

## North Carolina Past and Present Coordinating Bodies Related to Children's Issues

**Purpose:** To fulfill the Council's first charge of mapping the network of child-serving agencies and organizations in the State

**Methodology:** The Program Evaluation Division requested that the Legislative Analysis Division conduct a search within its database tracking system for any boards, commissions, or councils that contained any of the following words in their descriptions/purposes: child, family, families, infant, minor, or youth. The database provided the name of the board or commission, its authorization, the year it was established, its membership composition including appointment authority, its description/purpose, required frequencies by which it must meet, any required reports, and entities designated to receive such reports. The Program Evaluation Division subsequently conducted online research on each board to determine the latest meeting date.

**Work Product:** Exhibit 1 summarizes boards in the State that relate to children, youth, and families and details each board's

- name,
- year of establishment,
- authorizing authority,
- number of members (with \* indicating at least one member is required to be a legislator),
- purpose,
- existence or absence of reporting requirements, and
- month and year of most recent meeting.

In total, 26 boards, including the Children's Council, were identified.

## Exhibit 1: North Carolina Past and Present Coordinating Bodies Related to Children's Issues

Board Name	Est.	Authorization	Members	Purpose	Reporting Requirement	Last Met
B-3 Interagency Council	2017	State Statute	16*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitate the development and implementation of an interagency plan for a coordinated system of early care, education, and child development services</li> <li>Implement a statewide longitudinal evaluation of the educational progress of children from pre-K programs through grade 12</li> <li>Collaborate with Dept. of Public Instruction, Dept. of Health and Human Services, NC Partnership for Children, and other stakeholders to achieve a coordinated system of early care, education, and child development services</li> </ul>	Yes	January 2019
Commission on Children with Special Health Care Needs	1998	State Statute	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitor and evaluate the availability and provision of health services to special needs children in the State</li> <li>Monitor and evaluate services provided to special needs children under the Health Insurance Program for Children</li> </ul>	None Specified	February 2020
Council for Developmental Disabilities	1984	Federal Law and State Statute	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work collaboratively, across the State, to ensure that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families participate in the design of and have access to needed community services, individualized supports, and other forms of assistance that promote self-determination, independence, productivity, and inclusion in all areas of community life</li> <li>Identify problems facing its community through its five-year planning process and fund innovative projects and initiatives that promote the goals of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act for all North Carolinians</li> </ul>	None Specified	December 2019
Council on Educational Services for Exceptional Children	1973	Federal Law and State Statute	25*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advise the State Board of Education on unmet educational needs of exceptional children</li> <li>Comment publicly on rules and regulations proposed by the State Board of Education</li> <li>Assist in developing and reporting data and evaluations to assist the Commissioner of Education</li> </ul>	None Specified	March 2020
Governor's Commission on Access to Sound, Basic Education	2017	Executive Order	19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure that the State meets its constitutional duties</li> <li>Work with WestEd to develop recommendations for meeting these obligations with a key focus on staffing classrooms with a competent, well-trained teacher and principal</li> <li>Identify necessary resources to ensure all children, including those at risk or from underserved communities, have an equal opportunity to obtain a sound, basic education</li> </ul>	None Specified	January 2020

Board Name	Est.	Authorization	Members	Purpose	Reporting Requirement	Last Met
Interagency Coordinating Council for Children from Birth to Five with Disabilities and Their Families	1990	State Statute	30*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advise the Dept. of Health and Human Services and other appropriate agencies in carrying out early intervention services</li> <li>Advise the Dept. of Public Instruction in activities related to special education services for preschoolers</li> </ul>	Yes	January 2020
Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children State Council	2008	State Statute	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove barriers to educational success imposed on children of military families because of parents' frequent moves and deployment</li> </ul>	None Specified	Unclear
Juvenile Jurisdiction Advisory Committee	2017	State Statute	21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a specific plan for the implementation of changes in the juvenile justice system that would be required in order to extend jurisdiction in delinquency matters and proceedings to include 16- and 17-year-old persons</li> </ul>	Yes	January 2020
"More At Four" Pre-K Task Force	2003	State Statute	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oversee development and implementation of the "More At Four" pilot program</li> </ul>	Yes	Unclear
MyFuture NC Commission	2017	None	43	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create a multi-year plan and agenda to meet shared goals for educational attainment in North Carolina including               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a comprehensive statewide education plan, from early childhood through postsecondary education, which recommends clear attainment goals, identifies key benchmarks, and proposes promising reforms to guide the future of education in the State</li> <li>Break down silos and coordinate key stakeholders to make the best use of all educational resources</li> <li>Debate key issues and needs to garner higher levels of public awareness and engagement</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	None Specified	Unclear
North Carolina Association of County Directors of Social Services - Subcommittee on Child Welfare	2019	None	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with the State on drafting the State's Child Welfare Strategic Plan submitted to the federal government</li> <li>Work with the State on drafting the plans for achieving the provisions of the Child and Family Services Review</li> <li>Work with the State on reform and transforming the child welfare system</li> </ul>	None Specified	Unclear
North Carolina Child Care Commission	1991	State Statute and Executive Order	17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopt rules to be followed in the licensing and operation of childcare facilities as provided by G.S. 143B-110</li> </ul>	None Specified	February 2020

Board Name	Est.	Authorization	Members	Purpose	Reporting Requirement	Last Met
North Carolina Child Fatality Prevention Team	1991	State Statute	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review deaths of children when attributed to child abuse or neglect or when previously reported as abused</li> <li>Report to Task Force as requested</li> <li>Work with local teams and team coordinators</li> </ul>	None Specified	Unclear
North Carolina Child Fatality Task Force	1998	State Statute	35*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake statistical study of incidence and causes of child deaths</li> <li>Establish profile of deaths</li> <li>Develop system for multidisciplinary review of child deaths</li> <li>Perform studies, evaluations, or determinations</li> </ul>	Yes	February 2020
North Carolina Child Well-Being Transformation Council	2018	State Statute	25*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Map the network of child-serving agencies and organizations</li> <li>Catalog examples of failures and gaps in coordination, collaboration, and communication in the context of child welfare and children's programs</li> <li>Review work of bodies similar to the Children's Council in other states</li> <li>Monitor changes in the social services and child welfare system</li> <li>Recommend changes in statute, policy, and practice necessary to remedy gaps or problems</li> </ul>	Yes	June 2020
North Carolina Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families	1984	None	Not Defined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides a forum for the discussion of issues regarding how agencies, youth, and families can work together to produce better outcomes for children, youth and families</li> <li>Develops recommendations regarding the coordination of services, funding, training and local reporting requirements to eliminate duplication and make the system more consumer friendly</li> <li>Includes representatives of a range of state and local agencies, youth, families, and advocates</li> <li>Provides support for local Collaboratives and Child and Family Teams.</li> </ul>	Yes	April 2020
North Carolina Early Childhood Advisory Council	2011	Executive Order	26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish a shared early childhood action plan with defined measures of success for young children from birth to age eight including to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create and guide a bold state early childhood action plan</li> <li>Support aligned activities, evidence-based practices, and innovation</li> <li>Promote shared measurement practices</li> <li>Build public will</li> <li>Advance policy</li> <li>Mobilize funding</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	None Specified	December 2019
North Carolina Education Cabinet	1992	State Statute	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure cooperation among state education entities with a focus on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teacher recruitment</li> <li>Teacher retention</li> <li>Post-secondary attainment for workforce development</li> <li>Cross-sector data sharing</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	None Specified	January 2018

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				o Increased Pre-K enrollment		
North Carolina Institute of Medicine - Essentials for Childhood	2014	None	48	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Study and develop a collaborative, evidence-based, systems-oriented, public health-grounded strategic plan to reduce child maltreatment and secure family well-being in North Carolina</li> <li>Use the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Essentials for Childhood Framework</li> <li>Develop a collective, evidence-based state plan for reducing child maltreatment and securing child and family well-being</li> <li>Examine the progress on recommendations issued by the 2005 NCIOM Task Force on Child Abuse Prevention</li> </ul>	None Specified	Unclear
North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., Board of Directors	1993	State Statute	26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oversee the development and implementation of 12 local demonstration projects coordinated by a new local/private/nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization responsible for developing a long-range plan of services for children and families</li> </ul>	None Specified	January 2020
North Carolina State Social Services Commission	1993	State Statute	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Achieve maximum cooperation with other agencies of the State, other states, and the federal government in rendering services to strengthen and maintain family life and to help recipients of public assistance</li> </ul>	None Specified	March 2020
Permanency Innovation Initiative Oversight Committee	2013	State Statute	12*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design and implement a data tracking methodology to collect and analyze information to gauge success of the initiative</li> <li>Identify cost savings in the provision of foster care and potential reinvestment strategies</li> <li>Oversee program implementation</li> <li>Study and recommend other policies and services that may positively impact permanency, well-being outcomes, and youth aging out of the foster care system</li> </ul>	Yes	December 2017
Social Services Regional Supervision and Collaboration Working Group	2017	State Statute	18*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop recommendations for improving state supervision of the county-administered social services system through the use of a new system of regional state offices</li> <li>Make recommendations on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provision of high-quality and consistent service across all counties</li> <li>Accountability to ensure that all local agencies are providing high-quality services</li> <li>Transparency of local agency performance and outcomes</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Yes	September 2018
State Consumer and Family Advisory Committee	2006	State Statute	21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advise the Dept. of Health and Human Services and the General Assembly on the planning and management of the State's public mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services system</li> </ul>	None Specified	February 2020
Veterans' Affairs Commission	1905	State Statute	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advise the Secretary of the Dept. of Military and Veterans Affairs on matters relating to the affairs of veterans in North Carolina</li> </ul>	None Specified	Unclear

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain a continuing review of existing programs for veterans and their dependents in the State</li> <li>• Promulgate rules and regulations concerning the awarding of scholarships for children of North Carolina veterans and the North Carolina Services Medal</li> </ul>		
Whole Child NC	2015	Advisory Committee to State Board of Education	Determined by SBOE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify and review the challenges of the at-risk, school-aged population such as poverty, safety, health, and other nonacademic barriers</li> <li>• Make recommendations to the State Board of Education, other state agencies, and education stakeholder groups as to how best to facilitate access for all public-school children to a sound, basic education</li> </ul>	None Specified	July 2019

Note: \* indicates at least one member is required to be a legislator.

Source: Program Evaluation Division based on Legislative Analysis Division's database tracking system for boards and commissions and follow-up research.