

North Carolina

THE NORTH CAROLINA COLLABORATIVE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

State-level health, education, and welfare collaborative

Background:	<p>This Collaborative has been in existence since 2000, but in 2007, it requested technical assistance from the National Child Welfare Resource Center for Organizational Improvement (NRCOI) to formalize it through the development of a charter and to assist it in developing a strategic plan for the next years' priorities and activities.</p> <p>The Collaborative continues to function today. It meets twice a month, on the second and fourth Fridays (http://www.nccollaborative.org/).</p>
Purpose/Scope:	<p>This Collaborative has a long history (begun in 2000). It is unique in the nation for its level of activity and partnership. Among other activities, it serves as the collaborative body for multiple state agencies in North Carolina that are mandated to collaborate with stakeholders. In addition, it participates as a partner with multiple agencies on specific projects. It is a forum for collaboration, advocacy and action among families, public and private child, youth, and family serving agencies and partners to improve outcomes for all children, youth, and families in the State. It shares responsibility and accountability for ensuring that children, youth, and families are healthy, safe and successful at home, in schools, and in their communities. From its inception, the Collaborative has operated with system of care principles.</p>
Stakeholders Involved:	<p>State agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Administrative Office of the Courts• Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention• Department of Health and Human Services and these Divisions: Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services; Public Health; Social Services; Medical Assistance; Office of Education Services• Department of Administration (Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office)• Department of Public Instruction (Exceptional Children; Healthy Schools; Safe Schools) <p>County agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• County Departments of Social Services• Local Management Entities <p>Community Organizations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Action for Children• Carolina Legal Assistance• Eastern Area Health Education Center• Mental Health America of North Carolina• National Alliance for Mental Illness, North Carolina• North Carolina Council of Community Programs• North Carolina School Psychologists Association• MeckCARES

Colleges/universities:

- Duke University
- Guilford Community College
- North Carolina State University
- University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
- University of North Carolina-Greensboro

Additional groups:

- Family members, particularly those with children with mental health issues.

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