

## Legislative Update

The <u>Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners</u> approved the 2018 state legislative agenda at its May 1 meeting. The legislative priorities include five items:

- Continued support for eliminating the Pre-K waiting list and a market rate adjustment for child care subsidies
- A request for additional magistrates in North Mecklenburg to address safer access of services for domestic violence victims
- Continued support for the 2017 Raise the Age legislation implementation, which raised the juvenile age of prosecution for nonviolent crimes from 16 to 18
- Support for increased pay for public school teachers, teacher assistants, principals, assistant
  principals and non-instructional staff
- Support for a statewide school capital bond to address school renovation and construction needs

We will share details about the agenda at the upcoming Legislative Delegation Breakfast at the new MEDIC building on Friday May 11 at 8:30 a.m.

For more information please contact Starla Tanner, Legislative Affairs Liaison, at 980-314-2884 or Starla. Tanner@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

## Child Support Enforcement Hosting 2018 Employer Roundtable

This Friday, <u>Mecklenburg County Child Support Enforcement</u> is hosting an open forum for area companies interested in learning more about child support. This year's Employer Roundtable is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room 267 of the Government Center.

The roundtable discussion is intended to enhance communications and promote understanding of laws and practices of child support wage withholdings and medical insurance coverage court orders.

To learn more about the Employer Roundtable event, contact Corey Stewart at 980-314-8772 or Corey.Stewart@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

Mecklenburg County Explores Opportunity to Bring a Family Justice Center to Our

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## Community

A steering committee, which includes Mecklenburg County and other community partners, has been hard at work exploring and considering our first Family Justice Center. The CharMeck Family Justice Center would be a centralized victim-centered and trauma informed facility, which would address multiple types of abuse such as domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking and child and elder abuse.

These centers allow service providers such as advocates, law enforcement, prosecutors, counselors, representatives of the faith community, healthcare providers, and many others, to provide services to victims under one roof. The first Family Justice Center was founded in San Diego in 2002. Due to its success, the model has been replicated over 120 times internationally.

As we continue to explore the process of bringing a Family Justice Center to our community, several public events will take place in May, including a town hall meeting on May 23 at the Camino Center. The event is tentatively scheduled for 8:30-11 a.m.

To learn more about the centers and get information about the community events, visit www.charmeckfamilyjusticecenter.org. You can also contact Community Support Services Director Stacy Lowry at 980-314-8903 or Stacy.Lowry@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

## CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, May 8, 6 p.m. County Assessor Ken Joyner will speak about the 2019 Revaluation at the Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners meeting.
- Wednesday, May 9, 3 p.m. BOCC Budget and Public Policy Meeting, CMGC Room 267
- Thursday, May 10, 10 a.m. County Assessor Ken Joyner will speak about the 2019 Revaluation at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Housing Partnership Tax Relief Clinic at the Wallace Pruitt Center.
- Friday, May 11, 8:30 a.m. Legislative Breakfast to be held at MEDIC, 4425 Wilkinson Blvd.
- Friday, May 11, 11:30 a.m. County Manager Dena R. Diorio will speak at the 2018 Employer Roundtable event at the Government Center.

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