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Mecklenburg County Funded Child Care Subsidy FY20 Update

Thanks to the County's investment, the waitlist for childcare subsidy in Mecklenburg County has been cleared! The Waitlist Reduction Initiative (WLRI) was launched in FY18 to provide additional funding for child care subsidies to low income working families when state and/or federal funding is not available.

In June, the Board of County Commissioners approved \$20 million to go toward County funded child care subsidies, to reduce the number of children on the County's child care subsidy waitlist. Following the adoption of the budget on July 1, Child Care Resources Inc. (CCRI) invited 1,954 families from the waitlist to apply for funding through the County's allocation.

After determining eligibility, 1,134 previously unserved children ages birth to five, were enrolled as of Oct. 31. To date, a total of 1,688 children are now being provided childcare subsidies with County funding, an increase of 191% from June 30, 2019. Additionally, families of 803 children ages birth to five on CCRI's subsidy waitlist have been invited to apply for funding with intake sessions currently taking place from now until the end of December.

Update Overview:

- In October 2019, 1,406 families with children ages birth to five pre-K were enrolled in WLRI subsidy.
- 1,688 children are enrolled and receiving high-quality early care and education that will improve their school readiness.
- 5% of children served were enrolled in 4- and 5-star (higher rated) licensed child care programs
- 243 licensed Mecklenburg child care programs provided services to these children and families

These families:

- Earned an average of \$2,539/month (\$30,468 annually).
- Are expected to earn \$42,858,321 annually (now that they have secure and quality child care arrangements in place)
- Contributed \$191,302 toward the cost of monthly child care (expected to pay \$2.3 million per

year) *

All families receiving WLRI subsidy are required to make a copayment of 10% of their household income to offset the cost of their child care. For more information on the WLRI, or CCRI., contact Child Care Resources Inc. President/CEO Janet Singerman at 704-376-6697.

Continuum of Care Governance Charter Adopted

Last week, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Continuum of Care (CoC) adopted a governance charter, which identifies the purpose, responsibilities and operations of the CoC. The CoC is accountable for, among other things, oversight (holding regular meetings; adopting a written board selection process); designating a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS); planning; and preparing an application for funding for homeless and housing assistance.

Since August, Mecklenburg County Community Support Services, with guidance from consultants for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), has facilitated a community engagement process to develop a CoC Governance Charter. This open, collaborative and grassroots effort has provided many opportunities for interested individuals and organizations to be involved, from simply responding to a survey; attending one or more listening sessions; or participating in an interdisciplinary steering committee to draft the charter. Following the adoption of the Governance Charter, a new CoC Board will be nominated and approved according to the process outlined in the charter.

The CoC Governance Charter can be accessed via this [link](#). For more information, contact Mecklenburg County Community Support Services Director Stacy M. Lowry at Stacy.Lowry@MeckNC.gov.

Homeless Services Network Hosts Candlelight Vigil

To honor those in the homeless community who have passed away this year, the [Homeless Services Network of Charlotte-Mecklenburg](#) will host a candlelight memorial vigil. We hope you will join the community as we pay our respects on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mecklenburg County Homeless Resource Center. For some who have passed away, this will be the only remembrance of their life.

Event details:

- Thursday, Nov. 21, 6:30 p.m.
- Mecklenburg County Homeless Resource Center, Hal Marshall Annex. 618 N. College Street, Charlotte

For additional information about the event, or our role within the Mecklenburg County Homeless Services Network, contact [Peter Safir](#), Community Support Services Homeless Services Division Director.

Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Dept. Master Plan

Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department is looking for input as it develops a new Master Plan. The plan will establish community goals, policies, standards and recommendations for Mecklenburg County's recreation facilities, greenways, nature preserves, recreational programming and land acquisition strategies for the next ten years. Kick-off planning events will be held Nov. 20 and Nov. 21. Locations and times are listed below.

Event details:

- Wednesday, Nov. 20, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Mecklenburg County Sportsplex at Matthews, 2425 Sports Pkwy, Matthews
- Thursday, Nov. 21, noon – 1:30 p.m.
Revolution Park Sports Academy, 1225 Remount Road, Charlotte
- Thursday, Nov. 21, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Hornet's Nest Williamson Pavilion, 6301 Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte

For more information, email PRK-Masterplan@mecklenburgcountync.gov.

November is National Adoption Month

On any given day, there are nearly 440,000 children in foster care in the United States and the average age of children entering care is eight. National Adoption Month was created to promote awareness to the need for permanent families for children and youth in our foster care system.

National Adoption Day is included in this month-long observance as an opportunity to recognize those who have been adopted within the past year.

On Saturday, Nov. 23, [Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services](#) and several local agencies will celebrate this special day with an Adoption Day event at the Mecklenburg County Courthouse. The event will recognize the 91 children who were adopted between October 2018 and September 2019. Approximately half of the children being recognized have been in the Mecklenburg County foster care system.

Event details:

- Saturday, Nov. 23, 9 a.m.
- Mecklenburg County Courthouse, 832 E. 4th Street, Charlotte

For more information, contact [Tammera Nelson](#), Department of Social Services, at 980-314-4101.

Veterans Day Tribute: It's Not Just a Job, It's a Mission

In the final installment of our special series in honor of our veterans, I would like to share a story of how one veteran transitioned from being a client of our services, to becoming a full-time employee who now makes helping other veterans his mission! You'll find his story [here](#) on the County's blog. Thank you for following our Veterans Day series and to all the veterans – thank you for your service!

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, Nov. 19, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. – BOCC Health & Human Services Committee Meeting, First Baptist Church West, 1801 Oaklawn Avenue, Charlotte
- Tuesday, Nov. 19, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. – BOCC Economic Development Committee Meeting, CMGC 11th Floor Large Conference Room
- Tuesday, Nov. 19, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners Meeting, CMGC Meeting Chamber

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