



Select Birth-through-Age-Eight Provisions in FY 2018 Governor’s Budget Proposal

		FY 2018 Governor’s Recommended Budget
Early Learning	New child care quality positions	Establishes nine positions to improve the quality of child care in North Carolina and provide administrative oversight. <i>Page 82.</i>
	Additional subsidy slots and market rate increase	Provides over 9,000 additional slots for child care subsidy payments for children from low-income working families. This funding also increases the Child Care Subsidy market rates to 100% of the most recent market rate survey recommendation for preschool and school-age children in Tier 3 counties to improve child care capacity in those counties. In addition, this recommendation replaces \$11.6 million in state appropriation in the Subsidized Child Care program with Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) block grant funding. <i>Page 82.</i>
	Additional NC Pre-K slots and increased reimbursement rate	Invests almost \$25 million in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block Requirements grant funds to increase the NC Pre-K reimbursement rate by 10% per slot and the administrative support by 2%. This effort will assist providers in building capacity to accommodate the increasing number of Pre-K slots. This funding will serve an additional 1,000 at-risk four-year-olds, for a total of 2,000 new slots in the 2018-19 school year. <i>Page 82.</i>
	Expanded funding for Smart Start	Increases the State’s investment in Smart Start by over 10% (\$15 million). This will provide increased support and flexibility at the local level to all 100 counties in an effort to improve early childhood outcomes and better prepare children for school. <i>Page 82.</i>
Child Welfare	School safety and youth mental health	\$10.2 million funds one position as well as early childhood programs and family strengthening initiatives that will support families, address childhood trauma, and prevent adverse mental health outcomes later in life. Funding comes from Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funds. <i>Page 84.</i>
Health	Medicaid expansion	\$1.4 billion increases access to Medicaid to cover 670,000 additional individuals. The non-federal share of expansion costs is provided through health care provider contributions. <i>Page 85.</i>

Mental Health	School safety and youth mental health	\$4.7 million increases the number of school personnel receiving youth Mental Health First Aid training and expands the use of the Community Resilience Model with specific emphasis on school personnel. This recommendation also provides funding for innovative programs to support the mental health needs of children and youth, including evidence-based training programs that help teachers, school staff, and mental health professionals identify and respond to student mental health challenges. This recommendation also supports services to children with identified behavioral health needs and programs designed to give tools to families and providers who care for them. Most of the funding comes from Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (CMHSBG) funds. <i>Page 89.</i>
K-12 Staffing and Pay	Flexible funding for additional school-based personnel.	Provides \$40 million in flexible funding to districts to hire more nurses, counselors, psychologists, and social workers to support student mental health. Invests \$10 million in additional funds to hire and train more School Resource Officers in elementary, middle and high schools. <i>Page 47.</i>
	Pay increase for teachers and principals	Invests an additional \$112 million in teacher and school-based administrator compensation to reach the national average within four years and to move principal pay salary to a schedule based on experience and size of a school. <i>Page 46.</i>
	Professional development for teachers and school leaders	Creates a new allotment to provide LEAs and charter schools with professional development funds to help teachers continuously increase their instructional skills and knowledge in areas such as digital literacy and personalized learning. Provides funds to the Department of Public Instruction to contract with the North Carolina Principals and Assistant Principals Association to support the Distinguished Leadership in Practice principal professional development program and the Future-Ready Leadership program for assistant principals. <i>Page 48.</i>
School Quality	Whole School, Whole Child, Whole Community model	Supports two positions for the Whole School, Whole Child, Whole Community (WSCC) pilot program to provide training and technical assistance to the current 11 WSCC NC pilot districts and School Health Advisory Councils across the state. <i>Page 48.</i>
	Purchasing school supplies	Gives every state-funded teacher a stipend of \$150 to offset what teachers pay out of pocket on classroom and instructional supplies. <i>Page 47.</i>
	More classrooms to meet K-3 class size restrictions	Helps school districts build more classrooms to meet the K-3 class size reductions mandated by the General Assembly using \$75 million of lottery funds and other education receipts. <i>Page 45.</i>
Textbooks	Expanded funding for textbooks and digital resources	Provides \$25 million to increase funding for textbooks, digital resources and enhanced digital learning opportunities. <i>Page 47.</i>