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MECK Pre-K Registration Kickoff Event

A kickoff event will be held Tuesday at Cadence Academy Preschool to help promote the start of registration for the MECK Pre-K program. Registration opens on Feb. 4 for the 2020 – 2021 school year.

The event will feature a panel discussion on the importance of early childhood education. Panelists include Mecklenburg County Manager Dena R. Diorio, Leading on Opportunity Council Member Erin Barbee, MECK Pre-K Director Trinisha Dean and Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools Pre-Kindergarten Director Melody Greenhouse.

There will also be a tour of a MECK Pre-K classroom and a performance by MECK Pre-K students. To attend, RSVP [here](#) by 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb 3, 2020.

Event Details:

- MECK Pre-K Registration Kickoff
- Tuesday, Feb. 4, 10 a.m.
- Cadence Academy Preschool, 9206 Reames Road, Charlotte, NC 28216

To enroll in MECK Pre-K for the 2020-2021 school year, children must be age four on or before Aug. 31, 2020. Participation in MECK Pre-K is based on verified family income at or below 400% of the federal poverty level and household size (for a family of four, that's \$103,000 in annual household income). For more information on the MECK Pre-K Program, contact, Tameika Leslie or call 704-943-9585 or visit [MeckPreK.org](#).

For more information on the MECK Pre-K Registration event, contact Community Relations Manager Keith Kelly at Keith.Kelly@mecklenburgcountync.gov.

Budget Survey Results Dashboard Live

The results of the FY21 Resident Budget Priority Survey are in and may be found on the County's new Survey Results Dashboard! The dashboard is now live on [MeckNC.gov](#).

The dashboard allows residents to view the results of the survey according to various categories including race/ethnicity, age, income and BOCC district location.

The dashboard was created to provide County residents accessible, transparent information on the budget survey responses and engagement strategies.

3,070 people participated in the FY21 Resident Budget Priority Survey. That is an 88% increase in

participation compared to last year's survey results.

Education, Health and Human Services and Affordable Housing ranked as the top three priorities of all respondents.

Click [here](#) to view the Survey Results Dashboard.

For more on the FY21 budget process or upcoming budget engagement opportunities, contact Budget and Management Director [Michael Bryant](#).

Community Budget Workshops Begin

Mecklenburg County's first Community Budget Workshop for the Fiscal Year 21 budget season will be held on Saturday, Feb. 8.

The workshop series was created to provide an additional way for County residents to share their priorities as planning gets underway for the FY21 budget.

Five workshops will be held throughout the month of February in various regions of the County.

County Manager Dena R. Diorio and Budget Director Michael Bryant will attend the events to engage with County residents.

The workshops are free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. A full list of workshop dates and locations is listed below. Space is limited so registration is required. Visit www.MeckBudgetWorkshops.eventbrite.com to register.

Event Details:

- Community Budget Workshop – North Region
- Saturday, Feb. 8, 10 a.m. - noon
- Cornelius Town Hall, 21445 Catawba Ave., Cornelius, NC 28031

For more information on the Community Budget Workshop or the FY21 budget process, contact Budget and Management Director, [Michael Bryant](#).

DSS Hosts 'Pop Up Assessment Center' for LIEAP applicants

The Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services is hosting a "Pop Up Assessment Center" for residents interested in applying for the [Low Income Energy Assistance Program](#) also known as LIEAP.

LIEAP is a federally funded program that assists eligible residents with their heating costs.

Less than 15,000 people applied for LIEAP funds last year although data shows that as many as 171,000 Mecklenburg County residents are eligible.

To reach more residents this year and make it more convenient to apply, the County will host "Pop Up Assessment Centers" across the county.

Applicants are not required to be at risk of disconnection or delinquent to take advantage of this one-time, direct vendor payment in the amount of \$300, \$400 or \$500.

Event Details:

- DSS "Pop Up Assessment Center"
- Saturday, Feb. 8, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Charlotte Open Air Market, Eastland Mall, 5471 Central Ave., Charlotte

Click [here](#) for more information on additional dates and times, eligibility requirements and additional ways to apply, or contact 704-432-1111 or 704-336-3000 to generate the application via phone.

For more information on LIEAP contact Social Services Manager Famatta Galloway at Famatta.Galloway@mecklenburgcountync.gov.

Disparity Study Update

Mecklenburg County has engaged Griffin & Strong, P.C (GSPC) to conduct a disparity study to assess the County's procurement and contracting policies, data, and opportunities as it relates to MWSBE availability

and utilization.

Over the course of this study, GSPC will engage the local business community through various outreach activities, which include conducting surveys (both in person and via sample), public hearings, webinars and other public engagement meetings.

Upcoming Public Hearings:

- Goodwill Opportunity Campus - Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2020 from 5 – 6:30 p.m.
- Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center Room 267 – Thursday, Feb. 6, 2020 from 5 - 6:30 p.m.

For more information about the study, please visit MecklenburgCountyDisparityStudy.com or contact the Office of Economic Development MWSBE Program Manager [Jamila Davis](#).

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, Feb. 4 - BOCC Economic Development Committee Meeting - CMGC – 11th Floor, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 4 – Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners Meeting – CMGC Meeting Chamber – 600 E. 4th Street, Charlotte, 6:00 p.m.

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