828-989-9850, areid@thesparcnetwork.net, www.sparcprograms.net.<br><br>**Services:**<br>• **Family Centered Treatment (FCT)** |

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| **Blue Ridge Treks** | Blue Ridge Treks, LLC is a community of mental health therapists dedicated to enhancing health and wellness in the Blue Ridge Mountains surrounding Asheville, North Carolina. The program utilizes a holistic approach that is strengths-based and relationship-centered. Blue Ridge Treks offers both individual therapy as well as family therapy. Contact www.blueridgetreks.com or jen@blueridgetreks.com.<br><br>**Services:**<br>• **Outpatient Counseling**<br>• **Outdoor Programming** |
| **Equine assisted psychotherapy:**<br>·Eliada<br>·Horse Sense | **Eliada Homes Equine Assisted Therapy:** eliadaequinetherapy.org<br><br>**Horse Sense of the Carolinas:** https://www.horsesenseotc.com/<br><br>**Services:**<br>• **Equine Assisted Therapy** |
| **Your Next Chapter Counseling** | Your Next Chapter Counseling serves children and adolescents. Therapists utilize evidence-based modalities including Child Centered Play Therapy, Art Therapy, Parent/Child Coaching, and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. Their hope is to make therapy a positive and safe place for our youngest clients. Contact 828-708-7088, info@yournextchaptercounseling.com, www.yournextchaptercounseling.com/.<br><br>**Services:**<br>• **School-Based Therapy**<br>• **Counseling** |

## INPATIENT ACUTE CRISIS STABILIZATION & ASSESSMENT

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| **Facility Based Crisis Center** | **Caiyalynn Burrell Child Crisis Center** | The Caiyalynn Burrell Child Crisis Center (CBCCC) Facility-Based Crisis Service for children and adolescents, ages 6-17, is a service that provides an alternative to hospitalization for an eligible child or adolescent who presents with escalated behavior due to a mental health, intellectual or development disability or substance use disorder and requires treatment in a 24-hour residential facility. CBCCC is an indirect, intensive short term, medically supervised service provided in a physically secure setting, that is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For more information or to learn how to access these services call 877.277.8873 or visit the Daymark website https://www.daymarkrecovery.org/locations/fbc-buncombe. |
| **Psychiatric Acute Care Inpatient Hospital** | **Mission/HCA Sweeten Creek Mental Health and Wellness Center** (Formerly Copestone) | Mission/HCA provides a full spectrum of acute inpatient psychiatric care in the Sweeten Creek MH and Wellness Center. Sweeten Creek MH and Wellness Center provides age-specific inpatient psychiatric units for children, adolescents, adults and geriatrics. For more information visit the Mission Health website https://missionhealth.org/services-treatments/mental-behavioral-health/therapy-programs/ or call 828-213-1111. |



# RESIDENTIAL (MEDICAID LEVELED PLACEMENTS)

*Local services most relevant to youth at risk of court involvement are included here. For a full list, see Vaya's Child Youth Services Resource Guide here: www.vayahealth.com/resources/child_youth_services_resource_guide*

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| **Vaya Local Management Entity/Managed Care Organization** | For information on Child Placing Agencies providing Therapeutic Foster Care contact Vaya Health. Vaya Health is a specialty managed care organization overseeing publicly funded behavioral health and intellectual/developmental disability services across a 32-county region of NC. Vaya manages Medicaid, federal, state and local funding to meet member and community needs while advancing whole-person health. Visit www.vayahealth.com.<br>**Behavioral Health Crisis Line:** 1-800-849-6127, 24/7, 365 days a year<br>**Member and Recipient Services:** 1-800-962-9003, Mon-Sat, 7am-6pm |
| **Eliada** | Eliada provides positive youth development programming, including high level intervention and prevention services for children and adolescents that focus on social and emotional well being, life skills development, career readiness, and trauma informed treatment. Info: www.eliada.org; Referrals: referral@eliada.org, (828) 254-5356, or Vaya.<br>**Services:**<br>• **Therapeutic Foster Care**<br>• **Reuter Transitional Cottage (Medicaid Level III):** Provides care for students ages 11-17 transitioning from extended periods of higher level care back to the community. This program partners with area agencies to return the student to the family home with varying levels of support at home and school or step them down to a therapeutic foster care level with additional supports as well.<br>• **Eliada's Treatment Center (Residential Treatment Services Level III)** serves youth with acute emotional, behavioral and psychological challenges in a highly structured and therapeutic environment to maintain safety. ETC provides comprehensive evaluations to determine the appropriate level of care for their needs in the least restrictive setting, residential treatment, campus-based education through Day Treatment Services, specialized behavioral interventions, medication management, crisis stabilization and clinical services.<br>• **Community Respite Home:** Provides temporary/periodic placement for youth ages 6-17 for up to 14 days with a mental health diagnosis and/or mild I/DD. Contact Vaya for referrals.<br>• **ESTA:** Supports young adults (ages 18-25) in developing life skills to secure and maintain stable housing. Participants work or are Ready-to-Work, and are provided weekly case management to overcome barriers to housing. |
| **AdventHealth Adolescent Behavioral Health Unit** | AdventHealth's Adolescent Behavioral Health Unit is a new inpatient unit serving female patients between age 13-18 experiencing a variety of behavioral health needs, including depression, anxiety, PTSD and many other mental health disorders. |

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| **Youth Villages** | Youth Villages provides direct services ranging from in-home to residential treatment; shares its nationally recognized and evidence-based program models with partners; and supports state child welfare leaders to bring sustainable change to systems.<br>**Services Offered by Youth Villages:**<br>• **Comprehensive Clinical Assessments (CCA)**<br>• **Hi-Fidelity Wrap Around Services**<br>• **Intercept: Strengthening families to prevent the need for foster care**<br>• **Residential Treatment Programs: Research-based therapy for serious emotional and behavioral problems**<br>• **Lifeset: Helping young adults make a successful transition to adulthood**<br>• **Multi Systemic Therapy: For teens who are at-risk of placement out of home due to anti-social behavior**<br>Visit youthvillages.org/services/refer-a-child or call (828) 250-3700. |
| **Blue Rock Behavioral Health Level II** | Blue Rock's Level II treatment facility is a residential center that provides a 24-hour program addressing behavioral and mental health issues. It provides more support than outpatient care and less intensive than a hospital-based program. Blue Rock provides structured, therapeutic care on a scenic, 140-acre campus in Henderson County. Their goal is to help youth practice daily living skills, learn healthy coping strategies, and re-enter their homes and communities when ready. Clients benefit from continuous, cohesive support, including on-staff clinicians, instructor-led academics, and extensive experiential programming, all safely managed within the center. Facilities are licensed by the state and operate under specific Medicaid rules for youth under 21.<br>Visit https://bluerockbh.com or call (828) 845-8463. |
| **Care Haven Respite Facility w/Caring Alternatives** | Care Haven is a five-bed community respite facility serving youth with a mental health diagnosis. The facility provides temporary placement for youth for up to 24 days in a calendar year without prior authorization (same-day intake). It also provides 24-hour awake staff who are paraprofessionals (with Therapeutic Foster Care parent training) for supervision. Located in McDowell County. Licensed for ages 5 to 17.<br>Contact: A Caring Alternative \| House Main Number: 828-475-1705 \| Melisa Tate: 828-608-3408, ext. 751 carehaven@caringalternative.com \| caringalternative.com<br>**Services: Respite Care Homes (30 days or less)** |

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| **Interlude with Brandi Nichole Family Enrichment Center** | Interlude is a five-bed community respite facility serving youth with a mental health diagnosis. The facility provides temporary placement for youth for up to 24 days in a calendar year without prior authorization (same-day intake). It also provides 24-hour awake staff who are paraprofessionals (with Therapeutic Foster Care parent training) for supervision. Located in Buncombe County. Licensed for ages 5 to 17. Contact: Contact Jewel Richardson at jewel@brandinichole.org or Karen Cowen at karen@brandinichole.org. Visit www.brandinichole.org/respite-care or call (828) 687-3776.<br>**Services: Respite Care Homes (30 days or less)** |
| **Hawthorn Heights** | Hawthorn Heights is a nine-bed licensed community respite facility with four dedicated beds for members with a primary mental health diagnosis. The remaining beds are for children involved with the DJJ. The facility provides temporary/periodic placement for youth. The provider has 24/7 admission (requests at least two hours' notice of transport after referral has been accepted for placement). The home provides 24-hour awake staff with youth being separated by age and gender to ensure safety. Located in Swain County. Licensed for ages 12 to 17. Kara Long (Director), 828-488-6512 \| Fax: 828-488-7975\| referrals@hawthornheights.org.<br>**Services: Respite Care Homes (30 days or less)** |
| **Timber Ridge** | Timber Ridge Treatment Center serves males from 12 to 17 years of age. Timber Ridge accepts Medicaid. Located in Salisbury, NC, near the Uwharrie Forest, Timber Ridge takes an ecologically oriented, positive peer group approach to treatment. Programs include:<br>-An on campus academic program, the Uwharrie Learning Center, features traditional classroom studies and a hands-on experiential approach which is beneficial to children with Attention Deficit and Conduct Disorder symptoms. Residents may receive individual tutoring as needed.<br>-Substance use counseling services include 12-step programming for Dual Diagnostic youths with addiction problems.<br>-Family Counseling sessions are scheduled on a regular basis, including monthly group parent training opportunities and weekly contact with child and family. Family and individual sessions are provided by Master's level counselors. In addition, residents progress through the Moral Reconation Therapy program with regular group sessions.<br>-Supervises treatment for Problem Sexual Behaviors (PSB); treatment components include Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, risk assessments, safety plans, individual, family and group therapy.<br>More information is available through their website https://www.trtc.net/. Contact laurenplyler@trtc.net or (704)279-1199.<br>**Services: Medicaid Level III Wilderness Program** |

# RESIDENTIAL (DJJ ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS)



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| **Eckerd Short Term Residential – DJJ Level II** | Eckerd Connects' short-term juvenile justice gender-specific residential academy offers rehabilitative services for youth ages 13 - 17. Our services help youth change their behavior by building upon their strengths. This intensive program lasts between four to six months. For more info Short-Term Residential Programs \| NC DPS:<br>• Eckerd Connects \| Boys Residential Academy at Boomer (336) 921-3300<br>• Eckerd Connects \| Boys Residential Academy at Candor (910) 974-4183<br>• Eckerd Connects \| Boys Residential Academy at Yanceyville<br>• Eckerd Connects \| Female Residential Academy at Kerr Lake (252) 366-9380. |
| **Macon County Multipurpose Group Home** | The Multipurpose Juvenile Home Program is designed to provide non-secure, long-term, residential care as an alternative to secure detention and youth development centers. Macon County Group Home is a Medicaid Certified 6 Bed Intermediate Care Facility located in Franklin, NC, with service to the surrounding community. Macon County Group Home can be contacted at (828) 524-5888. For more info see Multi-Purpose Juvenile Homes \| NC DPS: https://www.ncdps.gov/juvenile-justice/community-programs/multi-purpose-juvenile-homes<br>**DJJ REFERRAL REQUIRED**<br>**Services:**<br>• **Group Home** |
| **Western Area Multipurpose and Assessment (Buncombe County)** | The Crisis and Assessment Center is designated for ages 10-17 years old. The center serves boys and girls with histories of behavioral and mental health issues, neglect, trauma, or substance abuse. The stay length of this center is 14 to 45 days for comprehensive testing and observation under the supervision of a licensed psychologist and licensed clinical case managers. They leave with a plan of care that maps out their strengths, areas of focus, goals, and services in their community that can help (therapy, counseling for substance abuse or mental health, educational/vocational training, or other). The Western area location has 5 Crisis Beds and 4 Secure Custody Beds.<br>For more information visit the Methodist Home for Children website https://www.mhfc.org/services/juvenile-justice/residential or call 828-338-8340 to contact the Western area location.<br>**DJJ REFERRAL REQUIRED** |

## Methodist Home for Children - Transitional Living Programs (Sites across NC)

Methodist Home for Children operates transitional living homes in partnership with the NC Department of Public Safety. Homes provide 6- to 12-month residential programs that support court-involved young people ages 16 - 21 to build the vocational and interpersonal skills they need to live independently. For more info: Transitional Services | NC DPS: https://www.ncdps.gov/our-organization/juvenile-justice/community-programs/transitional-services.

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**Services:**

- **Transitional Living Homes**

