



JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

NC Department of Health and Human Services **Division of Child and Family Well-Being (DCFW) Establishment**

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Division of Child & Family Well-Being

All children have the opportunity to develop to their full potential and thrive.

- **Recovering stronger from the pandemic**
- **Focusing on the whole child and the whole family**
- **Streamlining access to services for greater impact and efficiency**



Division of Child & Family Well-Being (DCFW)

- **Integrates behavioral health, physical health, and social programs to support whole child and family health**
- **DCFW Sections** (Originating division in parentheses)
 - **Whole Child Health:** Child behavioral health (DMH) & child and youth health programs (DPH)
 - **Early Intervention:** Infant Toddler Program for young children with developmental delays or conditions (DPH)
 - **Community Nutrition Services:** WIC & Child and Adult Care Food Programs (DPH)
 - **Food & Nutrition Services:** FNS/SNAP program (DSS)

DCFV: Early Wins for Children & Families

- **Infant Formula Shortage: Centering our response on infants and families**
- **Behavioral Health Supports in Schools: Leveraging COVID resource flexibilities**
- **WIC & SNAP Cross-Enrollment: Using data to address child hunger**

DCFW: County Engagement

- **Engagement with local partners**
 - NC Association of County Directors of Social Services
 - NC Association of Local Health Directors
- **Local health departments and county DSS participated in planning for DCFW launch**
 - **Maintain business continuity.** Example: Streamlined 3-way agreement between DCFW, DPH, and LHDs
 - **Facilitate strategic coordination with contracted partners.** Example: Cross-enrollment between WIC and FNS

How DCFW Benefits Children

Caring for children and breaking down siloes

- **Address children's greatest needs emerging from the pandemic**
- **Enhance how children & families access programs that support their well-being**
- **Coordinate investments to improve child health and well-being**
- **Focus upstream to prevent the onset of health issues and intervene early**