



NC DEPARTMENT OF
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NC Child Care Commission First Quarter Meeting

August 1, 2022



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NC Child Care Commission Director's Report

Ariel Ford, Director
Dr. Kristi Snuggs, Deputy Director

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Director's Report Agenda

- **COVID-19 Pandemic**
- **Stabilization Grants**
- **Changes in Education Laws**
- **Raise North Carolina Campaign**
- **Child Care Subsidy**
- **NC Legislative Session**
- **DCDEE Communications**

COVID-19 Pandemic

- COVID-19 vaccines are available to everyone 6 months and older.
- A booster dose of the vaccine is available for kids 5-11 who got their vaccines more than five months ago.
- State of Emergency to expire August 15, 2022



PROTECT THEM
AGES 6 MONTHS+

Helping you and the ones you love most in the fight against COVID-19.

FIND YOUR SPOT

Kids HAVE A SPOT TO TAKE THEIR SHOT.

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PROTEGE A los niños ¡VACÚNALOS! → Una vez vacunados, los niños pueden...

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practicar deportes

ir a eventos divertidos

relajarse después de la escuela

hacer nuevas amistades

mejorar su salud mental

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COVID-19 Pandemic – End of State of Emergency

Health and Sanitation

- Waiver of requirement for annual sanitation or fire inspections. [Expires August 15, 2022.](#)

Quality and Education

- No loss of star rating due to loss of teacher with rating requisite education. [Expires February 15, 2023.](#)
- Star rating education standards for lead teachers evaluated at 50%. [Expires June 30, 2023.](#)
- Allow up to 6 months to replace a vacant position with a qualified candidate. [Expires August 15, 2023.](#)

NC Pre-K

- Waiver of the 12-week limitation for long-term substitutes serving in NC Pre-K classrooms. [Expires June 2023.](#)
- Waiver of the 12-week limitation for Interim Site Administrators serving at NC Pre-K sites. [Expires June 2023.](#)

<https://governor.nc.gov/news/press-releases/2022/07/11/governor-cooper-signs-two-bills-vetoes-four-bills-and-lets-one-bill-become-law>

Workforce – Increase Early Teacher Pipeline

- **Increase access to Career and Technical Education**
- **Work community college to provide credit for prior learning**
- **Ongoing recruitment for T.E.A.C.H**
- **Promote fast-track certificate program for the Early Childhood and Infant Toddler Certificates.**
- **Use ARPA discretionary funding to increase the teacher pipeline.**
- **Develop resource guide for teacher/provider access to higher education.**

Workforce – Child Care Subsidy

- **Reallocate federal ARPA funding for child care subsidy (\$206-215 million in the 2021 budget) to temporarily increase child care subsidy reimbursement rates to the 2018 market rate level until funds expire in September of 2024.**
- **Contracted with American Institutes for Research (AIR) to study alternative models for child care subsidy rates to help determine if new calculation methods could better reward quality child care, promote stability in programs across the state and ensure access for families.**



Workforce – Stabilization Grants

“Another big expense that had to be taken care of was removal of a very large dead tree on our playground....That tree would have fallen on the school with the last big snowstorm we had here in the mountains.”

– Susan Williams

Stabilization Grants Payments – April 25, 2022 - \$509,232,073

	Center	Home	Total
# of Approved Programs Paid	2,989	1,135	4,124
Compensation Support Payments	\$ 130,517,751	\$ 6,750,564	\$ 137,268,315
Fixed Costs Payments	\$ 347,172,163	\$24,791,595	\$ 371,963,759
Total Payments	\$477,689,914	\$ 31,542,159	\$ 509,232,073

Fixed Costs & Families Grant Reduction

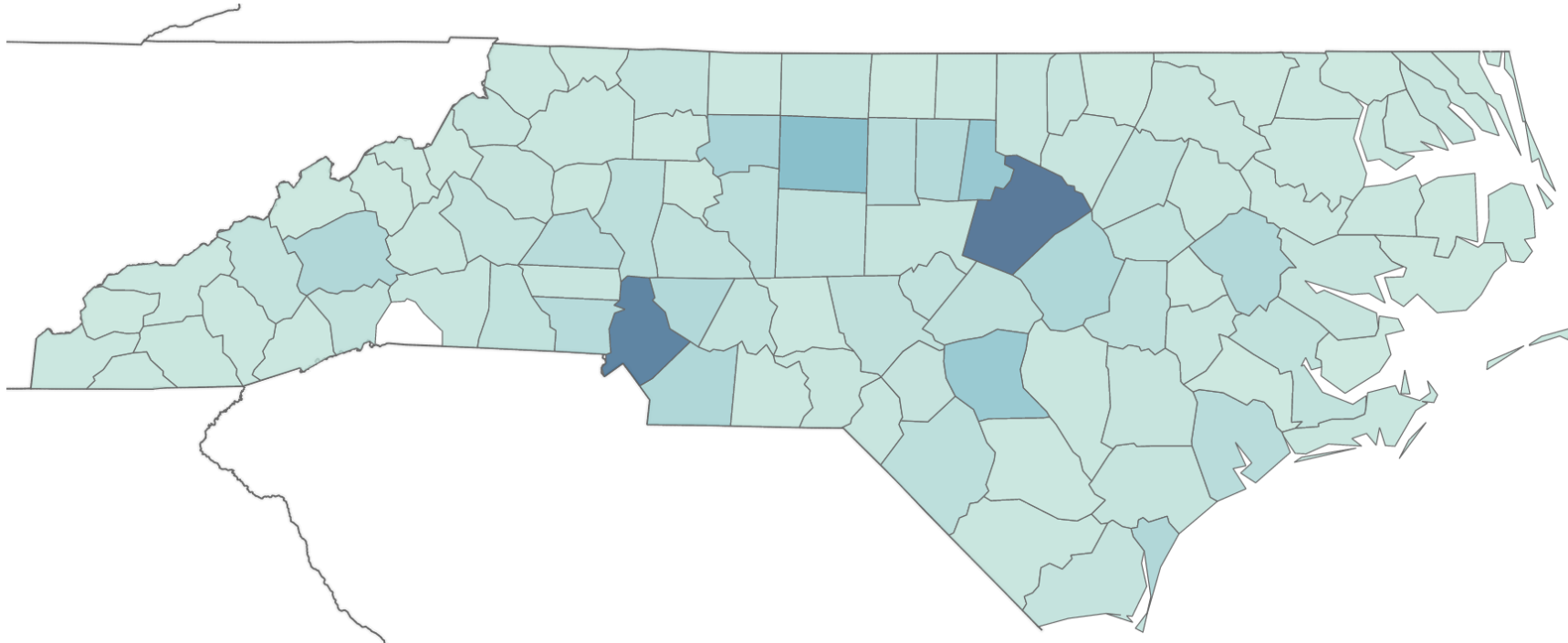
- **Implemented planned reduction in Fixed Costs & Families Grant component**
 - Decreased by 1/3 for July payments.
 - Help child care programs begin tapering off dependency on the support of this temporary grant funding
 - Allowed NC's stabilization grant program to last longer than other states

Child Care Stabilization Grants Timeline

Quarter #	Start Date	End Date	Payment Date (Approx.)	Q-Update Due (Approx.)	Recertification Application Also Due?	Fixed Cost Reduction
1	1-Oct-21	31-Dec-21	15-Nov-21	5-Jan-22	n/a	n/a
2	1-Jan-22	31-Mar-22	15-Jan-22	5-Apr-22	n/a	n/a
3	1-Apr-22	30-Jun-22	15-Apr-22	5-Jul-22	Yes	n/a
4	1-Jul-22	30-Sep-22	15-Jul-22	5-Oct-22	n/a	↓~1/3 of April amt
5	1-Oct-22	31-Dec-22	15-Oct-22	5-Jan-23	Yes	↓amount tbd
6	1-Jan-23	31-Mar-23	15-Jan-23	5-Apr-23	n/a	↓amount tbd

Stabilization Grant Reach

- **Total Child Care Jobs Impacted: 37,976**
- **Total Child Care Capacity Impacted: 365,951**



Thank you for giving
us the means to create
a space where kids
love to be.



CALL TO ACTION

**Raise North
Carolina: Invest
in Early Care
and Learning**



Raise North Carolina – RaiseNC.nc.gov

- **Public education campaign launched mid-July**
 - NC's quality-focused early care and learning network is a tremendous state resource.
 - The network is threatened by historical lack of investment and impending end of COVID emergency funding.
- **Bilingual website and interactive toolkits include talking points, flyers, social media graphics, and more.**
- **Centers and celebrates early care and learning teachers**
 - Helps teachers be seen and heard by collecting and sharing teachers' own stories.
- **Paid Media Promotion with WRAL**
 - Inside Look Series – three interview-style segments
 - Broadcast, Streaming Television, PSA Campaign



SL 2022-71– Various Changes to Education Laws

- **Requires the North Carolina Child Care Commission to amend the Credential Rule to specify North Carolina Early Childhood Credential (NC ECC) means:**
 - an NC ECC based on completion of required early childhood coursework taken at any State community college;
 - a currently active Child Development Associate Credential from the Council for Professional Recognition, a Certified Child Care Professional Credential from the National Early Childhood Program Accreditation, or a Montessori Credential from any of the the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education, American Montessori Society, National Center for Montessori Education, or Association Montessori Internationale; or
- **a passing score on a test developed NC Community College System designed to demonstrate an individual's mastery of the concepts taught in early childhood coursework.**
- All equivalencies earn the same education points in the Quality Rating Improvement System toward a Star Rating as the NC ECC.
- **Prohibits DCDEE from requiring an individual working towards an associate degree to complete a minimum number of semester hours per year in order to be eligible for employment as a teacher assistant in the NC Pre-K program. Sunsets this provision on December 31, 2023.**

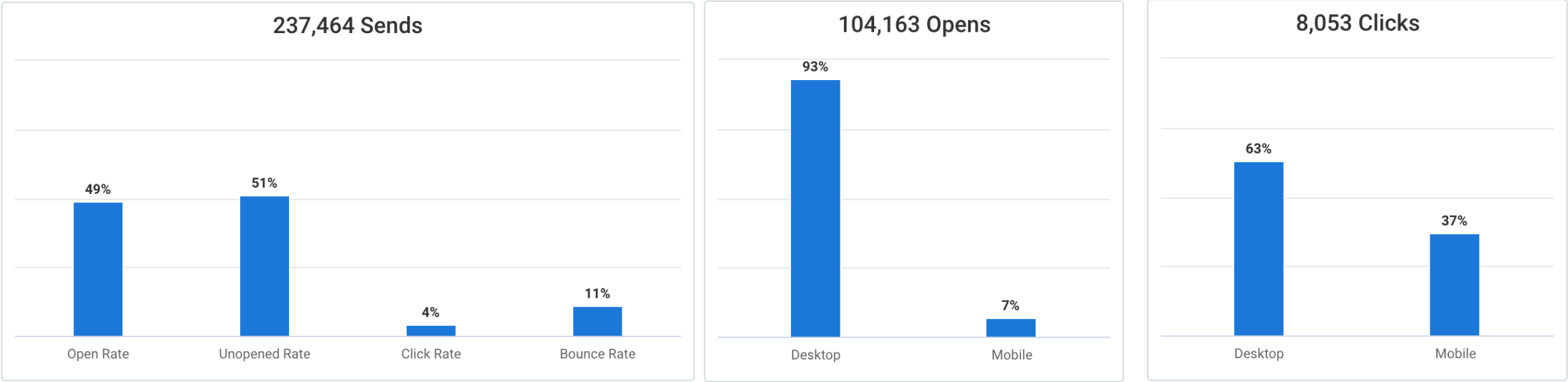
SL 2022-74 – Early Education in the Budget: NC Pre-K

- **Additional \$9 million in recurring funds**
- **Increases rates an additional 7% over the planned increase in the 2021 budget for private child care sites, for a total increase of 9% this biennium**
- **Increases public school and Head Start program rates by 5%**

Early Education in the Budget – Criminal Background Checks

- **The period for background check qualification renewals revised from three years to five years.**
 - An individual's current Qualification Letter will be extended 2 years for the total of 5 years. New Qualification Letters will not be generated.
- **The provisional qualification period reduced to forty-five days.**
 - Individuals with a Provisional Qualification Letter will receive a Qualification Letter on the 45th day. Letters are generated in the [Criminal Background Check portal](#).

DCDEE Communications – Email Results



DCDEE Communications – Emails Sent

Date Sent	Email Subject	Sends	Opens	Open Rate	Mobile Open Rate	Desktop Open Rate	# of Clicks	Click Rate
7/22/22	Raising NC Newsletter	12849	5190	45.40%	7.80%	92.20%	468	4.10%
7/18/22	Raising NC Newsletter	13496	5652	47.50%	5.80%	94.20%	206	1.70%
7/13/22	Raise NC Launch Announcement	13900	6816	56.20%	6.90%	93.10%	401	3.30%
7/12/22	Stabilization Grant News	13870	6053	49.50%	8.10%	91.90%	641	5.20%
7/7/22	Stabilization Grant Quarterly Update Due Tomorrow!	13853	6000	49.10%	7.60%	92.40%	683	5.60%
7/1/22	Raising NC Newsletter	12865	5469	48.30%	8.10%	91.90%	402	3.60%
6/27/22	Stabilization Grant Quarterly Update Available	13830	6538	53.40%	8.50%	91.50%	974	8.00%
6/24/22	Be on the Safe Side: Transportation Safety	13830	5839	47.60%	5.40%	94.60%	132	1.10%
6/22/22	Raising NC Newsletter	12878	5796	50.80%	10.40%	89.60%	918	8.00%
6/13/22	Raising NC Newsletter	12873	5538	48.60%	6.20%	93.80%	198	1.70%
6/9/22	EES Unit's Site Administrator Training Session - REGISTER NOW!	1587	656	49.10%	9.10%	90.90%	296	22.20%
6/6/22	Raising NC Newsletter	13385	6076	51.10%	6.70%	93.30%	215	1.80%
6/2/22	NC Pre-K Rule Change Effective April 2022 with Implementation Beginning September 2022	13774	6732	54.90%	5.90%	94.10%	453	3.70%
5/23/22	Raising NC Newsletter	12888	5590	48.80%	6.90%	93.10%	367	3.20%
5/18/22	Reconnect for Resilience™ Orientation	11206	4901	47.70%	6.90%	93.10%	393	3.80%
5/17/22	Addressing the Infant Formula Shortage	11666	5544	52.00%	7.70%	92.30%	420	3.90%
5/16/22	Raising NC Newsletter	12898	5572	48.60%	6.20%	93.80%	223	1.90%
5/9/22	Raising NC Newsletter	12904	5637	49.10%	7.80%	92.20%	592	5.20%
5/6/22	Hooray for Early Childhood Educators	12912	4564	39.70%	7.70%	92.30%	71	0.60%

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