



YouthVoice 2025

14th NCACC Youth Summit

August 22-23, 2025, Pitt County

AGENDA

Friday, August 22

1 – 3:15 p.m.

*** OPTIONAL * Reentry Simulation with County Officials** (Separate Registration Required)
(Greenville Convention Center, Exhibit Hall A)

The Reentry Simulation simulates the struggles and challenges faced by individuals who are transitioning from incarceration back into society. It is designed to mimic one month in the life of an individual who has just been released from prison and is now on probation, post-release, or parole. Over the course of roughly 2 hours, participants experience the first month of post-release life. Each participant assumes the identity of a formerly incarcerated person and receives a packet of materials, including a “name history” and a “life card.” Expect to gain an understanding of obstacles faced by individuals attempting to acquire resources from various agencies upon their release from incarceration.

This exercise will be facilitated by the NC Department of Adult Correction.

2:45 – 3:30 p.m.

Check-in window for non-reentry simulation participants (TBD, Residence Inn or Homewood Suites)

Overnight rooms will be at the Residence Inn, 1820 W 5th St, Greenville, and the Homewood Suites, 420 Moye Blvd. These hotels are walkable from each other (2 minutes), and 12 minutes by car from the Convention Center campus.

4 – 4:45 p.m.

YouthVoice Orientation (Holiday Inn on the Greenville Convention Center campus)

What is YouthVoice, and why are you here? The orientation provides information about the NCACC and its involvement in youth leadership development; a welcome from NCACC President T Davis of Warren County; a look at each of the partner organizations; and an overview of YouthVoice events.

4:45 p.m.

See the World Through ‘Real Colors’ (Holiday Inn on the Convention Center campus)

At one time or another, everyone reaches a point where they wonder, “Why do people do the things they do?” The answer may surprise you! Everyone has a distinct temperament spectrum comprised of four colors: Blue, Gold, Orange and Green. In this “Real Colors” session, you will learn how to quickly identify your own “color” and personal strengths, as well as that of others. Using this powerful knowledge, you can develop more effective communication skills and build better relationships by recognizing and appreciating the strengths and viewpoints of others.

County officials are invited to participate in the Real Colors training with Youth Delegates.

The session is being facilitated by North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Executive Director Kevin Leonard, and Deputy Director and General Counsel Amy Bason.

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- 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. **Dinner**
- 7:30 – 9 p.m. **Resume ‘Real Colors’**
- 9 p.m. **Youth Delegate Ice Cream Social**

Saturday, August 23

Check out of rooms and put luggage in vehicles by 7:45 a.m.

- 7:45 – 8:30 a.m. **Breakfast** (Glenn Room, Holiday Inn)
- 8:45 – 11:15 a.m. **Find Your County’s ‘Bottom Line!’** (Holiday Inn on the Greenville Convention Center campus)
Designed as a classic board game, “Bottom Line!” is an engaging learning tool that simulates the county budgeting process. Attendees will work together in small groups – acting as boards of county commissioners – to first decide what values are most important to their counties. The simulation then challenges groups to remember those values during scenarios that force them to choose between cutting programs and/or services, or increasing taxes or fees in order to maintain a balanced annual budget.
- 11:15 – 11:30 a.m. **Evaluation**
- 11:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. **Lunch with county officials, plenary session and documentary screening** (Greenville Convention Center, Exhibit Hall CDE)
County officials and Youth Delegates come together for lunch and discussion on community issues and/or lessons from YouthVoice.
Documentary Screening: ‘Rising Above Helene’
100 Strong Productions, a division of NCACC that seeks to uncover the issues and highlight the stories of North Carolina and its counties through film, will screen its new documentary, “Rising Above Helene: Western North Carolina’s Journey to Recovery.”
Watch the trailer at vimeo.com/1107621843!
- 2 – 2:30 p.m. **NCACC Business Session and adjourn** (Greenville Convention Center, Exhibit Hall A)
Three Youth Delegates will be asked to provide a report-out to counties during the Association’s annual business meeting on lessons and takeaways from YouthVoice.