Building a System of Care



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Our mission

Ready for School, Ready for Life

is a collaborative effort to build a connected, innovative system of care for Guilford County's youngest children and their families.



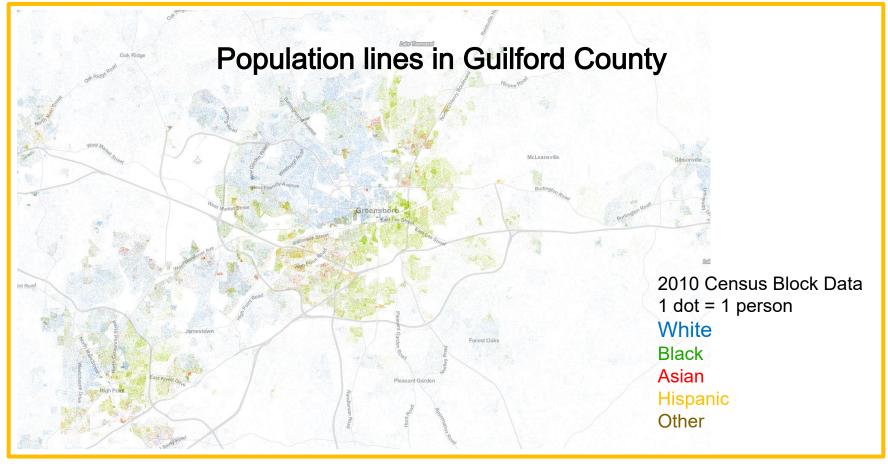


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Our aim: Population-level change

Planned and well-timed pregnancies

Healthy births

On-track development at 12, 24, and 36 months

School readiness by kindergarten

Success by third grade



Our Values and Principles

We believe in being...

- Family-Led
- Inclusive
- Equity-Driven
- Responsive to Evidence
- Transparent
- Collaborative

Our six priorities



Develop Navigation System
To Connect Families with
Effective Services

Build Technology to Support Data-Informed Decisions





Expand and Integrate
Proven Programs to Meet
Community Need

Conduct Rigorous Evaluation and Build Sustainability for System-building Work





Build a Culture of Continuous

Quality Improvement

Build Public Will for Early Childhood Priorities



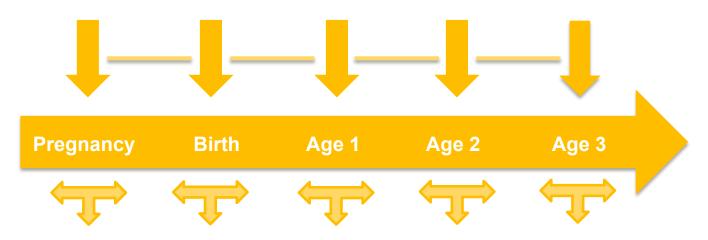
So, what is Navigation?





Navigation System

- 1. Universal Assessment
- 2. Targeted Connections
- 3. Ongoing Support



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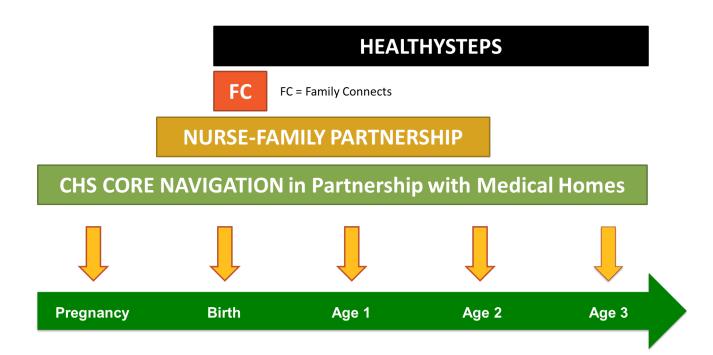








Navigation Delivery Partners – Routes to Ready



PN-3 Navigation infrastructure is... Family Centered

UNIVERSAL

All families can benefit from information and support during these critical periods of development

LONGITUDINAL

Beginning prenatally and continuing through age 3+

COMPREHENSIVE

Assessing for comprehensive parent and child strengths and needs at each Navigation touchpoint

PROACTIVE

Identifying and addressing challenges before they impact development

INDIVIDUALIZED

Developing a care plan based on each family's concerns to connect them to appropriate services and supports

LINKED to MEDICAL HOMES

Meeting families where they are and supporting medical providers in addressing SDOH

Community Alignment



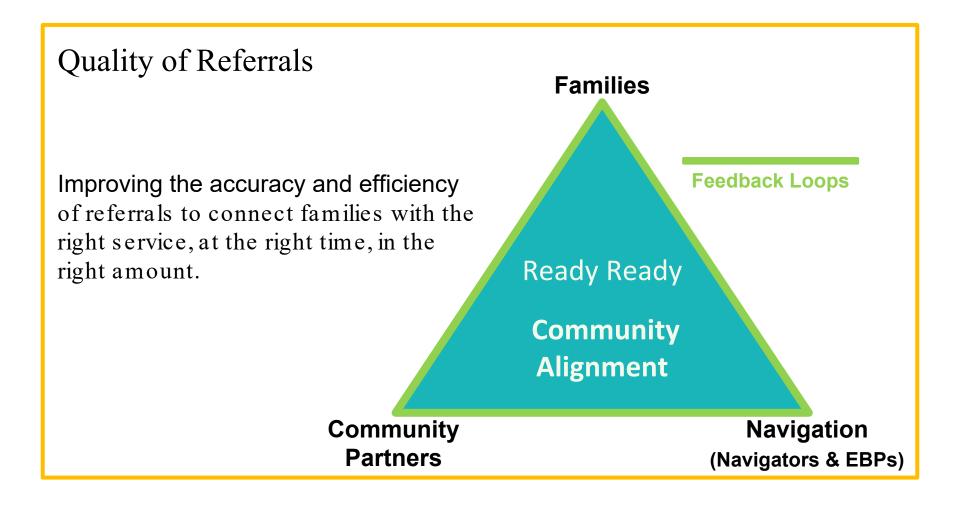
Functions of Community Alignment

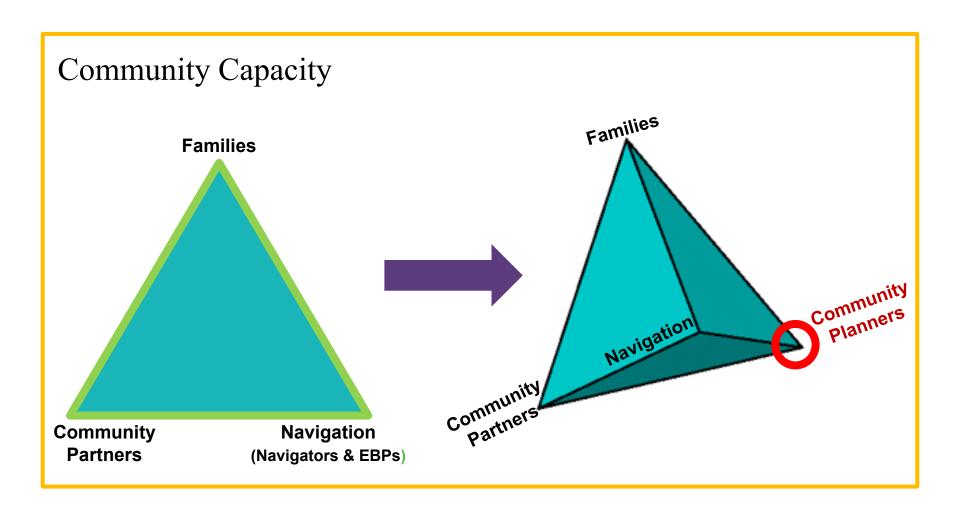
- 1. Develop and maintain the Agency Finder
- 2. Improve quality of referrals

3. Build community capacity to meet the needs of families

Agency Finder

- Comprehensive database of resources
- Community Portal App
- Access for partner programs





Equity statement

Ready for School, Ready for Life (Ready Ready) promotes equity, justice, diversity, and inclusion which are woven through our mission, values, and principles. We stand against racism in all of its forms. Ready Ready will work with our community to address the structural inequities that drive disparate child and family outcomes and work towards an environment where equity, justice, diversity, and inclusion are core values. When we are working to address these structural inequities, Ready Ready will be bold in our actions.

When Guilford County Black and Indigenous children and families of color (BIPOC) feel welcomed, heard, respected, safe, supported and valued, all of our community and our society benefit.



