

Durham County Government Children and Youth Investment

Joint Meeting: City of Durham,
Durham County Government and
Durham Public Schools



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Durham County Government Funding

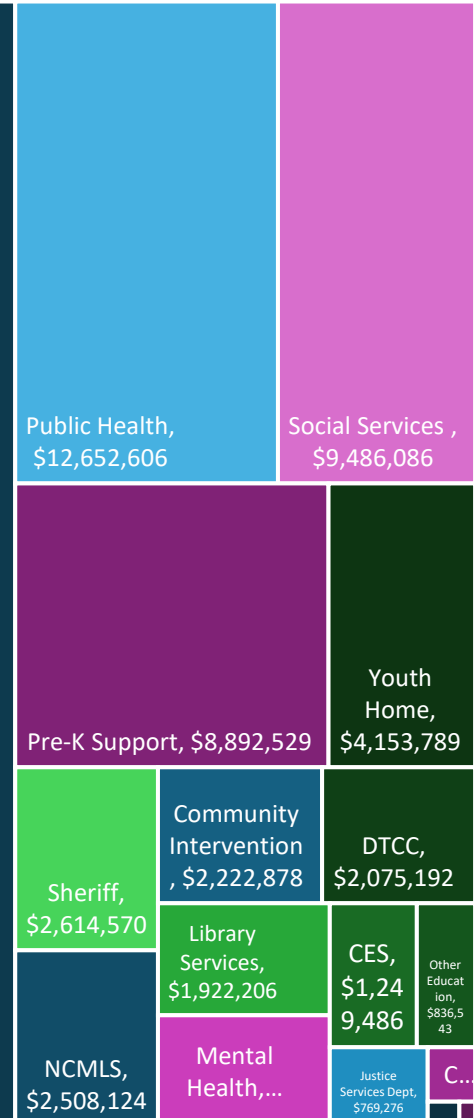
Children and Youth Investments

- Durham County has established children and youth development as its primary governmental priority, allocating \$276.2 million, representing 40.0% of the FY 2025-26 General Fund budget, to youth-focused programs and services. This substantial investment demonstrates a sustained commitment to nurturing, educating, and protecting young residents across multiple service areas.
- Education represents the largest single investment within Durham County's children and youth portfolio. Durham Public Schools receives \$224.5 million for annual operations, while education-related capital debt service accounts for an additional \$61.8 million, creating a combined education investment of \$286.3 million.

FY 2025-26 DCO Children Youth Funding (Tree Map)

	FY 2021-22 Approved Budget	FY 2025-26 Approved Budget
Total Children and Youth Funding (not including Other Funds)	\$205,958,452	\$276,184,117
General Fund Budget	\$504,763,473	\$689,707,784
% of General Fund Budget	40.80%	40.04%

DPS, \$224,528,912





FY 2025-26 DCO Children and Youth Funding

(Specific Programming – Local Funding)

Before/After school childcare, Summer Enrichment, Tutoring, or other youth-specific programming	Department
Library tutoring resources - online	Library
Summer Reading Program	Library
Book Clubs - all branches	Library
Reading & Phonics classes - Main Library	Library
Big Kid Storytime - Southwest Library	Library
Makerspace events - various, multiple branches	Library
Board Game Club - South Regional	Library
Chess Club - North Regional	Library
Monday Karaoke - North Regional	Library
Homeschool Learning Labs	Library

Before/After school childcare, Summer Enrichment, Tutoring, or other youth-specific programming	Department
4H	Cooperative Extension
MiddleGround Homeschool Gardening Club	Cooperative Extension
Pura Vida Horse Club	Cooperative Extension
Hub Farm Afterschool Club	Cooperative Extension
Kids Voting Durham	Cooperative Extension
Parent & Family Advocacy and Support Training Program	Cooperative Extension
The Incredible Years	Cooperative Extension
Motheread	Cooperative Extension
Triple P	Cooperative Extension
Very Important Parents (VIP)	Cooperative Extension
Teen Parenting	Cooperative Extension
The Incredible Years-Autism	Cooperative Extension
The Giving Closet	Cooperative Extension
Cribs for Kids	Cooperative Extension
Car Seat Safety Program	Cooperative Extension
Durham YouthWorks Program	Human Resources



ARPA Investments in Durham County Children and Youth

- To date, Durham County has invested **\$16,441,731** of its America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) allocation in grants, contracts, and interlocal agreements aimed at supporting various needs of children and youth in Durham County. ARPA funding must be expended by December 31, 2026.
- Durham County has also utilized **\$1,181,908** of interest income earned from the County's SLFRF advance payments from the U.S. Treasury Department to support additional grants for youth services in Durham County.
- These funds support investments in several key areas, including:
 - School capital investments with DPS (**\$6,000,000**)
 - Childcare and wraparound services subsidies with Early Years (**\$2,400,000**)
 - Student health support through school nurse positions (**\$1,226,731**)
 - Direct academic services and career preparation activities (**\$5,100,000**)
 - Enrichment activities, both school year and summer programming (**\$2,171,908**)
 - Mental health services for children and youth (**\$830,000**)



ARPA Investments in Academic Support and Career Preparation

- ARPA funding and ARPA interest income funding has been used to support five initiatives focused on providing direct instructional support, supplementary instructional services, workforce development programming, and career counseling services.
- A total of **\$5,100,000** was allocated for these services, including through the following initiatives:
 - **Made in Durham BULLS Life Science Academy (\$3,000,000)** – Workforce development program helping youth earn BioWork certifications for careers in Biopharma manufacturing.
 - **Support for Title I Schools ILA with DPS (\$1,400,000)** – Funding to support instructional expenditures at Title I schools in Durham County.
 - **Emily K Center (\$100,000)** – Program connecting students with postsecondary opportunities and helping to plan and prepare for postsecondary success.



ARPA Investments in Children and Youth Enrichment Activities

- Durham County allocated **\$2,171,908** from its ARPA SLFRF allocation and ARPA interest income to support **17** individual grant programs providing enrichment across a broad range of subject matters, including STEM, music, dance, sports and physical activity, and mentoring services.
- Grants were made for programs that provided both academic year and summer break enrichment activities, to ensure youth had continuous support and engagement throughout the calendar year.
- Examples of grants include:
 - **St. Joseph's Historical Society (\$200,000)** – Youth arts enrichment program.
 - **SwingPals (\$200,000)** – After-school golf education program.
 - **Eno River Association (\$125,000)** – Nature-based school year and summer programming.
 - **NC Arts in Action (\$165,000)** – Dance, music, and performance program for DPS students.



ARPA Investments in Children and Youth Mental Health Services

- Durham County allocated **\$830,000** from its ARPA SLFRF allocation and ARPA interest income to support **5** individual grant programs focused on providing mental health services for Durham youth.
- While these grants were spurred by the mental health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the services have provided broader mental health supports for youth served by the programs.
- Programs include:
 - **El Futuro LAYA Program (\$200,000)** – Specialized mental health support services for Latino youth.
 - **Center for Homeownership and Economic Development Project TRIUMPH (\$150,000)** – Support for youth mental health services (ages 13-24).
 - **Durham Public Schools Foundation Mental Health Ambassadors Program (\$350,000)** – Ongoing community mental health education for DPS students.
 - **Youth Mentoring Collaborative (\$100,000)** – Healing-centered mentoring services for youth receiving mental health support.

