



Protecting the most vulnerable and helping people live healthy, productive lives

Healthier North Carolinians and Healthier Economy with Medicaid Expansion

Recommends Medicaid expansion to cover 624,000 additional individuals and secure North Carolina's share of federal resources to inject over \$4.4 billion in direct spending into the state.

Investments in Early Learning

Expands funding and eliminates the waitlist for NC Pre-K so that by July 1, 2018 an estimated additional 4,668 at-risk four-year olds will receive high quality pre-kindergarten classes. Invests \$15 million in Smart Start to provide support and flexibility to all 100 counties to improve early childhood educational outcomes and better prepare children for school. Also funds an additional 2,000 slots for children from low-income working families to receive subsidized, high quality child care services and increases the Child Care Subsidy market rate in selected counties.

Helping Senior Citizens at Home

Supports low-income, elderly citizens by investing in the Home and Community Care Block Grant to help an estimated 1,500 citizens in all 100 counties receive in-home aide, transportation and meals.

Fighting Opioid Addiction

Directs more than \$12 million in community mental health funding to address the opioid crisis. Prescription drug abuse is one of the leading causes of accidental death in North Carolina, and treatment is part of the solution. Invests in the Controlled Substances Reporting System. In addition to this funding, the JPS section provides \$2 million for the Governor's Crime Commission to provide grants to local law enforcement efforts.

Helping Disabled People Live, Work and Learn in Their Home Communities

Invests \$1 million to make a robust supply of state of the art adaptive equipment and assistive technologies available to disabled citizens to enable them to live, work and be educated in their communities.

Improving Children's and Families' Lives

Restores and increases funding to the Nurse-Family Partnership to serve women from late pregnancy until the child turns two years old. Provides permanent funds to implement the child welfare program improvement plan to improve outcomes for children and families. Develops and implements the child welfare case management system in NC FAST to better track and serve children in the child welfare system. Provides foster care payments to support growth in the number of children placed in a licensed foster home.

Supporting Individuals with Mental Illness

Continues investments under the U.S. Department of Justice Transitions to Community Living Initiative settlement to ensure people with mental illness can live in their communities in the least restrictive setting.