



## ANNUAL REPORT

**To:** Buncombe County Commissioners **Date:** September 3, 2021

**From:** Chairperson, Martin Moore

**Subject:** Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC), Annual Report to Buncombe County Commissioners

**Current Membership:** List of current board member names at time of annual report.

Specified Member	Name	Title
School Superintendent or designee	Shanon Martin	School Social Worker
Chief of Police or designee	Michael Lamb	Asheville Police Dept. Designee
Local Sheriff or designee	Jill Banks	Buncombe County Sheriff's Office, Captain
District Attorney or designee	Jorge Redmond	Assistant DA
Chief Court Counselor or designee	Sylvia Clement	Chief Court Counselor
Director, AMH/DD/SA, or designee	Angela Garner	VAYA Health, Community Relations Regional Director
Director DSS or designee	Suzanne Avett	HHS Lead Attorney
County Manager or designee	Dakisha Wesley	Assistant County Manager
Substance Abuse Professional	Phillip Cooper	Workforce Development, YMI/Philip Cooper LLC
Member of Faith Community	<i>Vacant</i>	
County Commissioner	<i>Vacant</i>	
Youth Member	Gabriel Ordiway	Youth
Youth Member ( <i>under 21, or a member of the public representing interests of families of youth at-risk of justice involvement</i> )	<i>Vacant</i>	
Juvenile Defense Attorney	Timothy Henderson	Juvenile Defense Attorney
Chief District Judge or designee	Susan Dotson-Smith	Judge
Member of Business Community	Oleymis Saco	Private Practice
Local Health Director or designee	Stoney Blevins	Buncombe County Director of HHS
Rep. United Way/other non-profit	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>(Natasha Adwaters, Executive Director of Children First, is expected to re-apply)</i>
Representative/Parks and Rec.	Mikkel Patterson	Asheville Parks and Recreation
County Commissioner appointee	Eric Robinson	Asheville Housing Authority
County Commissioner appointee	Jeremy Bricker	Family Preservation Services
County Commissioner appointee	Kelsey Simmons	Open Doors of Asheville
County Commissioner appointee	Melisa Enclade	MAHEC, Project CARA LCAS

*To collaborate with community and justice system partners to re-imagine justice, enhance public safety, and holistically address the needs of all people impacted by the justice system.*

County Commissioner appointee	Martin Moore	Attorney
County Commissioner appointee	<i>Vacant</i>	
County Commissioner appointee	<i>Vacant</i>	

**Summary Statement:** To provide an overview of the purpose, activities, accomplishments, and goals of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.

**Purpose:** List purpose of board/commission/committee.

The JCPC deals with juvenile court issues. It is the intent of the General Assembly to prevent youth who are at risk from becoming involved in the court system. The primary intent of this council is to develop community-based alternatives to youth development centers and to provide community-based delinquency and substance abuse prevention and intervention strategies and programs. Additionally, it is the intent of the General Assembly to provide non-institutional dispositional alternatives that will protect the community and youth.

These programs and services shall be planned and organized at the community level and developed in partnership with the State. These planning efforts shall include appropriate representation from local government, local public and private agencies serving youth and their families, local business leaders, citizens with an interest in youth problems, youth representatives, and others as may be appropriate in a particular community. The planning bodies at the local level shall be the Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils. The Buncombe County Commissioners appoint up to seven members of the public.

**Accomplishments/Activities:** Highlight major accomplishments/activities.

Activities

JCPC Activities by Quarter are available [here](#). As set forth in NCGS 143 B-851 the duties and powers of the JCPC are as follows:

- Conduct an annual review of the needs of youth at risk of delinquency, adjudicated delinquent or undisciplined and the resources needed to meet those needs.
- Develop and advertise a request for proposals (RFP) process and submit a written plan of action for the expenditures of juvenile sanctions and prevention funds to the Board of County Commissioners for approval.
- Submit those funds approved by the Board of County Commissioners to the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) for final approval and implementation.
- Ensure appropriate intermediate dispositional options are available and prioritize funding for dispositions of intermediate and community level sanctions for court adjudicated youth.

Accomplishments

The Buncombe County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC), identifies issues and factors which have an influence and impact upon delinquent youth, at-risk youth, and

their families in Buncombe County. Further, the JCPC identifies strategies and services most likely to reduce/prevent delinquent behavior.

Priorities for Funding: Through the 2020 Risk and Needs Assessment (linked [here](#)) and 2020 resource assessment (linked [here](#)), the JCPC determined that the following services were needed to reduce/prevent delinquency in Buncombe County (the list is in no particular order or priorities):

- Priority 1: Restitution/Community Service
- Priority 2: Sex Offender Treatment
- Priority 3: Teen Court
- Priority 4: Vocational Skills
- Priority 5: Interpersonal Skills
- Priority 6: Runaway Shelter
- Priority 7: Structured Day
- Priority 8: Mentoring
- Priority 9: Tutoring
- Priority 10: Experiential Skills

Monitoring and Evaluation: Each program funded in the past year by the JCPC has been monitored. The JCPC conducts monitoring of funded programs on an annual basis. The monitoring results and program outcomes are considered in making allocation decisions annually. In addition to monitoring by JCPC Members, programs undergo Consultant Monitoring at the end of their first year and once every three years thereafter and complete Program Enhancement Plans annually, identifying continuous program improvement measures with information received using a standardized tool, the Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol or SPEP. This tool gives programs feedback on their outcomes, comparing them with the measures found to be effective for reducing recidivism for their specific program type.

Allocations: This past year, the JCPC sought innovative projects designed to address the following factors in our community:

- **School Behavior/Adjustment:** In Buncombe County there has been a decrease in serious school behavior problems from 54% in 2018-2019 to 50% in 2019-2020. However, that is still an increase from 41% in 2016-2017 and 48% in 2017-2018. Buncombe County is also higher than the state rate of 45% in 2019-2020.
- **Substance Abuse Within Past 12 Months:** In Buncombe County, there has been an 8% increase from 26% in 2018-2019 to 34% in 2019-2020.
- **Abuse/Neglect History:** In Buncombe County there was a slight increase in victims with support from 22% in 2018-2019 to 23% in 2019-2020.
- **Mental Health Needs:** In Buncombe County, the percentage of no mental health care needs indicated increased from 17% in 2018-2019 to 24% in 2019-2020. Mental health care needs addressed increased from 48% in 2018-2019 to 50% in 2019-2020.

Having published a Request for Proposals for these needed services for a minimum of thirty (30) days, the JCPC screened the submitted proposals and determined which proposals best met the advertised needed services. As required by statute, the JCPC allocated NC Department of Public Safety-Community Programs Section Funds to the following Programs in the amounts specified below for FY 2021-2022:

<b>JCPC Program / Sponsoring Agency</b>	<b>Total Budget FY22</b>
Buncombe County Teen Court / Buncombe Alternatives, Inc.	83,395
Buncombe Structured Day / Partners Unlimited Inc.	31,480
Earn and Learn Restitution / Buncombe Alternatives, Inc.	182,105
Eliada Students Training for Advancement / Eliada Homes, Inc.	38,000
Kids at Work! Buncombe / Aspire Youth & Family Inc.	61,775
The Connection Program / Aspire Youth & Family Inc.	11,277
PIVOTPoint WNC	43,196
Treatment Alternatives for Sexualized Kids (TASK)/Barium Springs Home for Children	101,749
Trinity Place Runaway and Homeless Youth Shelter/Caring for Children	76,000
JCPC Administration	15,500
<b>Budget Total</b>	<b>644,477</b>

**Upcoming Goals:** The JCPC performs the following functions on an ongoing basis:

- a) Assess the needs of youth in the community, evaluate the adequacy of resources to meet those needs, and develop or propose ways to address unmet needs.
- b) Evaluate the performance of youth services and programs in the community.
- c) Evaluate each funded program as a condition of continued funding.
- d) Increase public awareness of the causes of delinquency and of strategies to reduce the problem.
- e) Develop strategies to intervene and appropriately respond to and treat the needs of youth at risk of delinquency through appropriate risk assessment instruments.
- f) Provide funds for services for treatment, counseling, or rehabilitation for youth and their families, including court ordered parenting responsibility classes.
- g) Plan for the establishment of permanent funding streams for delinquency prevention services.

h) Develop strategies to intervene and appropriately respond to the needs of youth who have been associated with gang activity or who are at risk of becoming associated with gang activity.

**Provide any feedback:**

Current vacant positions on the JCPC:

- 1 person under the age of 21 years or a member of the public representing the interests of families of youth at-risk of justice involvement
- 1 Member of faith community
- 1 County Commissioner
- 2 vacancies (County Commissioner Appointees) – *These are open to community members to apply for, though the board is discussing doing targeted recruitment for family members of youth at-risk of justice involvement and representatives of Asheville City Schools.*
- 1 vacancy (United Way or other non-profit) – *Natasha Adwaters, Executive Director of Children First, is expected to re-apply*

Additional details about the work of the JCPC over the previous year can be found in the Annual Plan and Certification presented to the BOC each spring.