

**Choice New Bern
CHILDHOOD EDUCATION STRATEGY**

<i>GOAL/Outcomes</i>	<i>Metrics</i>	<i>Strategies</i>	<i>Partners</i>	<i>Leverage</i>
<p>Increase percentage of zero-to-four year olds in quality childcare or preschool programs</p> <p>Improve benchmark scores for incoming kindergarten students</p>	<p>#/% of zero-to-four year olds enrolled in a high-quality early preschool setting</p> <p>Kindergarten readiness assessment scores</p> <p>% of children at benchmark on developmental screens</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Play and Learn Kinder Music – Weekly program for public housing development resident preschoolers and parents to learn through music, literacy, and social interaction 2. Continue to provide a robust and comprehensive transition to kindergarten program that serves all children who will be entering kindergarten at affected elementary schools; increase the number and percent of children who participate. 3. Define and explore funding to increase childcare, early care, and preschool program slots 4. Increase parent education on the benefits of programs for preschool children 5. Focus Early Head Start enrollment in grant neighborhood to serve the families in the greatest need. 6. Maximize the number of grant neighborhood area children participating in Head Start. 7. Support families to negotiate, apply for, and navigate the early care and education “systems”. 8. Explore opportunities to provide mobile/home-based early education programming 9. Provide resource-based home visiting services for pregnant women and children up to three years of age to determine development needs and support each child and family. 10. Expand Family Literacy Program in greater grant neighborhood. 11. Increase the number of in-home daycares. 12. Mother Read/Baby Read – Program where parents are encouraged to read to children daily 13. Increase access to Preschool Story Time , a program currently available to residents at New Bern Public Library 14. WeeBus – Mobile Classroom for ages 3-5 15. Coordinate meetings with community partners to raise awareness of the needs of the children in the neighborhood 	<p>Smart Start Craven County Schools Coastal Community Action Local Churches HUD Hope Resource Center 4C Health Department Craven Community College Childcare Resource and Referral DSS(child care subsidy) CARTS City/County Government Children’s Development Services Agency Easter Seals/UCP New Bern Public Library</p>	

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GOAL #2: ALL CHILDREN ARE SUPPORTED ACADEMICALLY, EMOTIONALLY, AND SOCIALLY.				
<p>Increase enrollment in after-school and summer programs.</p> <p>Improve school attendance and reduce suspensions.</p> <p>*Improve social, emotional and behavioral well-being.</p>	<p>#/% of students participating in quality after-school learning activities (Day Springs, YMCA, 21st Century Learning Camp, churches, etc.)</p> <p>#/% of students participating in quality summer learning activities</p> <p>% of children chronically absent (10% or more school days)</p> <p>% of students with 1+ out-of-school suspensions</p> <p>Pre-kindergarten assessment</p> <p>Extra-curricular/after school student involvement (as transportation allows)</p> <p>Student/parent surveys</p> <p>YRBS (Youth Risk Behavioral Survey)</p> <p>% improvement of children and youth on social, emotional and behavioral well-being outcomes</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Partner with City of New Bern to distribute information through utility bills on academic and social opportunities for children. 2. Distribute information to churches and schools related to preschool, afterschool and summer programs. 3. Incentives for school attendance 4. Connect at-risk students with outside agencies to provide needed services such as mental health 5. Encourage volunteers in the schools to assist students to reduce dropouts 6. Find alternatives to out of school suspensions 7. Build broader collaboration with agencies, nonprofit groups, and faith based organizations that currently mentor youth 8. Pursue funding for an alternative school 9. Use data from YRBS to determine programs for youth (smoking, alcohol, drugs, etc.) 10. Increase access to Summer Reading Program at Library 	<p>YMCA</p> <p>21st Century Grant (Barbara Lee program)</p> <p>Boys and Girls Club</p> <p>Parks and Recreation</p> <p>Craven County Schools</p> <p>Churches</p> <p>NB Police Dept summer programs</p> <p>Coastal Community Action</p> <p>CARTS</p> <p>City of New Bern Utilities</p> <p>Area Day Reporting</p> <p>ECBH/Trillium</p> <p>Easter Seals/UCP</p> <p>New Bern Public Library</p> <p>Craven County 4H</p>	

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GOAL #3: ALL GRANT AREA CHILDREN ARE SUCCESSFUL ACADEMICALLY AND GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL.				
<p>Increase reading proficiency by 3rd grade.</p> <p>Increase high school graduation rate.</p> <p>*Identify and support students who are "at risk"</p> <p>*ask Kathy</p>	<p>% of students proficient in 3rd grade reading</p> <p>% 4 year graduation rate</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue evening school as an addition and alternative to traditional high school 2. Continue online programs for students who are not able to attend traditional school. 3. Continue successful programs such as Century 21st Grant/Area Day Reporting Center working with at risk youth. 4. Pair "at risk" students with mentors/adults 5. Increase vocational programs 6. Improve communication between parents and teachers 7. Provide opportunities for schools to meet with parents in the community (Parent nights, PTA meetings, Open Houses in community) 8. Encourage reading and a life-long love of reading by providing books to children/parents 	<p>Craven Literacy Council Smart Start Craven County Schools Head Start Coastal Community Action Reach Out and Read Program Twin Rivers Reading Council/International Reading Association United Way of Coastal Carolina Partners in Education Newspapers in Education Coastal Children's Clinic Trent Court Resident Council CARTS New Bern Public Library</p>	
GOAL #4: ALL GRANT AREA STUDENTS ARE PREPARED FOR COLLEGE, CAREER AND LIFE.				
<p>Increase post-secondary enrollment and completion.</p> <p>Increase career and workforce readiness</p>	<p>% going to 2 or 4 year college</p> <p>% going to military</p> <p>% completing CTE program certificates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore Workforce Development training in a manner that will lead to more productive/lucrative careers earning a living wage • Add childcare credentials to Career and Technical Education program • Continue collaboration with Community College for students to obtain free college credits while in High School 	<p>Craven Community College/Human Resource Development Craven County Schools CTE Workforce Development Uptown Business and Professional Organization Childcare Resource and Referral University of Mount Olive Monarch BSH Home Appliances Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Board NC Works Career Center Vocational Rehabilitation Green Lamp Easter Seals/UCP</p>	