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# MECKLENBURG COUNTY GOVERNMENT



An update to the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners from the County Manager

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### YFS Participates in Federal IV-E Audit

Mecklenburg County's Youth & Family Services (YFS), a division of the [Department of Social Services](#), recently participated in the state-wide Federal IV-E audit. I am pleased to report that Mecklenburg County had no findings of errors.

The audit was conducted by the federal Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) and reviewed cases from 2016 that received IV-E funding. The audit verified whether appropriate funding methodologies were applied to the cases based on the unique characteristics of each client. To make that determination, a 20-page audit tool was required for each case. YFS's eligibility team had been working since January 2017 to complete the audit tool for each of the several hundred cases that received IV-E funding during 2016, as well as compiling other supplemental data required for the audit.

DHHS requested a sample of 80 cases from counties across the state. Four of the 80 cases were from Mecklenburg County. Of the 80 cases sampled, only one error finding was reported from another county. Overall, North Carolina fared very well with the general strengths and weaknesses reported by the federal audit team noted below:

The strengths noted by the reviewers:

- The cases were very well organized
- Documents were easily retrievable by counties when requested by the reviewers
- Court orders were strong and accurate
- Placement stability of children was good
- Knowledge about IV-E policy was excellent and reflected on the documents and implementation of policy

The concerns noted by the reviewers:

- There were issues with fiscal controls (payment history was not always accurately reflected on placement history)
- There were system concerns that will be addressed with state staff at a later time
- There were many long-term placements without movement towards permanency for the child

- Background checks were missing or minimal on some placements

It should be noted that the concerns listed by the reviewers reflected issues across the state of North Carolina and not Mecklenburg County.

For More information, contact DSS Director Peggy Eagan at 980-314-6480 or [Peggy.Eagan@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov](mailto:Peggy.Eagan@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov).

### **Public Health Conducts 2017 Community Health Assessment**

[Mecklenburg County Public Health](#) is in the process of conducting the [2017 Community Health Assessment](#).

The assessment, which occurs every four years, includes a brief community health opinion survey to give County residents a chance to voice their opinions about health issues in their community. Information gathered from the survey will be used to learn more about health needs in the county.

This survey, which runs through September, is brief and takes 5 minutes or less to complete. it is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

The assessment process will continue through the end of the year and the final report will be available online at [www.mecknc.gov](http://www.mecknc.gov) in March 2018.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Public Health's Kerry Burch at 980-314-9110 or [Kerry.Burch@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov](mailto:Kerry.Burch@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov).

### **National Night Out Set for Tomorrow**

Each year, Mecklenburg County participate in National Night Out, a celebration of community building, safety and crime prevention.

This year's event is set for tomorrow evening, and is free to attend.

Multiple County departments will participate, including the Sheriff's Office. Staff will be located at several sites in Charlotte and the surrounding towns to educate the community about County services.

Locations include:

- Cedar Mills
- Cornelius PD Smithville Community Center
- Davidson PD- Ada Jenkins Center
- Double Oaks Neighborhood
- Hidden Valley Community
- Highland Creek Prosperity Park
- Lakehaven Baptist Mission Church Huntersville
- Mill Creek
- Northcross Shopping Center Huntersville
- Waymer Center Huntersville
- West Blvd Arbor Glen Community

For more information about National Night Out, visit <https://natw.org/> or contact Community Relations Coordinator Christine Edwards at 980-314-2802 or [Christine.Edwards@Mecklenburgcountync.gov](mailto:Christine.Edwards@Mecklenburgcountync.gov).

### **Pretrial Services Selected as a National Model Program**

Our department of [Criminal Justice Services](#) (CJS) has again been recognized for its outstanding work, this time by the Pretrial Justice Institute (PJI). Mecklenburg County is one of six jurisdictions to receive this honor. It will include targeted technical assistance from PJI, funded by the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance.

The goal of this project is for selected programs to serve as model sites and produce resources for other jurisdictions. The assistance will be provided by PJI's Smart Pretrial Initiative and build upon the sites' prior work with the Laura and John Arnold Foundation, the Safety and Justice Challenge,

and the National Institute of Corrections. County Pretrial Services was chosen based on work in the field of minimizing technical violations and re-admission.

The grant will cover work through Sept. 30, 2018.

For more information, contact Criminal Justice Services Director Sonya Harper at 980-314-1701 or [Sonya.Harper@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov](mailto:Sonya.Harper@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov).

### CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Wednesday, Aug. 2, 3 p.m. – BOCC Audit Review Committee Meeting, CMGC Room 267
- Wednesday, Aug. 2, 5-6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CMGC CH-14
- Wednesday, Aug. 2, 6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Formal Session, CMGC Meeting Chamber

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