**Success Equation 2015 Policy Agenda**

*Our mission is to inspire and sustain a local movement to reduce the incidence of poverty and its impact on children in Buncombe County through education, collaboration, and public policy. Our vision is a community where all children can thrive.*

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|  | Local | State | Federal |
| Early Childhood | Support County funding to continue implementation of the Triple P program components and outreach to parents and trainers. (Lead) | Promote changes to the child care subsidy market rate and allocations formulas that make them more transparent and fair and reflect the cost of providing quality care. (Co-leading via our WNCECC partnership)Increase state funding for NC Pre-K, child care subsidy, and Smart Start to serve more children in these programs. (Sign-on with plethora of state/local orgs like NCPC, NCCC, Smart Start)Restore the ability for partial parent co-pays for part time care in the child care subsidy program. (Partnering via WNECC) | Support strong appropriation for the recently reauthorized and improved Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG). (sign-on) |
| Family Supports | Support the People's Agenda for Transportation Equality to make improvements in ART, including Sunday service, expanded hours, and route improvements. (Partner)Support continuation of the Super Summer Meals program. (Lead)Work with local DHHS to advocate for transparent and fair implementation of the new drug testing requirements and monitor the impact of the new policy. (Lead) | Expand affordable health insurance via the federal Medicaid Funding available through the Affordable Care Act. (Partnering via WNC Expand Medicaid Coalition)Expand child care subsidy eligibility to 200% of poverty for school-age children through age 12. (Partnering via WNECC)Make sure North Carolina’s tax system is adequate to fund important services for children and families and is more equitable for lower-income families by reinstating the state Earned Income Tax Credit. (sign-on) | Protect funding and eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), School Lunch Program, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). (sign-on) |
| Economic Stability | Support additional city and county general funds for their affordable housing trust fund with a goal of a combined $2M. (Partner)Support affordable housing recommendations from the City's Affordable Housing Advisory Committee relating to density, zoning, and incentives. (Partner)Redefine guidelines for city/county affordable housing programs to make sure they are providing opportunities for a wide range of incomes below 80 AMI - especially for typical wages in service/retail sectors. (Lead)Monitor the Housing Authority of the City of Asheville's (HACA) implementation of Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) and advocate for tenant empowerment, collaborative and realistic Family Support Service (FSS) options, and preservation of units and communities. (sign-on with Public Housing Advocacy Coalition)Support Just Economics promotion of community benefit agreements with the City and County for economic development incentives to businesses. (partner) | Support the NC Housing Coalition's agenda to protect/increase the state Housing Trust Fund. (sign-on)Support the Raise the Age campaign to raise the age of adult sentencing to 18 for non-violent crimes. (Partner)Support in-state tuition for "non-resident" immigrants that graduate from a NC High School. (sign-on) | Advocate for extensions of the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit along with the expanded income eligibility for families. (sign-on)Support an increase in the minimum wage. (sign-on)  |