

WNCSource CEO Report

July 11, 2024

New Services and Additional Funding for WNCSource Transportation

Starting July 1st WNCSource will be providing transportation for nine participants of MountainCare Adult Daycare. In order to do this WNCSource reworked its morning and afternoon routes that provide transportation for Henderson County Vocational Solutions and The Hope Center. The modifications to these routes, will allow us to transport over thirty-five individuals to these vital services each week.

WNCSource Transportation has also received good news in the form of additional funding in the last month:

- An increase in Community Transportation Match from Henderson County to \$57, 588 in FY 2024-25 from \$38,900 in FY 2023-24.
- An Increase in Medical Transportation from Henderson County to \$23,000 in FY 2024-25 from \$11,100 in FY 2023-24.
- United Way funding for WNCSource and Vocational Solutions transportation of \$11,000 for FY 2024-25.

This has been a great team effort to communicate the need for these services. Bonnie Wilson, Tim Camp and Jeff Roper from our transportation department have worked closely with Henderson County staff and all of our community partners. Terri Bowman has written the grants to the county and United Way. Erin Outlaw and Ibbby Whitten in our finance department have provided budgeting expertise to make sure our services are high quality and sustainable. Please join me in thanking them for this successful work.

Welcome Christopher Kirby, Assistant Transportation Director

With the growth in WNCSource Transportation there is a need for more administrative support. Christopher Kirby brings a wealth of professional experience to our team. He is currently a Senior Planner for the Town of Lake Hamilton, FL. He has also held positions in both the private and public sectors planning and implementing transportation systems. Welcome aboard Christopher.

Universal Pre-K in Henderson County

July 2nd there is a facilitated meeting around universal pre-k in Henderson County. The Community Foundation of Henderson County is funding the meeting. The Children and Family Resource Center is hosting the event. NC Peak Education is the consulting firm facilitating the meeting. Linda Carter and I will be in attendance. We should have more to report at the July 11th Board meeting.