

## LOCAL DATA-INFORMED STRATEGIC PLANNING REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

The NC Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE) is partnering with The Hunt Institute to develop, implement, and evaluate a training and technical assistance strategy designed to support diverse **county-level** cross-sector human services leadership teams in developing or enhancing scalable and sustainable local **strategic plans** informed by **early childhood data**.

This activity is based on a recommendation from the University of North Carolina's Jordan Institute for Families 2019 Report on Early Childhood Education Data Users to build internal capacity in early childhood settings at the local/county level to collect, manage, and use quality data to support data-informed decision-making about programs, policies, and practices.

This Request for Applications is for cross-sector, county-level human services leadership teams to receive support in identifying sustainable and scalable strategies to support community-based data-informed strategic planning. Support includes:

- **Training on data utilization.** Over the course of approximately four virtual meetings (held at least monthly), participants will learn best practices concerning data, including but not limited to how to access and evaluate data, how to protect data privacy, and how to effectively communicate data.
- **Creating or enhancing a local data-informed strategic plan.**
- **Ongoing technical assistance.** Participants will have access to continued technical assistance and coaching through 2022 to create or enhance, update, and evaluate their local data-informed strategic plans.

### Please note:

Teams should include 8 to 12 interested stakeholders. Stakeholders may include, but are not limited to:

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| ○ Smart Start Local Partnerships   | ○ Maternal And Child Health                |
| ○ Head Start and Early Head Start  | ○ Home Visiting                            |
| ○ Early Intervention               | ○ Mental Health Agencies                   |
| ○ School Districts                 | ○ Business and Faith Communities           |
| ○ Child Care Resource and Referral | ○ Community Services                       |
| ○ Private Child Care               | ○ Philanthropic Organizations              |
| ○ NC Pre-K                         | ○ Local Policymakers and Elected Officials |
| ○ Social Services                  | ○ Family Members and Caregivers            |
| ○ Local Health Departments         |  |
- Only one application per county may be submitted.
  - Applications can be submitted by any organization, provided that all team members have agreed to participate.
  - Applications are due by **Friday, April 8, 2022**.

**Apply Here: [Request for Application: Local Data Informed Strategic Planning Support](#)**

## APPLICATION FOR LOCAL DATA-INFORMED STRATEGIC PLANNING (SAMPLE)

County \_\_\_\_\_

### Individual submitting the application:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

### Participating Team Members

Note: Teams should include **8 to 12 interested stakeholders**, including yourself. **Teams will be expected to meet between meetings to work towards developing strategic plans.**

Name	Organization	Email

### Please answer the following questions:

1.	In what ways does the team use data to make decisions?
2.	Does the team's county have an early childhood strategic plan? (Yes/No/Other - explain)
3.	What types of early childhood collaborative/strategic planning efforts, if any, have occurred in your county? What were those efforts and who were the stakeholders? What is the status of the collaborative/strategic planning efforts?
4.	What does the team hope to gain from participating in this local data-informed strategic planning initiative?
5.	What challenges or opportunities does the team anticipate when creating and implementing data-informed strategic planning in your county?
6.	What strategies do team members use and what resources are available to support the continuous quality improvement process/evaluation of outcomes?

7.	Please use the space below to share any additional information about your collaborative efforts that may help inform our selection process.

### Assurances:

**This work is a shared responsibility of the team; however, the coordination and communication of the efforts is usually led by one or two team members.**

By submitting this application, your team agrees to:

- ✓ Ensure all stakeholders listed in this application participate on the team.
- ✓ Attend at least four virtual training sessions and one in person convening.
- ✓ Develop or enhance a strategic plan that uses early childhood data to guide improvements to services, policies, or practices.
- ✓ Provide input on trainings/resources created.