

Child Care Allocation Formula
Session Law 2017-57, Section 11B.5.(a)



Report to the
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and
Human Services
and
Fiscal Research Division

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Background

Pursuant to Session Law 2017-57, Section 11B.5.(a), the Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE) is required to submit a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division no later than April 1 of each year regarding the amount of subsidy funds used to prevent terminations of service, repay federal funds and the date that any of these funds were distributed, as well as any counties that did not receive at least the same allocation as the previous year. The purpose of this report is to satisfy that requirement.

CHILD CARE ALLOCATION FORMULA

SECTION 11B.5.(a) The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education (Division), shall allocate child care subsidy voucher funds to pay the costs of necessary child care for minor children of needy families. The mandatory thirty percent (30%) North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., subsidy allocation under G.S. 143B-168.15(g) shall constitute the base amount for each county's child care subsidy allocation. The Department of Health and Human Services shall use the following method when allocating federal and State child care funds, not including the aggregate mandatory thirty percent (30%) North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., subsidy allocation:

- (1) Funds shall be allocated to a county based upon the projected cost of serving children under age 11 in families with all parents working who earn less than the applicable federal poverty level percentage set forth in Section 11B.3(a) of this act.
- (2) The Division may withhold up to two percent (2%) of available funds from the allocation formula for (i) preventing termination of services throughout the fiscal year and (ii) repayment of any federal funds identified by counties as overpayments, including overpayments due to fraud. The Division shall allocate to counties any funds withheld before the end of the fiscal year when the Division determines the funds are not needed for the purposes described in this subdivision. **The Division shall submit a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division, which report shall include each of the following:**
 - a. The amount of funds used for preventing termination of services and the repayment of any federal funds.
 - b. The date the remaining funds were distributed to counties.
 - c. As a result of funds withheld under this subdivision and after funds have been distributed, any counties that did not receive at least the amount the counties received the previous year and the amount by which funds were decreased.

The Division shall submit a report in each year of the 2017-2019 fiscal biennium 30 days after the funds withheld pursuant to this subdivision are distributed but no later than April 1 of each respective year.

The amount of funds used for preventing termination of services and the repayment of any federal funds.

DCDEE withheld \$2M from the overall SFY17-18 Child Care Subsidy Allocation to prevent terminations and provide for any repayment of federal funds.

The date the remaining funds were distributed to counties.

DCDEE allocated \$1.5M of the withheld \$2M to overspending counties on February 15, 2018 to allow continued service to families and prevent terminations of child care subsidy assistance.

Currently, no funds have been requested or required to be reverted to the Federal Government for repayment, and so therefore none have been spent (or reverted) for that purpose.

The remaining \$500,000 will be allocated to counties, to allow additional direct service provision, minus any funds that may possibly need to be reverted to the federal government, in late April/early May 2018. Quarterly revisions to the federal government, made according to the federal fiscal calendar, will need to be made only if there are any prior year reversions that cannot be allocated.

As a result of funds withheld under this subdivision and after funds have been distributed, any counties that did not receive at least the amount the counties received the previous year and the amount by which funds were decreased.

For information regarding counties' allocations for 2017-18 and how those compare to the previous year please see the following chart.

Final SFY 2017 (Minus IV-E*) v. Current Allocation (minus IV-E, plus additional reversion/reallocations) as of March 1, 2018

County	Final Non Smart Start Direct Services Allocation (Minus IV-E) SFY 16-17	Non Smart Start Direct Services Allocation as of 2/15/2018 (Minus IV-E) SYF 17-18	Allocation of \$1.5M Set aside 2/15/2018	New Total SFY Allocation	Difference Between SFY 16/17 and 17/18 Initial Allocation
Alexander	\$886,893	\$876,457	\$0	\$876,457	(\$10,436)
Alleghany	\$312,896	\$296,601	\$0	\$296,601	(\$16,295)
Ashe	\$941,232	\$935,603	\$0	\$935,603	(\$5,629)
Avery	\$409,717	\$303,210	\$0	\$303,210	(\$106,507)
Burke	\$2,380,665	\$2,333,398	\$39,524	\$2,372,922	(\$7,743)
Caldwell	\$2,643,961	\$2,635,777	\$0	\$2,635,777	(\$8,184)
Camden	\$134,747	\$133,711	\$0	\$133,711	(\$1,036)
Carteret	\$1,608,237	\$1,410,474	\$0	\$1,410,474	(\$197,763)
Caswell	\$431,037	\$427,775	\$0	\$427,775	(\$3,262)
Catawba	\$5,834,883	\$5,212,319	\$0	\$5,212,319	(\$622,564)
Chowan	\$483,098	\$482,162	\$0	\$482,162	(\$936)
Currituck	\$687,070	\$613,883	\$0	\$613,883	(\$73,187)
Franklin	\$2,484,733	\$2,480,400	\$0	\$2,480,400	(\$4,333)
Gaston	\$6,098,960	\$6,077,002	\$0	\$6,077,002	(\$21,958)
Henderson	\$2,768,962	\$2,453,838	\$20,000	\$2,473,838	(\$295,123)
Hyde	\$82,319	\$60,175	\$0	\$60,175	(\$22,144)
Johnston	\$6,627,340	\$5,945,487	\$0	\$5,945,487	(\$681,853)
Madison	\$489,740	\$470,785	\$0	\$470,785	(\$18,955)
Martin	\$903,558	\$876,305	\$0	\$876,305	(\$27,253)
Nash	\$2,939,729	\$2,916,039	\$0	\$2,916,039	(\$23,690)
Northampton	\$724,633	\$701,444	\$0	\$701,444	(\$23,189)
Pamlico	\$520,673	\$518,274	\$0	\$518,274	(\$2,400)
Person	\$1,288,628	\$1,266,585	\$0	\$1,266,585	(\$22,043)
Polk	\$453,886	\$451,605	\$0	\$451,605	(\$2,281)
Randolph	\$4,287,817	\$4,217,823	\$0	\$4,217,823	(\$69,994)
Richmond	\$1,655,073	\$1,623,257	\$0	\$1,623,257	(\$31,816)
Rockingham	\$3,242,959	\$3,150,744	\$0	\$3,150,744	(\$92,215)
Rowan	\$4,218,513	\$4,094,652	(\$10,000)	\$4,084,652	(\$133,861)
Rutherford	\$2,257,038	\$2,199,050	\$0	\$2,199,050	(\$57,988)
Stanly	\$1,554,498	\$1,513,560	\$0	\$1,513,560	(\$40,938)
Stokes	\$893,178	\$859,599	\$0	\$859,599	(\$33,579)
Surry	\$1,935,077	\$1,921,611	\$0	\$1,921,611	(\$13,466)
Warren	\$646,729	\$627,904	\$0	\$627,904	(\$18,825)
Wilkes	\$1,435,819	\$1,400,566	\$0	\$1,400,566	(\$35,253)

* The Federal Foster Care Program helps to provide safe and stable out-of-home care for children until the children are safely returned home, placed permanently with adoptive families or placed in other planned arrangements for permanency. The program is authorized by title IV-E of the Social Security Act, as amended, and implemented under the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 45 CFR parts 1355, 1356, and 1357. It is an annually appropriated program with specific eligibility requirements and fixed allowable uses of funds.