

Dear Family,

Buncombe County Commissioners understand that high-quality early childhood experiences can have a huge impact on a child's success in life. That's why Buncombe County established an early childhood fund to expand access to affordable, high-quality early childhood education. As the Advisory Committee reviews proposals for the use of grant funds, we want to better understand your family needs. Please take just a few minutes to answer some questions about your family. Feel free to share this survey with others. Thank you for your time.

Please email Rasheeda.McDaniels@buncombecounty.org if you have questions and/or for a paper copy of the survey.

1. Do you currently need or want child care for your child(ren)?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe
- Other (please specify)

2. If yes, why do you want child care for your child(ren)? Please check all that apply:

- So I can work.
- So I can go to school.
- So I can look for a job.
- Other (please tell us):

3. Do you want child care for reasons other than for work or school? Please check all that apply:

- So my child has social experiences with children their age.
- So my child has learning experiences.
- So I have a break
- Other (please tell us):

4. Do you need or want care for:

- Full-time, school year (8+ hours, August to June)
- Full-time (8+ hours, all year)
- Part-time, school year (4-6 hours, August to June)
- Part-time, year round (4-6 hours/day, all year)
- Part time, year round (2-3 days/week, all year)
- Weekends, second or third shift work schedules
- Other (please tell us):

5. If you wanted to have your child in a child care program, **but did not send them**, please share why (check all that apply):

- Too expensive.
- Couldn't find a program in a location that worked for my family.
- Couldn't find a program with an opening.
- Couldn't find a program with the hours that worked for my family.
- Didn't know how to find a program.
- Transportation was a challenge.
- Couldn't find the type of program I wanted for my child. Please tell us what you were looking for:

6. What kind (if any) of child care assistance have you used? - Check all that apply.

- Child care subsidies (vouchers)
- Early Head Start
- Head Start
- NC Pre-Kindergarten
- Financial Aid directly from child care program
- No, we are not eligible
- No, we do not know how to apply
- Other (please specify)

7. In what part of Buncombe County would an early education program be best for your family?

- North
- South
- Central (Downtown Asheville)
- East
- West

8. When your child(ren) were **0-6 months**, what kind of care did you have? Check all that apply.

- I chose to care for my child
- Family/Friend
- Nanny
- Child care center (full time)
- Family child care home (full time)
- Child care center (part time)
- Family child care home (part time)
- I could not find any care for my child
- I used a variety of caregivers and programs
- Other (please tell us):

9. When your child(ren) were **7-12 months**, what kind of care did you have? Check all that apply.

- I chose to care for my child
- Family/Friend
- Nanny
- Child care center (full time)
- Family child care home (full time)
- Child care center (part time)
- Family child care home (part time)
- I could not find any care for my child
- I used a variety of caregivers and programs
- Other (please tell us):

10. About how many times a month do you miss work because of child care issues of any kind (sick child, school closures, etc):

- 0
- 1-2
- 3-5
- 5+

11. If your child(ren) were **not** enrolled in care, what kinds of activities/services did/do you use? Check all that apply.

- Nurse Family Partnership
- Parenting classes
- Early Literacy Activities (Reach Out and Read, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, Play & Learn groups, library story times)
- WIC
- Mom's group (formal or informal)
- Facebook Group
- Activities with my church
- Other (please specify)