ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Child Poverty

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SNAPSHOT OF CHILD WELL-BEING IN NORTH CAROLINA
Whitney Tucker, NC Child

FIGHTING HUNGER THROUGH AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS
Pushti Patel, Inter-Faith Food Shuttle

PROJECT CATCH
Kim Konderla, Wake Salvation Army

QUESTIONS
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GUEST PRESENTER

Whitney Tucker
NC Child
...And How Are the Children?:
A Snapshot of Child Well-Being in North Carolina

Whitney Tucker, MPH / Research Director / NC Child
• About NC Child
• Setting the Stage: Contextualizing Child Well-Being
• KIDS COUNT North Carolina
• Data Snapshots
• Questions?
About NC Child
OUR MISSION

NC Child builds a strong North Carolina by advancing public policies to ensure all children – regardless of race, ethnicity, or place of birth – have the opportunity to achieve their full potential.
OUR ROLE

NC Child is the leading voice for our state’s children.

We speak up for the needs of children and youth in halls of the state legislature, at the Governor’s mansion, and wherever policymakers are making important decisions about the future of our children and our state.
Setting the Stage
The foundation for lifelong health, academic, and economic success is built during the earliest years of life.
Health and Development Across the Lifespan

Preconception  Prenatal
Early Childhood
Middle Childhood
Adolescence
Adulthood

Biology of Health

Physiological Adaptations or Disruptions

• Cumulative Over Time
• Embedded During Sensitive Periods

Harvard University Center on the Developing Child
What We Know

- **Development is highly interactive**; life outcomes are not determined solely by genes.

- The stress of exposure to **adverse childhood experiences** can derail children’s healthy growth and development.

- Throughout early childhood (B-8) children need **early, consistent, high-quality supports** to promote and sustain their developmental gains.
NC Child focuses on policy areas that support children’s development and ensure the future prosperity of our state.
Our Approach

Data & Research + Strategic Communications + Policy Advocacy × Community Engagement
Our Approach

(Data & Research) + (Strategic Communications) + (Policy Advocacy) x (Community Engagement) = (Victory)
KIDS COUNT
Program Purpose

For more information, visit www.aecf.org
Finding Data

Access more than 100 indicators of child well-being at the state and community level.
Data Snapshots
Nearly one third (31%) of N.C. women receive late or no prenatal care.

Babies born to mothers without prenatal care are more likely to have low birthweight and health complications later in life.
1 in 5 N.C. children live in poverty.

Growing up in poverty increases the likelihood that a child will be exposed to factors that can impair brain development and lead to poor cognitive, health and academic outcomes.
3 in 10 N.C. children live in families where no parent has full-time, year-round employment.

When parents are unemployed or earn low wages, they are limited in the investments they can make in their children’s development.
Family Economic Security

Median family income varies widely by race in N.C.

Many parents are forced to piece together part-time or temporary work that does not provide sufficient or stable income. At too low a wage, even a full-time job does not necessarily lift a family out of poverty.
34% of N.C. children in foster care do not exit to permanency within 2 years.

Children do best in stable, supportive families, but longer periods of time in foster care are associated with greater risk for children of never achieving permanency.
More than half (57%) of 3- and 4-year-olds in N.C. are not enrolled in school. Well-implemented, high-quality preK can narrow the achievement gap, reduce grade repetition, increase graduation rates, reduce crime and lead to greater employment and higher earnings as adults.
N.C. ranks 39th in the nation for infant mortality.

Fetal and infant mortality are thought to be driven by causes with roots in maternal well-being. Health insurance that protects and promotes maternal health may help to move the needle on these birth outcomes.

NC Fetal and Infant Death Rates*, 2006-2016


*Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births; fetal mortality rate per 1,000 live births + fetal deaths.
Contact NC Child for research, data, and analysis of the latest policy issues affecting children and families:

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GUEST PRESENTER

Pushti Patel
Inter-Faith Food Shuttle
Fighting Hunger Through After School Programs

NC Center for Afterschool Programs
February 8, 2018
Inter-Faith Food Shuttle

Inter-Faith Food Shuttle (IFFS) pioneers innovative, transformative solutions designed to end hunger in our community.

• We Feed
• We Teach
• We Grow
Mobile Tastiness Machine

• A food truck
• Provides free nutritious meals to children in need
• Currently serving three communities
• Operates April through October
Wake County Read and Feed

• Read and Feed is an after-school literacy program that provides meals, tutoring and books to children from low-income families in Wake County

• IFFS provides hot meals to all participating children
After School Snacks

- Provides packaged snacks for after school programs.
  - Wake and Durham counties (September – May)
  - Salvation Army (all year long)
Sprout Scouts

- Skills-based “After School Garden Club” that teaches students about cooking, gardening and nutrition education in a hands-on, fun and engaging way.

- The activities in each adventure link Common Core and other academic standards to food and health in fun and engaging ways.
Cooking Matters

- Cooking Matters for Kids and Teens provides hands-on instruction that will help kids and teens develop a love of cooking and the skills to make healthy food choices wherever they go.
- Teaches important lessons about self-sufficiency in the kitchen.
- Fundamental lessons including knife skills, reading ingredient labels, and making a healthy meal for a family of four on a $10 budget.
- Teens take home a bag of groceries after each class so they can practice the recipes taught that day.
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Kim Konderla
Wake Salvation Army
WHO WE ARE

We are Project CATCH: Community Action Targeting Children who are Homeless

OUR MISSION

to equip families experiencing homelessness in Wake County with resources and services designed to nurture the healthy growth and development of their children

On the surface, they’re just like any other kid. But dig deeper, and you’ll find:

VULNERABILITY  MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS  DEVELOPMENTAL DELAYS

That’s why our primary focus is outreach. We find these children, identify their unique needs and connect them with the right community partner. Most importantly, we show them that we see them, hear them and care about their future.
**The Need**

**National**
- 1 in 30 children will be homeless each year in the US
- 2.5 million children are homeless in the US
- 51% of the 2.5 million children are 6 years of age or younger

**Local**
- About 5000 children in Wake County are experiencing homelessness
- North Carolina ranked 44th out of 50 for child homelessness in America

**These kids are all more likely to experience:**
- Trauma & maltreatment
- Chronic health conditions
- Depression & anxiety
- Limited access to health care
- Hunger
- Family violence
- Maternal substance abuse
- Poor school performance
Our unique collaborative addresses the need on 4 levels:

- **Child**: assess children’s mental health and development to inform referrals for appropriate services
- **Family**: enhance parenting to strengthen parent-child relationships that can mitigate the potentially harmful impact of homelessness on children
- **Shelter**: influence the structure, policies, and practices of shelters to better support families
- **Community**: coordinate shelter and community services for homeless families
DIRECT SERVICES

CASE MANAGEMENT
outreach model connecting children to a range of services from basic needs to mental healthcare

SCREENINGS
identifying socioemotional, medical, educational & developmental needs of children

CIRCLE OF PARENTS
child abuse prevention program supporting parents in transition through positive parenting techniques

MORE THAN A ROOF
helping families living in hotels access holistic services & transition into dignified housing
COLLABORATION

Project CATCH collaborates with multiple referral and community partners to provide for children experiencing homelessness, all of whom are crucial to the implementation and success of our program.

REFERRAL PARTNERS

THE SALVATION ARMY
SouthLight
Raleigh Rescue Mission
passage home
interAct
Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network
Carrying Place
Families Together
THE HEALING PLACE of Wake County
Wake County Public School System

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

NC State University
Dress for Success
Telamon Corporation
StepUp Ministry
PARTNERSHIP TO END HOMELESSNESS
Project Enlightenment
the diaper train
Marbles Kids Museum
Wake County Public School System
Triangle Family Services
We provide trauma training to community partners, emphasizing the difference between trauma-informed care and behavioral-informed care. These trainings help prevent the revictimization of clients and foster a community of compassion.

In 2015 we partnered with Marbles and the Wake County Public School System to provide 12 educational workshops on mental health and positive parenting to more than 600 parents and children.
CATCH IMPACT STATS

- Served **450+** children & their families with **5,000** community-based services annually
- Helped **43** children from **12** families living in hotels access holistic services & transition into dignified housing
- **90%** of children assessed through developmental & socioemotional screenings
- Trained more than **875** community providers & CATCH partners on trauma-informed care
- Served **600+** children & families through Circle of Parents, a weekly abuse prevention support group
Our Vision

to ignite widespread systemic change in how children experiencing homelessness are served by:

1. Influencing state and federal policies, particularly for children ages birth to 5
2. Implementing consistent & sustainable screening processes in shelters
3. Developing materials that other communities can use to replicate the program
4. Increasing enrichment opportunities for children throughout the community
5. Serving as a community hub on issues related to childhood homelessness
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QUESTIONS
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