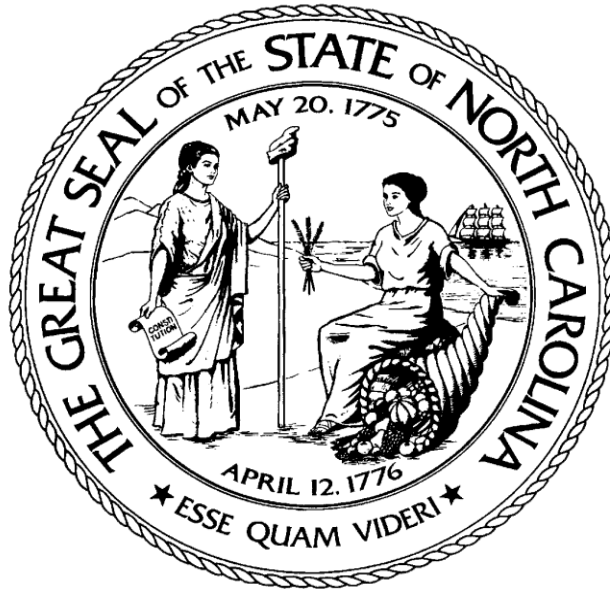


# **Eckerd Kids and Caring for Children's Angel Watch Program**

**Session Law 2016-94, Section 12C.6**



**Interim Report to the**

**Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and**

**Human Services**

**and**

**Fiscal Research Division**

**by**

**North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services**

**March 1, 2017**

## **Reporting Requirements**

he Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, shall report on the use of funds provided in this act to expand the Eckerd Kids and Caring for Children's Angel Watch program, a foster care program for children who are ages zero to six, with siblings up to age 10, who are not in the custody of a county department of social services and whose families are temporarily unable to care for them due to a crisis. The report shall, at a minimum, include each of the following:

- (1) The number of families and children served by the program, including the counties in which services are provided.
- (2) The number of children who enter foster care within six months after their family participates in the program.
- (3) A comparison of children with similar needs that do not participate in the program and the number of those children who enter into foster care.
- (4) Any other matters the Division deems relevant.

SECTION 12C.6.(b) The Division of Social Services shall make an interim report in accordance with this section on or before March 1, 2017. The Division shall submit a final report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division by September 1, 2017.

### Number of Children and Families Served by the Program

| County       | Children  | Families  | Entering Foster Care |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|
| Robeson      | 6         | 3         | 0                    |
| Bladen       | 6         | 4         | 0                    |
| Scotland     | 7         | 5         | 0                    |
| Mecklenburg  | 12        | 5         | 0                    |
| Gaston       | 2         | 1         | 0                    |
| Wake         | 7         | 6         | 0                    |
| Buncombe     | 22        | 11        | 0                    |
| Henderson    | 5         | 2         | 0                    |
| McDowell     | 9         | 3         | 0                    |
| Yancey       | 2         | 1         | 0                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>78</b> | <b>41</b> | <b>0</b>             |

Since October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Angel's Watch has served seventy-eight (78) children through February 2017. To date, none of the seventy-eight (78) children receiving Angel's Watch services have entered the foster care system.