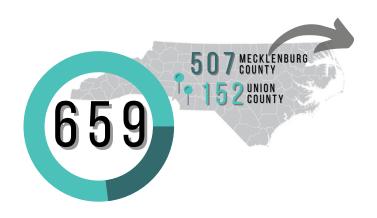
# LOCAL DATA

THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM

#### HOW MANY KIDS IN FOSTER CARE?



## WHAT IS THE AGE BREAKDOWN?

0-3 YRS	6-12 YRS	13-17 YRS	18+
35%	28%	25%	12%

### WHERE ARE THEY LIVING?



30% PLACED OUTSIDE OF MECK. COUNTY 38% PLACED OUTSIDE OF UNION COUNTY

## **HOW MANY AGE-OUT?**



47 IN MECK. CO. | 7 IN UNION CO.

FOR THOSE WHO AGE **OUT...** 



NOT EARN A COLLEGE



60% OF YOUNG MEN WILL BE



ABUSE SUBSTANCES (DRUGS OR ALCOHOL).



**EXPERIENCE** HOMELESSNESS

## HOW LONG ARE THEY IN CARE?

LESS THAN 6 MOS	6-11 MOS	12-23 M0S	24-35 36+ MOS MOS
115	81	136*	51* 124*
MECKLENBURG COUN	ITY		

\*INCLUDES CASES EXCEEDING THE 18 MONTH FEDERAL TIMEFRAME OUTLINED IN THE ADOPTION AND SAFE FAMILIES ACT. NORTH CAROLINA RANKS 47TH IN MEETING THIS TIMEFRAME.

MEDIAN NO. OF DAYS A CHILD IS IN CARE (MECK. CO.)



AVG. TIME IN CARE IN UNION COUNTY IS 13 - 24 MOS.

CASEWORKER TURNOVER THREATENS A CHILD'S PERMANENT STABILITY. CHILDREN WITH ONE SOCIAL WORKER ARE OVER 4X MORE LIKELY TO ACHIEVE PERMANENCY THAN IN CASES WHERE THERE IS TURNOVER.

2018 - 69% 2019 - 29%

2020 - 19%

2022 - 22%

TURNOVER

THERE HAVE BEEN 7 VACANCIES IN UNION COUNTY SINCE JANUARY



70% OF YOUNG WOMEN WILL BECOME PREGNANT BEFORE AGE 21