

## Board Bulletin for January 27, 2025



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## Clerk's Office Encourages Residents to Apply for Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Advisory Board

The Juvenile Crime Prevention Council ([JCPC](#)) is a statutorily authorized County advisory board charged with reviewing the needs of juveniles who are delinquent or at risk of becoming court involved.

JCPC's ongoing mission is to address the gaps in youth services by promoting prevention, intervention, treatment, and aftercare strategies and programs that strengthen families and support community safety. Members can serve up to two two-year terms.

To apply, visit [BOCC.MeckNC.gov/Clerk](https://BOCC.MeckNC.gov/Clerk) or contact the [County Clerk's Office](#), at 980-314-2939, or [Clerk@MeckNC.gov](mailto:Clerk@MeckNC.gov). Applicants must reside in Mecklenburg County to qualify for an appointment.

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## County Launches Pilot Program to Support Former Foster Youth

[Mecklenburg County's Youth and Family Services](#) division has launched Getting Every Adolescent Ready (GEAR Up), a pilot program to support young adults ages 18 to 21 who have aged out of the foster care program and will now transition to self-sufficiency.

GEAR Up will allow 68 young adults to access \$763 monthly to spend on products and services related to childcare, healthcare, substance use treatment, groceries, education, or general household needs. Purchases or payments for services will be made by the County on behalf of the qualifying program participant.

This initiative underscores the ongoing need for foster parents. During the past year, Mecklenburg County has engaged in a robust campaign to recruit foster parents who can offer safety, hope, love, peace, and healing to children who need it most. For more information on the County's ongoing efforts related to foster care visit [MeckNC.gov/KIDS](https://MeckNC.gov/KIDS).

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## Public Health Department to Host Give Kids a Smile Day on Feb.8

Mecklenburg County Public Health will participate in National [Give Kids A Smile Day](#) with its annual Give Kids a Smile Day event. In partnership with Central Piedmont Community College, Public Health will offer free dental cleanings, dental exams, and fluoride treatment to ensure optimal oral health among Mecklenburg County children.

The event will take place Saturday, Feb. 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Central Piedmont Community College (Worrell Building Gymnasium, [1228 Elizabeth Ave.](#) in Charlotte). Last year's event attracted over 500 attendees.

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## County, Charlotte Works to Host Two Career Prep Workshops Ahead of Feb. 25 Career Expo

The [Office of Economic Development](#) and [Unified Workforce Development](#), in partnership with [Charlotte Works](#), will host a Career Expo and two Career Expo Prep Workshops for job seekers interested in careers in the advanced manufacturing, construction, and facilities maintenance management industries. Residents are encouraged to attend one of two scheduled workshops, ahead of the [Feb. 25 Expo](#).

Both workshops will be held at the Valerie C. Woodard Community Resource Center (Entrance A), at [3205 Freedom Drive](#), in Charlotte. Spanish-speaking coordinators, free parking and refreshments will be available to attendees. In addition, workshop attendees may gain priority access to employers at the Feb. 25 Career Expo. Registration is required for the workshops.

- [Register for the Feb. 11 \(9 a.m. to noon\) Workshop](#)
- [Register for the Feb. 13 \(5-8 p.m.\) Workshop](#)

The Career Expo will take place at Central Piedmont Community College's Harris Conference Center, [3216 CPCC Harris Campus Drive](#) in Charlotte, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 25. Private sector and workforce development partners from across Mecklenburg County will introduce attendees to career opportunities and interview qualified candidates. Attendees are encouraged to [register](#) in advance, but walk-ins will be welcome. Learn more at [OED.MeckNC.gov/Hire](#).

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## County's Reentry Assistance Program Has Transformational Impact

Mecklenburg County's [Criminal Justice Services Department](#) (CJS) deployed the Supplemental Income Pilot Program known as RAMP Up (Reentry Assistance Mobility Program) in [July of 2024](#) to 60 qualifying reentry residents. Since its launch, CJS, in collaboration with the Mecklenburg County's [Office of Equity and Inclusion](#), continues to monitor its progress, using the data collected from the 60 residents receiving support and 60 residents who are not receiving support.

Please view the latest [video story](#) to learn about the ongoing work. To learn more about this and other programs visit [CJS.MeckNC.gov/Services](#).

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## NEWS RELEASES

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- [Mecklenburg County's Juvenile Crime Prevention Council To Spend \\$2 Million To Support Work With At-risk Youth](#)
- [Groninger USA, LLC Selects Charlotte For Upcoming Expansion: Company To Bring 60 New Jobs To Charlotte](#)
- [Getting To Work: County, Charlotte Works To Host Career Expo and Workshops](#)
- [Extreme Weather: Update On Charlotte-Mecklenburg Homeless Shelters and Assistance](#)
- [Gear Up: Supplemental Income Pilot Program For Young Adults Aging Out of Foster Care](#)
- [County's Pilot Program Has Transformational Impact For Reentry Participants](#)

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## CALENDAR REMINDERS

- **Monday, Jan. 27**, [BOCC Legislative Breakfast](#), 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, Jan 28 – Friday, Jan 30**, [BOCC FY26 Budget Retreat](#)
- **Tuesday, Feb.4**, [Economic Development Committee](#), 3:30 – 5 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Feb.4**, [BOCC Regular Meeting](#), 6 – 9 p.m.
- **Thursday, Feb. 6**, [Intergovernmental Relations Committee](#), 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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