

The Locator is an online tool that helps to connect children and families to Out of School Time programs as well as mentoring opportunities for young people and their families in Mecklenburg County. The Locator was developed by Charlotte NEXT, which is a program of MeckEd, and is part of an effort to increase access to, and quality of, Out of School Time programs in Mecklenburg County. Launched almost 18 months ago, The Locator, as well as program supports, and professional development, reflect MeckEd's commitment to ensuring that all young people in Mecklenburg County have access to the experiences as well as the knowledge they need to thrive in and beyond school.

MeckEd partnered with Skookum, a tech based consulting agency in Charlotte, to enhance the functionality and collect key analytics for The Locator. The update was

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supported by a generous grant from the Gambrell Foundation. Also, a recent partnership with the Mayor's Mentoring Alliance (MMA) as well as the Mecklenburg County Youth Coalition (MCYC) enabled The Locator to also include mentoring and recreational opportunities in addition to Out of School Time programs.

There are over 300 programs available on the Locator with more being identified every day.

For for information on The Locator and/or Charlotte NEXT, please contact Tiyana Brown at tbrown@mecked.org

The Locator

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