



100 Counties: Helping Our Children Thrive Summit

**Sheraton Greensboro at Four Seasons, Imperial Ballroom D
Guilford County | Wednesday, March 21**

9:30 a.m. **Welcome**

NCACC President Brenda Howerton, Durham County Commissioner; and Thrive Task Force Co-Chairs Gary D. Blevins, Wilkes County Chair, and Ed Booth, Beaufort County Commissioner

9:45 a.m. **Setting the Stage: Key Indicators of Your County Strengths and Weaknesses**

Rob Thompson, Deputy Director, and Whitney Tucker, Research Director, NC Child

10:15 a.m. **Keynote: Noran Sanford and youth representatives with [Growing Change](#) of Scotland County**

11 a.m. Break

11:15 a.m. **Safety, Physiological Needs and Family Support Programs**

- Foundation: Tamika D. Williams, Associate Director, The Duke Endowment

- **New Hanover County [predictive analytics and risk factors](#)**

Michelle Winstead, Director, and Wanda Marino, Assistant Director of Social Work Services, New Hanover County Social Services

New Hanover County is the first in the state to use groundbreaking predictive analytics to identify and track risk factors for children. By integrating data from a variety of sources, such as criminal justice and public health databases, the system will alert DSS workers to possible changes to a child's risk while that child is in their charge.

- **[Bright Futures](#) Beaufort County**

Catherine Glover, Executive Director, and Robin McKeithan, Assistant Director, Washington-Beaufort County Chamber of Commerce

Working within the school district to connect student needs with existing community resources, the Bright Futures model brings together businesses, human service agencies, faith-based organizations, and parent groups and partners them with schools in a way that helps them to quickly and efficiently

meet students' basic needs – often within 24 hours – enabling students and teachers to focus on education and achieving success.

- **Catawba County [ACE \(Advocates for Children in Education\) Social Workers](#)**

Korey Fisher-Wellman, Clinical Program Manager, Catawba County Social Services

The ACE team works to address psychosocial, health and emotional/behavioral issues that interfere with a child's ability to learn in the classroom. Home visits, classroom observation and consultation, individual and group counseling, and case management services address barriers and link students and families with social services or other appropriate resources. ACE social workers serve five elementary schools and one middle school.

12:15 p.m. Lunch (Imperial E-F-G)

1:15 p.m. **Facilitating Effective Coalitions Around Youth Issues**

A panel discussion moderated by Task Force Co-Chair Gary D. Blevins

Panelists: Susan Cogdill, Executive Director, [Wilkes Community Partnership for Children](#); Tracey Grayzer, President, Impact Alamance; Ellen Reckhow, Durham County Commissioner, Grown in Durham; and Munro Richardson, Executive Director, [Read Charlotte](#)

2 p.m. **Community Programs; Mentoring and Role Modeling; and Parental Support**

- Foundation: Tracey Greene-Washington, Director of Special Initiatives, Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust

- **Cleveland County [Partnership for Community Prosperity](#)**

Susan Allen, Vice Chair, Cleveland County Board of Commissioners; Dr. Stephen Fisher, Superintendent, Cleveland County Schools; and Chris Gash, Community Quarterback, Cleveland County Schools

Cleveland County's collaborative, long-term health improvement initiative is addressing social factors impacting community health and starts with children. Based in an elementary school, the program makes use of existing resources to address areas in need of improvement: the number of single-parent households, the number of children in poverty, the number of teens giving birth, and workforce readiness.

- **Transylvania County [Early Childhood Initiative](#)**

Jaime Laughter, County Manager, Transylvania County

This partnership of agencies and nonprofits was the result of an effort that began with an analysis of data about citizens ages 0-5 and helped to establish a

common understanding of issues impacting young children. The ECI works to collaborate at a local level and advocate at state and federal levels in ways that will improve the lives of children in the county.

2:45 p.m. Break

3 p.m. **Resilience film screening and discussion**

Sharon Hirsch, President and CEO, Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina

5 p.m. Closing and think points for the night

5 – 6 p.m. Light reception

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8:30 a.m. **Setting the Stage for Day Two**

President Brenda Howerton

8:45 a.m. **Keynote: Terrell Brown**

Henderson County native Terrell Brown, a first-generation college student at UNC-Chapel Hill, will share his story of resilience.

9:30 a.m. **Academic and Workforce Readiness Programs**

- Foundation: Dan Gerlach, President, Golden LEAF Foundation

- **Better Beginnings for Bertie's Children**

Bobbi Holley, Director, Better Beginnings for Bertie's Children

This county-funded initiative that grew out of Race to the Top involves a collaboration with DSS, Rural Health and the school system. Program leaders sponsor, train and coordinate the delivery of child and family support services such as Mother Read and Father Read, pre- and post-natal home visits, and the Positive Parenting Program.

- **Brunswick Guarantee**

Randy Thompson, Vice Chair, Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

This county-funded scholarship program backs a Board of Commissioners priority and allows county high school students who graduate with a minimum 2.3 GPA to attend Brunswick Community College free of tuition and fees, and provides up to \$750 to offset the cost of books.

- **Orange Second Family Works**

Holly Kunkel, Program Director, Second Family Foundation

The Second Family Works program is designed to provide youth with their first real job so that they can develop the skills – financial responsibility, positive

social networking, time management, and organization – necessary to be fully self-sufficient and financially independent adults.

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. **Civics and Leadership Programs**

- Foundation: Donna Newton, Director of Workforce and Housing, The Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro and Guilford Apprenticeship Partners; and Tammy Simmons, Vice President of Marketing & Culture, Machine Specialists, Inc.

- **Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of Commerce [Student Leadership Information For Tomorrow \(LIFT\)](#)**

Amy Rudisill, Membership and Events Director, Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of Commerce

LIFT offers 26 rising sophomores and juniors who reside in Randolph County the opportunity to learn more about the area and gain valuable leadership skills through a highly structured, seven-month program that involves interaction with business and community leaders and participation in special tours that offer a “behind the scenes” look into local situations and decisions.

- **[Fayetteville-Cumberland Youth Council](#)**

Crystal Glover, FCYC Youth Development Coordinator, Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks and Recreation

This award-winning, youth-led community service organization unites the most dedicated and hardworking students of Fayetteville and Cumberland County’s public, private and home schools in order to serve as a cross-generational link, and participate in service projects and social events to promote character building and leadership development.

11:30 a.m. **YouthVoice: Success Stories, and Needs**

A panel discussion with youth representatives, moderated by Task Force Co-Chair Ed Booth

12:15 p.m. Lunch

1 p.m. **YOUR IDEA: Development of individual county action plans**

With direction from the UNC Center for Public Leadership and Governance, Thrive Task Force members and Advanced Leadership Corps Ambassadors will lead these facilitated tabletop discussions designed to help attendees develop a plan of action to address an identified issue or need.

3 p.m. Conclude