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Economic Development

The Center for Environmental Farming Systems

Description: The Center for Environmental Farming Systems (CEFS) was established in 1994 through collaboration between NC State University, NC A&T State University, and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The CEFS works to accomplish four objectives through high-quality interdisciplinary research, teaching, and extension programs. The four CEFS objectives include: providing new economic opportunities for North Carolina; developing technologies that promote a cleaner and healthier environment; educating the next generation of farmers, consumers, and scientists; and engaging communities in the food system. The CEFS website includes resources such as webinars, field notes for farmers, and guides.

Contact information:

Phone: (919) 513-0954

Email: cefs_info@ncsu.edu

Website: <http://www.cefs.ncsu.edu/>

The Conservation Fund

Description: The Conservation Fund was founded in 1985 and has saved more than 7 million acres across America. This 501(c)(3) organization's mission is to save land for future generations by balancing environmental and economic goals to maximize development. The Conservation Fund's team works with communities to strategically plan for development, provides loans to small green businesses, and works with companies to compensate for environmental impacts. The fund has headquarters in Arlington, VA with field offices nationwide including in Chapel Hill, NC.

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Chapel Hill Field Office Phone: (919) 967-2223

National Phone: (703) 525-6300

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Website: www.conservationfund.org

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Golden LEAF Foundation

Description: The Golden LEAF Foundation was formed under a charter by the North Carolina General Assembly in 1999. Based in Rocky Mount, NC, the Golden LEAF Foundation's mission is to serve North Carolinians through promoting social welfare by using its funds to provide economic impact assistance to economically affected or tobacco-dependent regions of North Carolina. The Golden LEAF Foundation supports activities including education assistance and scholarships; job training and employment assistance; scientific research; health and human services; and community assistance to support economic development across North Carolina.

Contact information:

Phone: (252) 442-7474

Email: info@goldenleaf.org

Website: www.goldenleaf.org

Industrial Extension Service, NC State University

Description: Established in 1955, the Industrial Extension Services (IES) continues to help North Carolina industries grow and prosper by supporting industry and businesses in the workplace. IES aims to increase productivity, efficiency, safety, and quality through a host of tailored resources developed in partnership with the North Carolina State College of Engineering. These resources include on-site trainings and programs, online courses, and video tutorials and testimonials to provide ongoing mentorship and support.

Contact information:

Phone: (919) 515-2358

Email: ies_services@ncsu.edu

Website: <http://www.ies.ncsu.edu/>

Institute for Emerging Issues, NC State University

Description: The Institute for Emerging Issues (IEI) is a think-and-do tank at NC State University focused on solving important problems that affect North Carolina's future growth and prosperity. In particular, the Institute convenes stakeholders including state leaders in business, higher education, and government to address issues related to education, health, the environment, and the economy as early as possible. Most recently, the Institute has held forums on the importance of manufacturing and education on North Carolina's economy.

Contact information:

Phone: (919) 515-7741

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Website: <http://iei.ncsu.edu/>

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North Carolina Chamber

Description: The North Carolina Chamber is a nonpartisan business advocacy organization that works to proactively drive positive change to ensure that North Carolina is a leading place in the world to do business. Through an engaged business community, the North Carolina Chamber has established a three-tiered strategy to drive North Carolina's Jobs Agenda. The North Carolina Chamber Foundation envisions a long-term strategy for economic prosperity and advocates for the policies that move the state forward. The North Carolina Chamber Political Program analyzes and shapes the political landscape to make change possible. .

Contact information:

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Email: Email addresses for individual staff members can be found at <http://ncchamber.net/about-us/staff/>

Website: <http://ncchamber.net/>

North Carolina Cooperative Extension

Description: In 1914, county, state, and federal governments agreed that by joining together they could provide all citizens access to knowledge generated by public universities. Thus, NC State University, North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University, and the US Department of Agriculture worked together to put forth the Cooperative Extension's programming in five key areas: sustaining agriculture and forestry, protecting the environment, maintaining viable communities, developing responsible youth, and developing healthy, strong, and safe families. The North Carolina Cooperative Extension's mission is to partner with communities to deliver education and technology that enrich the lives, land, and economy of North Carolinians.

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Email for Dr. Fletcher Barber Jr. at NC A&T: fbarber2@ncat.edu

Website: <http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/>

North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Description: The mission of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (NCDA&CS) is to provide services that promote and improve agriculture, agribusiness, and forests; protect consumers and businesses; and conserve farmland and natural resources for the prosperity of all North Carolinians. The NCDA&CS offers services for farmers, businesses, and homeowners. The NCDA&CS website provides information of the department's marketing programs, consumer programs, grower programs, guides, and publications.

Contact information:

Phone: (919) 733-7125

Email: Inquiries may be made using the contact form on the NCDA&CS website:

<http://www.ncagr.gov/hm/contactusform.htm>

Website: <http://www.ncagr.gov/>

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North Carolina Department of Commerce

Description: The North Carolina Department of Commerce is the state’s leading economic development agency, working with local, regional, national, and international companies. The department’s mission is to improve the economic well-being and quality of life for all North Carolinians. The mission is carried out by serving existing business and industry, including providing international trade assistance; recruiting new jobs and domestic and foreign investment; encouraging entrepreneurship and innovation; marketing North Carolina and its brand; supporting workforce development; strengthening communities; and promoting tourism, film, and sports development. The Department also provides data, statistics, information, and reports for state government and agencies that regulate commerce in the state.

Contact information:

Phone: (919) 733-4151

Email: info@nccommerce.com

Website: <http://www.nccommerce.com/>

North Carolina Regional Councils

Description: The North Carolina Regional Councils mission is mission is to provide “creative regional solutions” to relevant and emerging issues in North Carolina while providing a standard of excellence in the delivery of federal, state, and regional services for its member communities. North Carolina is served by 16 regional councils in a broad range of services to local governments including but not limited to: community and economic development; workforce development; state and federal program management; planning and GIS mapping services; grant writing; regional collaboration; and partnership building.

Contact information:

Phone for Betty Huskins, executive director: (828) 273-0276

Email for Betty Huskins: ncregions@ridgetopassociates.com

Website: <http://www.ncregions.org/>

North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center

Description: The North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve the lives of North Carolinians through the development, promotion, and implementation of sound economic strategies. With business programs to support business capital, entrepreneurship, and microenterprise along with leadership and engagement programs to support leadership training, small towns, and youth initiatives, the Rural Center helps community leaders to recognize and embrace economic opportunities.

Contact information:

Phone: (919) 250-4314

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Website: <http://www.ncruralcenter.org/>

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North Carolina Sea Grant

Description: North Carolina Sea Grant provides research, education, and outreach opportunities relating to current issues affecting the North Carolina coast and its communities. Since 1970, North Carolina Sea Grant has prided itself on being a valuable resource for scientists, educators, local officials, government agencies, coastal businesses, and the public to find unbiased, scientifically sound information about the state's coastal ecosystems. North Carolina Sea Grant facilitates funding for millions of dollars of research, outreach, and education programs each year. Their initiatives and projects touch a broad range of topics, including fisheries; seafood science and technology; water quality; aquaculture; community development; law and policy; and coastal hazards.

Contact information:

Phone: (919) 515-2454

Email: Inquiries may be made using the contact form on the North Carolina Sea Grant

website: <http://ncseagrants.ncsu.edu/contact-us/>

Website: <http://www.ncseagrants.org/>

North Carolina Tobacco Trust Fund Commission

Description: The North Carolina Tobacco Trust Fund Commission was created to assist tobacco farmers, tobacco quota holders, persons engaged in tobacco-related businesses, individuals displaced from tobacco-related employment, and tobacco product component businesses in the state due to the effects of the Master Settlement Agreement. The Trust Fund can disburse funds through compensatory programs and qualified agricultural programs.

Contact information:

Phone: (919) 733-2160

Email: Inquiries may be made using the contact form on the Commission's website:

<http://www.tobaccotrustfund.org/contactus.htm>

Website: <http://www.tobaccotrustfund.org/>

One North Carolina Small Business Program, North Carolina Department of Commerce

Description: The North Carolina Department of Commerce supports economic development in the state through various programs in business development, rural development, labor, economic analysis, science, and technology. Within the science and technology program, the North Carolina Department of Commerce offers the One North Carolina Small Business Program that provides incentive and matching funds to North Carolina businesses who submit proposals or are awarded a Federal Small Business Innovation Research program award or a Small Business Technology Transfer program award.

Contact information:

Phone: (919) 733-4151

Email: info@nccommerce.com

Website: <http://www.nccommerce.com/st/grant-programs/one-nc-small-business-program>

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Rural Assistance Center

Description: The Rural Assistance Center has an Economic Impact Analysis (EIA) tool that can assess how a grant-funded project impacts the local economy. Based on the information you provide, the tool uses formulas to estimate economic impact as well as how the project's spending on staff, supplies, equipment, and other expenses benefit the community. These calculations help rural program grantees assess performance, and advocate for resources that contribute to program sustainability and improved health care for rural populations.

Contact information:

Phone: (800) 270-1898

Email: info@raconline.org

Website: <http://www.raconline.org/econtool/>

Rural Development Grant Assistance

Description: The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) offers many grant assistance services, including direct or guaranteed loans, grants, technical assistance, research, and educational materials. The website provides links to information on business and cooperative grant assistance; housing and community facilities grant assistance; and utilities grants. The website also directs viewers to state offices and resources.

Contact information:

Phone: For phone numbers for specific departments, please refer to the USDA contact list at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ContactUs.html>; for phone numbers for state departments, please refer to the USDA list of state offices and directors at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/StateOfficeAddresses.html>

Website: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/RD_grants.html

Small Business and Technology Development Center

Description: The Small Business and Technology Development Center (SBTDC) was founded in 1984 and serves as the business and technology extension service of the University of North Carolina System and is administered by NC State University. The mission of the SBTDC is to provide knowledge, education, and other supportive resources that enable existing small and mid-sized businesses, emerging entrepreneurs, and local/state leaders to innovate and succeed. With 10 regional service centers and 7 specialty programs such as Procurement and Technical Assistance Centers, the SBTDC is actively engaged with the state's economic development and future.

Contact information:

Phone: (919) 715-7272

Email: Inquiries may be made using the contact form on the SBTDC website:
<http://www.sbtcd.org/contact-us/>

Website: <http://www.sbtcd.org/>

Assistance to Rural Communities**Early Education and Parenting Supports****Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation**

Description: The Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation (BCBSNC Foundation) was founded in 2000. Since then, the foundation has invested more than \$88 million into communities across North Carolina to support opportunities to promote the health of the state. The outcomes-focused grant-making approach supports initiatives in three main areas: health of vulnerable populations, healthy active communities, and community impact through nonprofit excellence. For example, the BCBSNC Foundation supports the Be Active Kids initiative, an effort to increase physical activity and healthy eating among four and five year olds.

Contact information:

Email: jill.mallatratt@bcbsncfoundation.org

Website: <http://www.bcbsncfoundation.org/>

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

Description: The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) website has links with resources to support safe and healthy schools. The mission of the Safe and Healthy Schools Support Division is to assist clients in achieving educational goals, a safe environment, and economy of operation, as well as to meet statutory requirements by providing leadership, training, and other needed services. Also online are resources for child nutrition, driver education, insurance, mental/allied health services, and school safety reporting/resources. In addition, there are resources from the Division of Healthy Schools. The goal of North Carolina Healthy Schools is to create a working infrastructure between education and health in order to enable schools and communities to create a coordinated school health program. A model school health program includes all eight components: comprehensive school health education; school health services; a safe physical environment; school counseling, including psychological and social services; physical education; nutrition services; school-site health promotion for staff; and family and community involvement in schools.

Contact information:

Email: For specific contacts, please see the following directory <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/safehealthyschools/directory/>

Website: <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/>, <http://www.nchealthyschools.org/>

North Carolina Division of Child Development and Early Education

Description: As a division within the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, the North Carolina Division of Child Development and Early Education (NCDCDEE)'s responsibility is to protect and serve North Carolina's young children. The mission of the NCDCDEE is to support licensing enforcement, policy changes, trainings, and services that promote child well-being. The NCDCDEE website provides important information and resources for parents, child care providers, and county staff.

Contact information:

Phone: (919) 527-6500

Email: webmasterdcd@dhhs.nc.gov

Website: <http://ncchildcare.nc.gov/>

Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina

Description: Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina (PCANC) believes that all North Carolina's children will lead purposeful lives through growing up in nurturing families and supportive communities. Therefore, PCANC supports the development of safe, stable, and nurturing relationships for children in their families and communities to prevent child abuse and neglect. PCANC provides resources on evidence-based programs to promote child well-being including Circle of Parents, The Incredible Years Parenting Program, Nurse-Family Partnership, and others. PCANC offers trainings on their website in addition to links to related research studies.

Contact information:

Phone: (919) 829-8009

Email: info@preventchildabusenc.org

Website: <http://www.preventchildabusenc.org/>

Smart Start and The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc.

Description: Smart Start was created in 1993 as a public/private partnership. Independent, private organizations work in all 100 North Carolina counties through the North Carolina Partnership for Children and have established 77 local partnerships. Smart Start's mission is to advance a high quality, comprehensive, accountable system of care and education for every child beginning with a healthy birth. Smart Start is unique because it delivers outcomes by giving communities local control to determine the best approach to achieving them.

Contact information:

Phone: (919) 821-7999

Email: info@smartstart.org

Website: <http://www.smartstart.org/>

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Healthy Eating, Active Living

Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation

See **Early Childhood and Parenting Services** resources above.

The Center for Environmental Farming Systems

See *Economic Development* resources above.

Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, UNC Chapel Hill

Description: The Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention at UNC Chapel Hill works in partnership to bring public health research findings to the daily lives of individuals and their communities with a special focus on North Carolina populations vulnerable to disease. The Center's mission is to collaborate with research and community partners to enhance the ability of public health practitioners, as well as individuals, groups, and communities to promote health and prevent disease; identify funding opportunities and support high quality research; conduct, evaluate, and disseminate innovative, community-based research; and develop education and training programs to translate research into public health practice.

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Website: <http://hdpd.unc.edu/>

The Duke Endowment

Description: The Duke Endowment has worked to help people strengthen communities in North Carolina and South Carolina by nurturing children, promoting health, educating minds, and enriching spirits. Since 1924, the Endowment has invested almost \$1.4 billion to support efforts in higher education, health care, rural churches, and child care. Within health care, the Endowment offers grant funding for programs that improve the quality and safety of health care, access to health care, prevention, and health equity. Within child care, the Endowment funds programs that aim to improve prevention and early intervention for at-risk children and out-of-home care for youth.

Contact information:

Phone: (704) 376-0291

Email: Inquiries may be made using the contact form on the Duke Endowment website:

<http://dukeendowment.org/about/contact-us>

Website: <http://dukeendowment.org/>

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Eat Smart, Move More North Carolina

Description: Eat Smart, Move More North Carolina (ESMMNC) is a statewide movement that increases opportunities for healthy eating and active living for North Carolinians wherever they live, learn, earn, and pray. The ESMMNC movement aims to create an environment in North Carolina where healthy eating and active living are the norm rather than the exception. Its mission is to reverse the increased rates of obesity and chronic diseases among North Carolinians by helping them to eat smart and move more to achieve a healthy weight. ESMMNC's work is guided by the North Carolina Obesity Prevention Plan and its website provides program information and tools for different stakeholders including community members, families, leaders of the faith community, policymakers, and school leaders.

Contact information:

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Email: Lori Rhew, ESMMNC coordinator at Lori.Rhew@EatSmartMoveMoreNC.com.

Website: <http://www.eatsmartmovemorenc.com/>

Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust

Description: The Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust (KBR) was established in 1947 with a mission to improve the quality of life and quality of health for the financially needy of North Carolina. Divided into two divisions, KBR is comprised of the Health Care Division (which receives three-fourths of the funds distributed) and the Poor and Needy Division (which receives one-fourth of the funds distributed). Since it began, KBR has invested over \$500 million dollars towards improving the health and well-being of North Carolinians. Recent KBR efforts such as Healthy Places North Carolina and the Innovations in Rural Health Award have focused on rural counties in North Carolina.

Contact information:

Phone: (336) 397-5500

Email: Inquiries may be made using the contact form on the Kate B. Reynolds website:

<http://kbr.org/contact>

Website: <http://kbr.org/>

North Carolina Agromedicine Institute

Description: Through collaboration between the University of North Carolina System, NC State University, NC A&T State University, and ECU, the North Carolina Agromedicine Institute conducts and promotes research, intervention, outreach and education to improve the health and safety of the agricultural community including farmers, farm workers, foresters, fishers and their families. The North Carolina Agromedicine Institute's goal is to reduce injury and illness by conducting research that leads to practical solutions and developing effective educational approaches that can be of benefit daily to the end user. The website offers training materials, project updates, and additional resources.

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Contact information:

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(252) 744-1045

Email for Robin Tutor-Marcom: tutorr@ecu.edu

Website: <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/agromedicine/>

North Carolina Center for Health and Wellness, UNC Asheville

Description: The North Carolina Center for Health and Wellness (NCCHW) is a leading catalyst for the prevention of chronic health conditions through promotion of healthy living among North Carolinians of all ages, with an emphasis on groups with health disparities. The NCCHW partners with dozens of organizations including the Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation and the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction to provide health promotion resources. The NCCHW website has many resources to support nutrition and physical activity.

Contact information:

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Email: ebland@unca.edu

Website: <http://ncchw.unca.edu/>

North Carolina Cooperative Extension

See *Economic Development* resources above.

North Carolina Council of Churches

Description: The North Carolina Council of Churches was founded in 1935 and works to promote Christian unity in addition to a more just society. The Council's mission is to enable denominations, congregations, and people of faith to individually and collectively impact important state issues such as economic justice and development, human well-being, equality, compassion, and peace, while following the example and mission of Jesus Christ. The Council supports programs in the following areas related to health: farm workers, food, health care reform, obesity, tobacco use prevention, and rural life.

Contact information:

Phone: (919) 828-6501

Email: info@ncchurches.org

Websites: <http://www.ncchurches.org/>, <http://www.healthandwholeness.org/>

North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

See *Economic Development* resources above.

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North Carolina Division of Public Health

Description: The North Carolina Division of Public Health (NCDPH) is within the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. The NCPDH website has links to its subdivisions including Chronic Disease and Injury, Environmental Health, Epidemiology, Minority Health, Oral Health, and Women’s and Children’s Health. The NCDPH website also has links to important data sources including the Division of Health Statistics and the Division of Vital Records.

Contact information:

Phone: (919) 707-5000

Email addresses for specific contacts can be found here:

<http://publichealth.nc.gov/contacts.htm>

Website: <http://publichealth.nc.gov/>, to find your local health department, visit <http://www.ncalhd.org/county.htm>.

Prevention Partners

Description: The nonprofit Prevention Partners focuses on the leading health issues: decreasing tobacco use, increasing physical activity, promoting good nutrition, and reducing obesity. Prevention Partners’ web-based products guide decision makers to transform workplaces, schools, hospitals, clinics, and other settings by changing policies, environments, and cultures from the top down.

Contact information:

Phone: (919) 969-7022

Email: Inquiries may be made using the contact form on the Prevention Partners website:

<http://forprevention.org/p2/about-us/contact-us/>

Website: <http://www.forprevention.org/>

Smart Start and the North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc.

See *Early Childhood and Parenting Services* resources above.

Primary Care

Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation

See *Early Childhood and Parenting Services* resources above.

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Community Care of North Carolina

Description: Community Care of North Carolina (CCNC) is changing the health care experience by changing the way health care is delivered. CCNC strongly believes that the best system is rooted in the communities it serves and knows that efforts directed by doctors and focused on local patients make quality care more efficient and cost effective. Through a public-private partnership, CCNC has brought together regional networks of physicians, nurses, pharmacists, hospitals, health departments, social service agencies, and other community organizations. These professionals work together to provide cooperative, coordinated care through the Medical Home model. This approach matches each patient with a primary care physician who leads a health care team that addresses the patient's health needs.

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Website: <http://www.communitycarenc.com/>

The Duke Endowment

See *Healthy Eating, Active Living* resources above.

Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust

See *Healthy Eating, Active Living* resources above. KBR is also supporting efforts led by the North Carolina Foundation for Advanced Health Programs to develop a statewide integrated care assistance model.

Governor's Institute on Substance Abuse, Inc.

Description: The Governor's Institute on Substance Abuse started in 1986 as a task force that was convened to make recommendations about an organizational approach to getting the health care professions more involved in preventing, identifying, and treating substance abuse. The Institute was officially incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation in 1990. Twenty years later, the Governor's Institute remains an important partner and resource for the community and state by providing networking opportunities and other connections among research and educational programs, professional organizations, clinics and hospitals, treatment facilities, consumer groups, and the substance abuse field. The Governor's Institute primarily serves North Carolina, but will expand into neighboring states as funding allows.

Contact information:

Phone: (919) 990-9559

Email: Email addresses for individual staff members can be found at:

<http://www.governorsinstitute.org/contact-us/>

Website: <http://www.governorsinstitute.org/>

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North Carolina Area Health Education Centers

Description: The mission of the North Carolina AHEC Program is to meet the state's health and health workforce needs by providing educational programs in partnership with academic institutions, health care agencies, and other organizations committed to improving the health of the people of North Carolina. AHEC educational programs and information services are targeted at improving the distribution and retention of health care providers, with a special emphasis on primary care and prevention; improving the diversity and cultural competence of the health care workforce in all health disciplines; enhancing the quality of care; improving health care outcomes; and addressing the health care needs of underserved communities and populations.

Contact information:

Phone: (919) 966-2461

Email: ncahec@med.unc.edu

Website: <http://www.med.unc.edu/ahec/>

North Carolina Center of Excellence for Integrated Care, North Carolina Foundation for Advanced Health Programs

Description: The North Carolina Center of Excellence for Integrated Care (ICARE) aims to integrate patients' physical and behavioral health care, whether the care is delivered in an office, clinic, hospital, or mental health agency. The Center works with stakeholders across North Carolina to determine best practices in clinical assessment, clinical tools, and techniques. The ICARE Partnership is committed to creating a health care system that is integrated, collaborative, accessible, respectful, and evidence-based by offering customized training based on the needs of providers; collaborative learning for groups of providers to allow them to test integrated care tools and techniques within their own quality assurance programs; technical assistance and troubleshooting to help providers initiate and implement integrated care techniques; and resources for providers to investigate evidence-based tools and techniques in integrated care. Currently, the North Carolina Foundation for Advanced Health Programs is developing a statewide integrated care assistance model with support from the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust.

Contact information:

Phone: (919) 821-0485

Email: Email addresses for individual staff members can be found at:

<http://www.ncfahp.org/staff.aspx>

Website: <http://www.ncfahp.org/icare.aspx>

North Carolina Division of Public Health

See *Healthy Eating, Active Living* resources above.

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Description: Since 1973, the North Carolina Office of Rural Health and Community Care (ORHCC) has been a part of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. The Office empowers communities and populations by developing innovative strategies to improve access, quality, and cost-effectiveness of health care for all. In 2013, the Office spent \$36.5 million from state, federal, and philanthropic sources on a variety of programs to support North Carolinians including designating federal Health Professional Shortage Areas; loan repayment and incentives for qualified providers practicing in underserved areas; and work to support access to preventive and primary care for underserved residents by strengthening the safety net infrastructure through programs such as rural health operations, community health, HealthNet, and Farmworker Health. The Office assists providers in caring for their uninsured patients with access to software that secures free medications, and also supports Critical Access Hospitals with efforts to improve quality and financial viability. The Office provides services in every county in North Carolina.

Contact information:

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Email for Chris Collins, director: Chris.Collins@dhhs.nc.gov

Website: <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/orhcc/>

North Carolina Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services

Description: The North Carolina Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services (DMHDDSAS) is designed to implement the public mental health, developmental disability, and substance abuse service system. The Division's goals and objectives will guide the development of the workings of the Division and the Division's central administration consists of the director's office and five sections organized along functional lines. The five sections of the Division are Community Policy Management, Resource/Regulatory Management, Advocacy and Customer Service, Operations Support, and Clinical Policy. The DMHDDSAS website offers resources for North Carolinians, LMEs (local management entities), government, and providers in addition to statistics and publications including consumer fact sheets, manuals, presentation, and publications.

Contact information:

Phone: Phone numbers for individual staff members can be found at <http://www.ncdmh.net/staff/>

Email: Email addresses for individual staff members can be found at <http://www.ncdmh.net/staff/>

Website: <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/mhddsas/>

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North Carolina Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities

Description: The Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities (OMHHD) was established by the North Carolina General Assembly in 1992. OMHHD's vision is for all North Carolinians to enjoy good health regardless of race/ethnicity, disability, or socioeconomic status. Its mission is to promote and advocate for the elimination of health disparities among all racial and ethnic minorities and other underserved populations in North Carolina, and its major focus areas include improving the quality and availability of health information, data collection, and analysis; providing cultural diversity and interpreter training to health and human services professionals; and advocating for language services, supporting policies, and legislation that improve the health and well-being of all North Carolinians. OMHHD collaborates with others to improve minority health programs and services, and disseminates information to increase awareness of minority health and health disparities.

Contact information:

Phone: (919) 707-5040

Email: OMHHD@dhhs.nc.gov

Website: <http://www.ncminorityhealth.org/>

Insurance Coverage and Safety Net

Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation

See *Early Childhood and Parenting Services* resources above.

Care Share Health Alliance

Description: Care Share Health Alliance's mission is to work with state and local partners to facilitate and foster collaborative networks that improve the health of underserved people in North Carolina. Care Share's vision is that by 2019, North Carolina will have collaborative networks across the state that support locally driven, coordinated systems of health services and health improvement for underserved residents. These local systems will improve quality, access, and population health, while reducing unnecessary health care costs. Right now, Care Share offers technical assistance to develop collaborative networks and Collective Impact initiatives through community-wide planning, network development, facilitation, and program implementation. Additionally, Care Share works to strengthen communities through webinars, listservs, and committees. The Care Share website offers specific information on how to start a collaborate network to improve health.

Contact information:

Phone: (919) 861-8353

Email: info@caresharehealth.org

Website: <http://www.caresharehealth.org/>

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Community Care of North Carolina

See *Primary Care* resources above.

Community Practitioner Program, North Carolina Medical Society Foundation

Description: Since 1989, the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust and the Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation have supported the Community Practitioner Program (CPP) to help medically underserved communities across North Carolina attract and retain needed medical practitioners. To date, 388 physicians, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners have participated in the CPP and \$14 million dollars of educational loads have been repaid through the program. The CPP website outlines the eligibility criteria for health professionals and also links to the CPP alumni directory, an online community that connects health care providers in predominantly rural communities across North Carolina.

Contact information:

Phone: (919) 833-3836

Email: Inquiries may be made using the contact form on the North Carolina Medical Society

Foundation website: <http://www.ncmedsoc.org/contact-us/>

Website: <http://www.ncmedsoc.org/about-ncms/partner-organizations/ncms-foundation/community-practitioner-program/>

The Duke Endowment

See *Healthy Eating, Active Living* resources above.

Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust

See *Healthy Eating, Active Living* resources above.

North Carolina Area Health Education Centers

See *Primary Care* resources above.

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North Carolina Community Health Center Association

Description: The North Carolina Community Health Center Association (NCCHCA) is the state's primary care association. Formed in 1978 by the leadership of community health centers, NCCHCA was created to advance the common mission of health centers across the state. NCCHCA represents the interests of North Carolina's health centers to federal, state, and local agencies and officials. The Association also seeks support from foundations, corporations, and other private entities to increase access to primary health care for all North Carolinians. NCCHCA is a valuable resource to health centers, providing training and technical assistance in areas such as clinical service delivery, governance, workforce development, and administration. NCCHCA regularly presents workshops, trainings, and conferences to keep health center staff on the cutting edge of effective and cost-efficient service delivery.

Contact information:

Phone: (919) 469-5701

Email: Inquiries may be made using the contact form on the NCCHCA website:

<http://www.ncchca.org/general/?type=CONTACT>

Website: <http://www.ncchca.org/>

North Carolina Association of Free Clinics

Description: The North Carolina Association of Free Clinics was founded in 1998 and is a private, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization that conducts advocacy, research, public relations, resource development, training, and technical assistance on behalf of its member free clinics and the people they serve. With regards to its core values, the Association believes that inability to pay should not prevent people from receiving health care, that all health care is local, and that community-based planning, governance, and collaboration are critical. The Association also believes that good stewardship of resources means obtaining donated equipment, supplies, and services whenever possible, and that all persons deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. The Association works towards its mission and vision by providing educational opportunities for member clinic staff and board members and providing technical assistance to member clinics and those interested in starting new clinics.

Contact information:

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Website: <http://www.ncfreeclinics.org/>

Assistance to Rural Communities**North Carolina Foundation for Advanced Health Programs**

Description: The North Carolina Foundation for Advanced Health Programs (NCFAHP) develops and supports innovative programs that advance affordable and sustainable quality health services to improve the health for the people of North Carolina. The NCFAHP strives to provide greater access to affordable, high quality health care for all North Carolinians, especially the poor and those in rural areas. The Foundation will support innovations that improve on existing strategies or systems, collaborate with other organizations whose goals complement theirs in developing and administering advanced health programs, and promote leadership through the Bernstein Fellow Program across the state and especially in rural areas.

Contact information:

Phone: (919) 821-0485

Email: Email addresses for individual staff members can be found at

<http://dev.ncfahp.org/staff.aspx>

Website: <http://dev.ncfahp.org/>

North Carolina Office of Rural Health and Community Care

See *Primary Care* resources above.

**North Carolina Center for Rural Health Innovation and Performance,
North Carolina Hospital Association**

Description: The North Carolina Center for Rural Health Innovation and Performance was created by the North Carolina Hospital Association in 1996 as a rural health resource center, providing expert technical assistance and professional consultation. The Center's mission is to lead and organize the development of innovative, collaborative, community-focused health initiatives that improve the health status of North Carolina's rural residents and communities. The Center is dedicated to developing and spreading nation-leading improvements in performance, leadership, quality, patient safety, operational management, and community health for rural hospitals and rural health organizations throughout North Carolina. In order to do so, the Center aims to be a statewide resource for rural health organizations and communities by advising rural health organizations, communities, and leaders regarding community health improvement, collaboration, and strategic planning, and promoting leadership and collaboration among rural health organizations and communities in their common mission to achieve a healthy community.

Contact information:

Phone: (919) 677-2400

Email: Inquiries may be made using the contact form on the North Carolina Hospital

Foundation website: <https://www.ncha.org/auth/contact-us>

Website: <https://www.ncha.org/ruralhealth>

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**Recruitment and Retention of Health Professionals into
Underserved Areas**

Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation

See *Early Childhood and Parenting Services* resources above.

**Community Practitioner Program, North Carolina Medical Society
Foundation**

See *Insurance Coverage and Safety Net* resources above.

The Duke Endowment

See *Healthy Eating, Active Living* resources above.

Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust

See *Healthy Eating, Active Living* resources above.

North Carolina Office of Rural Health and Community Care

See *Primary Care* resources above.

North Carolina Community Health Center Association

See *Insurance Coverage and Safety Net* resources above.

Rural Health Center (part of the North Carolina Hospital Association)

See *Insurance Coverage and Safety Net* resources above.