State of the Young Child in Transylvania County
December 2015

**8.8% of children had no health insurance in 2013, compared to 7.4% of children statewide.**

**83% of children up to date on vaccinations (or in compliance but late receiving some) exceeding state goal of 76% for 2015.**

**51% of children ages 1-5 with Medicaid do not use any dental services.**

Typical wait time for dental care at Brevard Health Center is **90 days.**

- 43 children in foster care; 10 are 0-5 years old (2015)
- 9 children removed from homes for abuse or neglect (2013-2014)
- 25 incarcerated parents among children with open cases

**17 of 35** infants enrolled in Care Coordination for Children were **undergoing treatment for opiate withdrawal symptoms.** That’s a rate of **4,560 per 100,000, or more than 7 times the statewide rate** of 620 per 100,000 births.

**Drug Screening Results Among Pregnancy Care Management Clients**

- Positive drug screening **51%**
- Positive drug screening and seeking treatment **5%**
- Negative drug screening **44%**

**Babies Monitored and Treated for Neonatal Substance Addiction by Year, 2011-2015**

- **Number of Babies Monitored**
- **Number of Babies Treated**

**Birth and Infant Health Outcomes, per 1,000 births**

- Infant Deaths
- Failure to Thrive
- Low/Very Low Birth Weight
- Premature Birth Rate

[Graph showing birth and infant health outcomes for Transylvania County and North Carolina]
A household with two adults and two children would need **both adults** to earn an **hourly rate of $13.96** (almost 300% the poverty rate) to **live without assistance.**

County median income: $22,034  
State median income: $27,425

County median household income: $41,952  
State median household income: $46,556

### County, State, and National Poverty Rates

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### County, State, and National Food Insecurity Rates

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### Annual Child Care Costs

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### 6th highest county statewide for child care costs

### Child Care by the Numbers:

- 274 children in 9 full-time regulated child care centers/preschools and 1 family child care home
- 20 developmental day slots for children with special needs
- 50 children with special needs served by teacher/provider
- 255 children at 4 part-time church-based preschool programs and 1 non-traditional drop-in center
- 47 children in Head Start at county child care centers
- 18 children in Early Head Start + 15 children in Early Head Start at EHS childcare partners
- 24 children in NC Pre-K kindergarten readiness program

### 18 homeless children under age 18

- 42 children ages 0-5 served in Haven’s shelter since 2012
- 45 children ages 0-18 served in Haven’s Family House since 2014
- 10 families currently on waiting list

### 38% of students entering kindergarten in 2015 had not attended any child care or preschool program

### 78% of kindergarteners tested below or far below proficiency at the beginning of the 2015 school year

The Preschool Task Force hopes that you will take the time to read this report and understand the lives of our youngest citizens. If you are inspired to get involved after seeing this report, please contact Transylvania County Administration and ask to be added to the Preschool Task Force mailing list: (828) 884-3100 or trisha.hogan@transylvaniacounty.org.