

Human Coalition's Continuum of Care Expansion Status Report

SL 2021-180, Section 9G.6.(f)



**Report to the
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human
Services**

and

Fiscal Research Division

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Reporting Requirement

Session Law 2021-180 Section 9G.6.(f) requires the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a report on the status and operation of the continuum of care program authorized by subsection (b) of this section to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division.

Background

In Session Law 2017-57, Section 11E.13.(a), the North Carolina General Assembly appropriated \$300,000 in nonrecurring funds for each year of the 2017-19 biennium for use by Human Coalition to develop and implement a continuum of care pilot in Raleigh, NC to support women experiencing crisis pregnancies so they might carry them to term.

In Session Law 2021-180 Section 9G.6.(a), the North Carolina General Assembly appropriated \$3,200,000 in nonrecurring funds for each fiscal year of the 2021-23 biennium to the Human Coalition, through the NC Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, to expand the continuum of care pilot statewide as defined in subsection (b).

Services Funded by the Human Coalition Pilot Program

Per S.L. 2021-180, the Human Coalition shall use funds allocated to expand the continuum of care pilot program authorized by Section 9G.6.(b) into a statewide program. The purpose of the statewide continuum of care program includes expansion and operation of the Human Coalition Pregnancy Support Program to provide community outreach, consultations, and support and care coordination for women experiencing under-supported pregnancies. The program is designed to (i) encourage healthy childbirth, (ii) support childbirth as an alternative to abortion, (iii) promote family formation, (iv) assist in establishing successful parenting techniques, and (v) increase the economic self-sufficiency of families.

The continuum of care program shall consist of existing locations of the pilot program authorized by Section 11E.13(b) of S.L. 2017-57 and expansion to other locations around the State to be determined by the Human Coalition as authorized in Section 9G.6.(b) of S.L. 2021-180. All providers rendering services under the program for which they are compensated with funds allocated shall be physically located in the State of North Carolina.

Continuum of Care Program Components as detailed in NC Session Law

The continuum of care program shall provide direct services, supports, social services case management, and referrals to biological parents of unborn children and biological or adoptive parents of children under the age of 2 and shall consist of at least all of the following components:

1. Outreach to at-risk populations eligible for the program.
2. The use of licensed nurses to perform the following functions:
 - a. Assessment and evaluation of needs related to pregnancy or parenting.
 - b. Provision of medically accurate, pregnancy-related medical information to program participants.
3. The use of licensed social workers, or other individuals of equivalent experience, to perform the following functions:

- a. Development of a care plan, resources, and supports for program participants to address identified needs.
- b. Referrals to appropriate local resources, including State and federal benefits programs and local charitable organizations.
- c. Assistance in applying for State and federal benefits programs.
- d. Assistance in accomplishing elements of the care plan.

To be eligible to receive services under the continuum of care program, an individual shall, at the time of initial contact with the program, be (i) a resident of North Carolina and (ii) a biological parent of an unborn child or a biological or adoptive parent of a child under the age of 2. Participants of the original pilot program authorized under Section 11E.13(b) of S.L. 2017-57, who terminated a pregnancy prior to birth, are eligible to continue to receive continuum of care program services for a period of six months from the date of termination of pregnancy.

Services Provided

Human Coalition's initial continuum of care pilot, funded by S.L. 2017-57, included one pregnancy care center. The statewide expansion of the program has added a second Human Coalition pregnancy care center. In addition to these two Human Coalition centers, clients may be referred externally to other pregnancy care centers across the state if it is more accessible to the client.

The following services and activities supported by these funds have been reported by Human Coalition since July 1, 2021:

- 5,628 total clients.
- 17,185 pregnancy counseling sessions.
- 1,801 parenting counseling sessions.
- 1,560 adoption counseling sessions.
- 3,980 pregnancy educational materials provided.
- 1,662 parenting educational materials provided.
- 1,341 adoption educational materials provided.

Services reported were provided in the following North Carolina counties:

Alamance, Brunswick, Burke, Cabarrus, Catawba, Chatham, Cleveland, Craven, Cumberland, Duplin, Durham, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Franklin, Gaston, Granville, Greene, Guilford, Halifax, Harnett, Henderson, Harris, Hertford, Hyde, Iredell, Johnston, Jones, Lee, Lenoir, Lincoln, Martin, Mecklenburg, Moore, Nash, New Hanover, Northampton, Onslow, Orange, Person, Pitt, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Sampson, Union, Vance, Wake, Warren, Warren, Washington, Watauga, Wayne, Wilkes, and Wilson.

Payments and expenditures for the Human Coalition Pilot Program

Payments to Date since July 1, 2021:

Payment Period	Amount
Jul21-Dec21	\$ 1,600,000
Jan22-Mar22	\$ 800,000
Apr22-Jun22	\$ 800,000
Jul22-Sept22	\$ 800,000
Oct22-Dec22	\$ 800,000
Jan23-Mar23	-
Apr23-Jun23	-
Payments Requested and Paid to Date	\$ 4,800,000
Total Allocated	\$ 6,400,000
Remaining	\$ 1,600,000

Expenditure Summary to Date since July 1, 2021:

Expenditure Category	Amount
Personnel Expenses	\$1,670,021.97
Services/Contract Expenses	\$1,020,609.54
Goods/Supplies Expenses	\$75,633.48
Administrative Expenses	\$506,805.13
Other: Software, Travel	\$439,133.25
Total Amount Expended to Date	\$3,712,203.37

Sources

All data reported herein is from The Human Coalition's End of Year Report covering July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022, Quarterly Report covering July 1, 2022 – September 30, 2022, Quarterly Report covering October 1, 2022 – December 31, 2023, and Summary Report.