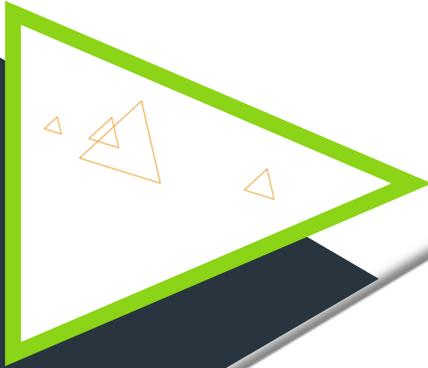


# ANNUAL Report

2024-2025



July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

Enriching Lives In Our Communities

# Together We Can...

## Funding

Blue Cross Blue Shield

Contract Revenues

County of Davie

County of Stokes

County of Surry

County of Yadkin

Duke Energy

Federal Transit Administration

Home and Community Care Block Grant for Older Adults

Human Trafficking Commission

N.C. Pre-Kindergarten

N.C. Department of Administration: Council for Women & Youth Involvement

N.C. Department of Crime Control/Governor's Crime Commission

N.C. Department of Health and Human Services-Division of Social Services

N.C. Department of Insurance

N.C. Department of Transportation

N.C. Division of Aging and Adult Services

N.C. Department of Environmental Quality

Partners Behavioral Health Management

Participant Contributions

Piedmont Triad Regional Council

State of North Carolina

United Fund of Stokes County

United Fund of Surry

User fees

U.S Department of Health and Human Services

- Administration for Children/Families

- USDA Childcare and Adult Food Program

Yadkin Valley United Fund

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# Dedicated to Serving Our Communities

*YVEDDI...your local Community Action Agency serving Davie, Stokes, Surry and Yadkin Counties since 1965*

County	2024	Projected Population
		2042
Davie	44,599	53,096
Stokes	45,532	47,482
Surry	71,462	71,249
Yadkin	37,774	37,713

Source: <https://www.ncdhhs.gov>

Davie  
Stokes  
Surry  
Yadkin

\*Rowan  
\* Weatherization Assistance Program only

OUR Impact



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## AGENCY OVERVIEW

Organized in 1965, the Yadkin Valley Economic Development District, Inc. (YVEDDI) is a private non-profit corporation designated as the local Community Action Agency which administers Human Services and Community Development Programs funded through Federal, State and County Governments, United Way/Fund agencies, and other resources. Laws, regulations, and funds limit all services provided.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families in Davie, Stokes, Surry, and Yadkin Counties through a variety of programs and partnerships to build stronger communities.

## VISION STATEMENT

A united community with adequate resources where people can meet their basic needs and live successful lives.

# 178 Employees



## Board of Directors

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ANGIE WALKER

BRENT WARD

KEITH WOOD

SUZANNE WRIGHT  
(Current Data)

## YVEDDI Services by County

Program	Davie	Rowan	Stokes	Surry	Yadkin
<b>Community Services Program (CSBG)</b>	✓		✓	✓	✓
<b>Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program</b>			✓	✓	✓
<b>Head Start and NC Pre-K</b>	✓		✓	✓	✓
<b>Resource Center</b>				✓	
<b>Senior Services:</b>					
• <b>Meals-on-Wheels</b>				✓	✓
• <b>Congregate Nutrition</b>				✓	✓
• <b>Medical Transportation</b>	✓			✓	
• <b>General Transportation</b>	✓			✓	
• <b>Senior Centers (5)</b> -East Bend Senior Center -Yadkin County Senior Center -Yadkin Valley Senior Center -Surry County Senior Center -Pilot Mountain Senior Center				✓	✓
<b>Public Transportation</b>	✓		✓	✓	✓
<b>Weatherization Program</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

*Program participants must meet the Federal Poverty Index Guidelines, certain age criteria, or other guidelines.*

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SUMMARY



Kathy Payne

Dear Friends of YVEDDI:

We are pleased to present the 2024-2025 Annual Report of the Yadkin Valley Economic Development District, Incorporated (YVEDDI). This report will showcase the work and outcomes achieved by a very dedicated staff under the leadership of a very engaged and supportive Board of Directors.

We remain committed to expanding our resources however possible to meet the needs of our communities. Upon close of fiscal year June 30, 2025, we helped:

- **290** young children get a Head Start in preparation for Kindergarten,
- **1,527** victims of abuse get a new start,
- **49** people develop life skills and enhance employability to earn a self-sustaining income. **40** are still progressing towards their goals,
- Modify **58** homes to keep **102** people warm in the winter and conserve energy
- Promote senior wellness to prolong independence by:
  - delivering **52,155** homebound meals,
  - serving **15,146** congregate meals,
  - providing **1,177** medical transportation trips,
  - providing legal assistance to **77** seniors,
  - **2,315** attended 5 senior centers; providing **52,066** services, and
- Transport people to school, work, or medical appointments to carry out essential daily living through **87,129** trips

YVEDDI will continue to strive for continuous improvements and service expansion opportunities to make the greatest impact possible on those who need services.

With deep appreciation, we recognize our funders, donors, volunteers, partners, religious organizations, groups, and individuals who are very important to our success. We must also acknowledge our children, families, seniors, and individuals who have embraced life-altering opportunities that make our communities stronger.

Honored to serve,

A handwritten signature of Kathy Payne in blue ink. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathy Payne, Executive Director

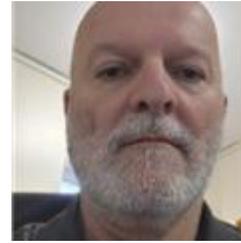
# Managerial Staff



Dawn Cheek  
Community  
Services Director



Jeff Cockerham  
Public Transportation  
Director



Tommy Eads  
Weatherization Director



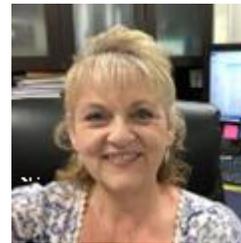
Lisa Martin-Money  
Senior Service Director



Janet Phillips  
Human Resource  
Director



David Smith  
Domestic Violence/  
Sexual Assault Program  
Director



Rhonda Wrenn  
Head Start Director



Crystal Williams  
Finance Director



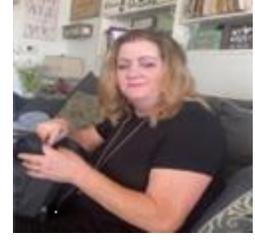
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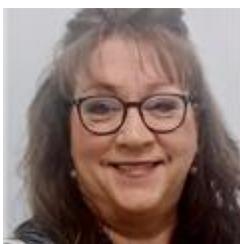
Heather Handy  
East Bend Senior  
Center Manager



Carolyn Gentry  
Surry County Senior  
Center Manager



Katrinka Rinehart  
Pilot Mountain Senior  
Center Manager



Sandra Johnson  
Yadkin Valley Senior  
Center Manager



Lori Moore  
Yadkin County Senior  
Center Manager



Bristol Mitchem  
Resource Center  
Manager

# COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM

## MISSION STATEMENT

To build self-sufficiency for under-resourced individuals and families through coaching, mentoring and community partnerships.

## Poverty Rates

Poverty Rates by County

Davie 11.4%

Stokes 13.6%

Surry 13.9%

Yadkin 12.9%

## The Roots of CSBG

CSBG is funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and provides federal anti-poverty funds to states, which distribute them to local agencies. These agencies have flexibility to deliver services that help low-income individuals build skills and achieve self-sufficiency.

## How the CSBG Program Works

Eligible individuals under the federal poverty guidelines may enroll in CSBG for up to two years and must be willing and able to work. Participants partner with a Success Coach to set goals and follow a flexible plan toward self-sufficiency. CSBG is most effective when combined with community resources such as DSS, Workforce Development, and Head Start, making community visibility and referrals essential.

## Who CSBG Serves

CSBG serves individuals experiencing generational or situational poverty. Situational poverty may result from events like job loss, divorce, or death. Success Coaches help participants navigate community resources to meet their specific needs.

## Measuring Community Impact

CSBG Eligible Entities measure impact through required data collection and reporting, including the CSBG Annual (IS) Report. This report tracks funding use, service outcomes, capacity building, and community involvement. Data from agencies nationwide is compiled and reviewed by the federal Office of Community Services to assess CSBG Eligible Entities' overall impact.

CSBG entities also complete the annual Organizational Standards Report, which evaluates 58 standards covering governance, leadership, planning, data analysis, community engagement, human resources, and financial oversight.

## Community Outreach

CSBG partners with local organizations to provide outreach, advocacy, and referrals. Efforts include resource events and community awareness initiatives across Stokes, Surry, Davie, and Yadkin counties.

CSBG staff attend local, statewide, and national events to network with other agencies and stay informed about emerging developments, important updates, and any concerning or impactful legislation. FY24-25 we were able to attend the 2025 Rural Summit in Raleigh and the Southeastern Association of Community Action Agencies (SECAA) in Orlando, Florida.



Quick Facts	
\$13.77	Average wage rate per hour for employed participants.
4	Participants rose above the PGL for their family size.
23	Participants maintained housing.
1	Participants obtained childcare assistance.
18	Received utility assistance
3	Participants completed educational training.
7	Participants provided educational assistance.
2	Participants secured standard housing.
19	Participants provided employment supports.
1	Participants obtaining better employment.

Age
98% of CSBG Participants are between the ages of 25-59.
Education
All clients are encouraged to obtain additional skills to become more active in the workforce. We encourage the <i>ed2go Program</i> for quick skill enhancement opportunities. 69% of CSBG Participants have a minimum of high school education. 26% of those have some college or technical school. 29% of those graduated from a college or technical school.
Financial Education
All CSBG Participants are required to complete and earn a certificate in the FDIC <i>How Money Smart Are You?</i> Online financial education tool. This online program consists of 14 games and related resources that teach participants about borrowing, saving, credit, and investing to help participants manage their finances better.
Enrolled Participants and their Families
A total of 49 individuals were enrolled in the CSBG Program for FY 2024-2025. The services they received benefited them as well as other members of their household. The comprehensive case management and additional financial services received touched the lives of 129 individuals in our communities.  By the end of FY25, <b>49</b> individuals had built life skills and improved employability towards a self-sustaining income, with <b>40</b> participants continuing to work toward their goals.



Dawn Cheek and Temeka Marsh at the 2025 Rural Summit in Raleigh



*CSBG Table at the 2025  
Yadkin Expo at the SCC  
Yadkin Center*

**Making a difference in the lives of those in the communities we serve.**

AB has been enrolled in the program since August of 2024 and during her time in the program she has maintained active enrollment in courses at Surry Community College where she is working towards the completion of her bachelor's degree in business administration. She has also enrolled in the Nail Technician program at SCC and she will complete this program and obtain her certification on May; once she receives her certification she is contracted to begin working at a local salon. Along with being a single mom and full-time student she is currently employed and has completed the Money Smart eCourse.

CSBG partnered with two other YVEDDI Programs to assist a participant already enrolled in the CSBG program with an emergency situation. Working with multiple programs and agencies, we were able to provide safe emergency housing and transportation for the participant and the family. They are now back at home with appropriate services in place. The mother is currently seeking employment and working hard to create a better future for her family.

CSBG participated in Community Outreach with Hope Recovery Services. During the outreach, we had an applicant come by and complete a CSBG Orientation Packet. The applicant was able to access services from each partner present (Shepherd's House, Partners Behavioral Health, YVEDDI, and ICGH (Integrated Care Hickory), as well as Hope Recovery Services. The applicant completed the orientation packet for the CSBG program. The agencies will continue to partner to meet the needs of the applicant.



*SECAA (Dawn and Elisha)*



*CSBG supporting the Goodwill Homeless Veterans Backpack collection with tents, sleeping bags, and personal care items.*



*SECAA (Dawn Cheek and Elisha Harris with Brian Duncan – ED ICare)*

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/SEXUAL ASSAULT PROGRAM



## MISSION STATEMENT

To provide safety, supportive services and advocacy for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

## WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

Domestic abuse, also called "domestic violence" or "intimate partner violence", can be defined as a pattern of behavior in any relationship that is used to gain or maintain power and control over an intimate partner. Abuse is physical, sexual, emotional, economic or psychological actions or threats of actions that influence another person. This includes any behaviors that frighten, intimidate, terrorize, manipulate, hurt, humiliate, blame, injure, or wound someone. Domestic abuse can happen to anyone of any race, age, sexual orientation, religion, or gender. It can occur within a range of relationships including couples who are married, living together, or dating. Domestic violence affects people of all socioeconomic backgrounds and education levels.

Anyone can be a victim of domestic violence, regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, faith or class. Victims of domestic abuse may also include a child or other relative, or any other household member.

Domestic abuse is typically manifested as a pattern of abusive behavior toward an intimate partner in a dating or family relationship, where the abuser exerts power and control over the victim.

Domestic abuse can be mental, physical, economic or sexual in nature. Incidents are rarely isolated and usually escalate in frequency and severity. Domestic abuse may culminate in serious physical injury or death.

YVEDDI Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program works diligently to end the cycle of violence with victims affected by these acts. The primary focus is to provide services, referrals and assistance to any person who has been victimized by domestic violence and/or sexual assault.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the DV/SA Program staff have provided direct services to 1477 unduplicated individuals seeking assistance on domestic violence cases. Staff provided direct services to 50 unduplicated individuals seeking assistance on sexual assault cases. Staff responded to 11109 crisis situations either by phone or in-person. There were 230 emergency transportation service referrals provided to victims and also their families, as necessary. There were 1643 counseling referrals provided for victims. There was a total of 6,082 referrals to outside agencies for client assistance in all 3 counties. All services are free to clients.



## Nationally:

Annually, domestic violence causes over 1,500 deaths and two million injuries in the U.S.

Every day, nearly three women are killed by an intimate partner

About 1 in 3 women and 1 in 10 men experience some form of physical violence by a partner in their lifetime.

Domestic violence costs nearly \$8 billion annually in medical and mental health care services.

Around 24 people per minute are victims of physical violence, rape, or stalking by an intimate partner in the U.S.

## Human Trafficking Information North Carolina Statistics:

638 Call in Tips  
178 were actual Victims

Domestic Violence Statistical Reporting July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025			
	STOKES	SURRY	YADKIN
Individuals Served	423	702	352
Gender of Individuals	Male: 126 Female: 294	Male: 180 Female: 522	Male: 100 Female: 252
Services Provided	Information: 787 Advocacy: 241 Referrals: 1707 Transportation: 70 Counselling: 797 Court: 1140 Emergency Financial Assistance: 459	Information: 1667 Advocacy: 353 Referrals: 2310 Transportation: 98 Counselling: 494 Court: 1761 Emergency Financial Assistance: 846	Information: 537 Advocacy: 583 Referrals: 1868 Transportation: 55 Counselling: 310 Court: 1635 Emergency Financial Assistance: 292
Number of Support Groups	12	12	12
Crisis Hotline/Support Calls/24-7	332	486	257
Shelter Services	15	127	42
Volunteer Hours	0	116	0

Sexual Assault Statistical Reporting July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025			
	STOKES	SURRY	YADKIN
Individuals Served	16	12	22
Gender of Individuals	Male: 2 Female: 14	Male: 0 Female: 12	Male: 2 Female: 20
Services Provided	Information: 24 Advocacy: 1 Referrals: 43 Transportation: 7 Counselling: 16 Court: 30 Emergency Financial Assistance: 33	Information: 40 Advocacy: 8 Referrals: 65 Transportation: 0 Counselling: 7 Court: 36 Emergency Financial Assistance: 11	Information: 34 Advocacy: 44 Referrals: 89 Transportation: 0 Counselling: 19 Court: 77 Emergency Financial Assistance: 1
Crisis Hotline/Support Calls 24-7	5	6	17
Crisis Intervention In Person (Safety Planning)	9	11	14
Type of Assault	Child Sexual Assault: 8 Domestic Violence: 5 Adult Sexual Assault: 5 Adult Physical Assault: 0 Stalking/Harassment: 0 Adults SA as Children: 1 Human Trafficking Sex: 0	Child Sexual Assault: 1 Domestic Violence: 7 Adult Sexual Assault: 5 Adult Physical Assault: 1 Stalking/Harassment: 0 Adults SA as Children: 0 Human Trafficking Sex: 0	Child Sexual Assault: 7 Domestic Violence: 1 Adult Sexual Assault: 11 Adult Physical Assault: 0 Stalking/Harassment: 0 Adults SA as Children: 2 Human Trafficking Sex: 2
Offender Relationship	Spouse: 4 Relative: 3 Boyfriend: 4 Acquaintance: 4 Other: 1 Unknown: 0	Spouse: 1 Relative: 2 Boyfriend: 2 Acquaintance: 3 Other: 4 Unknown: 1	Spouse: 6 Relative: 5 Boyfriend: 5 Acquaintance: 0 Other: 5 Unknown: 1
Shelter Services	1	0	0
Volunteer Hours	0	82.5	0

## Success Story:

A young woman had been living in a 5x5 shed behind her mother's house, without running water or electricity. Our office was notified of the situation, and we contacted her to let her know we were coming to remove her from those conditions. The program director and an advocate went to pick her up and immediately noticed she appeared malnourished and had likely not eaten properly in quite some time.

We arranged for her placement in a long-term shelter. We met with shelter staff to ensure she was enrolled in a mental health program. She also received a medical evaluation to assess her physical health. With consistent support, her condition steadily improved. Her demeanor changed significantly, and she began engaging more comfortably with others. Over time, she gained confidence and stability, eventually applying for and securing a job. She was able to move out on her own and begin a new chapter in her life—free from the abuse she had endured within her family.

## Fundraising:

October 2024 Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Dine Out to End Domestic Violence raised \$2,014.00

## Impact our program is making in the community:

Our program is clearly making a positive impact in all 3 counties. We are more proactive in providing needed assistance to victims of not only domestic violence but also sexual assault. We are engaging in public speaking events more. We have events that promote awareness. We have people wanting to volunteer for the program to help others that are in crisis need. We take pride in our job or helping others and feel we are making a tremendous difference in helping those in need.



*1 out of 3 women have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner.*



*1 in 4 men have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner*

### Funding Sources for YVEDDI Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault include:

NC Division for Women and Youth Involvement, NC Human Trafficking Commission, United Fund of Surry County, Yadkin Valley United Fund, Stokes United, County of Stokes, County of Surry, NC Department of Crime Control /Governor's Crime Commission, private donations

# Senior Services

*Includes: Meals on Wheels, Congregate Nutrition, Legal Services, Medical and General Transportation, and Senior Centers (5).*

## MISSION STATEMENT

To improve and maintain independent wellness for the senior community through advocacy, nutrition, volunteerism and vigorous programming to promote healthy minds, bodies, and spirits.

Congregate Meals		
	Total Meals	Seniors Served
Yadkin County	5,333	95
Surry County	9,813	210

Home-delivered Meals		
	Total Meals	Seniors Served
Yadkin County	21,975	132
Surry County	30,180	175

Legal Services		
	Units	Seniors Served
Legal Services	77	43

Medical Transportation		
	Units	Seniors Served
Davie County	1,177	4

General Transportation		
	Units	Seniors Served
Davie County	5,123	23
Surry County	1,335	6

Fundraising Efforts			
DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	FUNDS RAISED
July 2024	Senior Services	MOWA Meeting Unmet Need Award	\$25,000
07.19.24	EBSC	Bingo Fundraiser	\$1,977
07.19.24	EBSC	Silent Auction-cakes	\$890
08.21.24	Senior Services	NANASP Mid-year award	\$4,000
08.21.24	SYEMC-Dobson	Golf Tournament Check Presentation	\$20,500
09.18.24	YCSC	Pancake/Sausage Breakfast	\$600
11.22-24.24	SCSC	NoneSuch Playmakers: Cheaper Than Therapy Tour	\$204
12.14.24	SCSC	Reindeer Hop	\$368
12.13.24-12.15.24	SCSC	NoneSuch Playmakers: Christmastide	\$235
February 2025	YCSC	Cooking up a Fundraiser (for a new stove)	\$972
March 14-16	SCSC	NoneSuch Playmakers-Cheaper than Therapy	\$216
May 2025-July 2025	YVSC	Tee Shirt Sale	\$580
May 25-September 25	YCSC	Quilt Raffle	\$318
June 2025	Mt. Airy Nutrition Site	Quilt Raffle	\$159
Ongoing	EBSC	Donations for new chairs	\$1,264 as of 6/30/25

Monitoring update: The Piedmont Triad Regional Council - Area Agency on Aging monitoring results concluded that the YVEDDI Senior Services program was in 100% compliance with the previous three program reviews.

*Funded by Federal Older Americans Act, state and local funds, United Fund of Surry County, Yadkin Valley United Fund, consumer contributions, donations, and fundraisers.*

# Our nation's senior population is growing and changing rapidly.

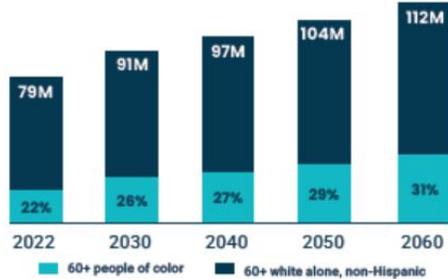


**1 in 4 Americans is 60+**  
with 12,000 more turning 60 every day

**Among Americans 60 and older:**  
**29%** have a disability    **25%** live alone    **11%** are veterans

This population is set to reach **91 million by 2030**, with **112 million expected by 2060** – increasing the number of seniors today by nearly half.

**Older Americans of color** will continue to make up an increasingly larger portion of this population.



## Older Americans are living longer with less money.



**12 million older adults** face financial challenges that impact their ability to age at home.



**1 in 2 seniors** living alone lacks the income to pay for basic needs

**Food insecure** older adults experience worse health outcomes than food-secure seniors, with greater risk for:

- High Blood Pressure
- Heart Attack
- Diabetes
- Depression



Older adults have the highest rates of **social isolation**, putting seniors at risk for:

- High Blood Pressure
- Anxiety and Depression
- Cognitive Decline
- Dementia



*Meals on Wheels can serve a senior for an entire year for about the same cost as just one day in a hospital or 10 days in a nursing home.*

Source: [www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org/facts](http://www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org/facts)

In May 2025, YVEDDI Senior Services welcomed Mike Fenley, Field Representative for U.S. Senator Thom Tillis. Mr. Fenley toured the Surry County Senior Center and the Mt. Airy Nutrition Site, gaining firsthand insight into the daily operations and impact of our programs. He also accompanied YVEDDI staff on one of our 23 homebound meal delivery routes on a YVEDDI bus, observing the vital role these services play in supporting older adults in our community.

During the visit, YVEDDI Senior Services staff engaged in meaningful discussion with Mr. Fenley regarding ongoing funding shortages and regulatory challenges that affect service delivery. We are sincerely grateful for his time, interest, and commitment to understanding both the breadth of services YVEDDI provides and the challenges we face in meeting the growing needs of the seniors we serve.



Tom Beckom, Mike Fenley, Lisa Money, Susan Lawrence, Carolyn Gentry



Mr. Fenley delivering meals to YVEDDI Meals on Wheels participant



# Senior Centers

## About our senior centers:

YVEDDI administers four North Carolina–designated Senior Centers of Excellence and one satellite center, each committed to delivering high-quality programs, resources, and services for older adults. These centers are structured to address the diverse needs of the senior population through targeted programs that support physical health, emotional well-being, social engagement, and independent living.

Each Senior Center of Excellence serves as a centralized hub for comprehensive service delivery, with an emphasis on health promotion, nutrition, safety, and meaningful community engagement. The satellite center extends these services to additional geographic areas, increasing access for seniors who may otherwise face barriers to participation. Collectively, these centers operate as an integrated network focused on enhancing quality of life and supporting healthy aging across the communities served.

	Services Provided	Unduplicated persons served
East Bend Senior Center	13,567	385
Yadkin County Senior Center	10,658	332
Yadkin Valley Senior Center	10,311	394
Surry County Senior Center	11,784	998
Pilot Mountain Senior Center	5,746	206
TOTAL	52,066	2,315

## Volunteers:

Senior Services volunteers are essential to the success of YVEDDI's programs and play a vital role in our ability to serve older adults throughout the community. Their dedication, compassion, and consistent support allow us to deliver a wide range of services that positively impact the lives of the seniors we serve.

Volunteers contribute in numerous ways, including supporting program activities, providing companionship, and assisting with daily operations. Beyond their service, they bring warmth, empathy, and personal connection that help foster a welcoming and supportive environment at each senior center.

We are deeply grateful for the continued commitment of our volunteers. Their contributions are integral to our mission and to the effectiveness of our Senior Services programs. Simply stated, our work would not be possible without their invaluable support.

Hours: 5,574

Value: (independentsector.org) \$34.79

Economic Value: \$193,919

## Impact Statement

The senior centers provided a combined 63,731 services to seniors age 50+.

At each YVEDDI senior center, we are committed to creating a welcoming and supportive environment where older adults can remain active, engaged, and connected. Our programs are intentionally designed to reduce social isolation and foster a sense of belonging through structured social activities, peer support opportunities, and community engagement.

We provide a comprehensive range of services that support the overall well-being of our participants, including nutritionally balanced meal programs, physical activities that promote mobility and health, and safety-focused initiatives that encourage independence and confidence. In recognition of the diverse needs of the senior population, our centers also offer specialized supports such as widows' support groups, targeted nutrition services, and seasonal events that promote socialization and connection.

Through this holistic approach, YVEDDI senior centers play a vital role in enhancing quality of life for older adults, ensuring they feel valued, supported, and empowered to age with dignity within their communities.

The older population is at greater risk of higher poverty rates due to living alone with lower incomes and increase in healthcare costs

*Funded by the N.C. Division of Aging and Adult Services, Piedmont Triad Regional Council, Home and Community Care Block Grant for Older Adults, United Fund of Surry County, County of Surry, County of Yadkin, Yadkin Valley United Fund, and fundraising.*

# SENIOR SERVICES Successes

- A new participant recently attended our monthly widows and widowers supper after learning about the program through our Facebook page. During the gathering, participants were invited to share the year they lost their spouse and reflect on what has helped them navigate their grief.

When the new participant shared her experience, she became emotional, as did many others in the group. She explained that she had lost her husband just two months earlier and recognized the importance of taking steps forward during a very difficult time. She expressed sincere appreciation for the support she received and shared that she felt welcomed despite arriving feeling anxious and uncertain. She also indicated her intention to return and participate again.

This moment reflects the strength and compassion of the widows and widowers group and the supportive environment it provides. We are proud to offer a space where individuals feel safe, supported, and encouraged to engage not only in grief support, but also in the broader activities and community of the senior center.

- *"I used to do my own taxes, but with laws changing every year and my income changing as well, it has been extremely helpful to have someone who understands the current regulations and can prepare my taxes for me."*  
— Mrs. E.G., VITA Program Participant

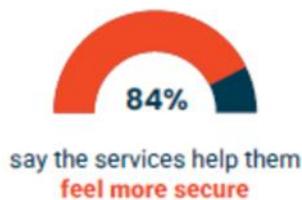
- This time of year can be especially difficult for many of the seniors we serve. Recently, a gentleman arrived at the senior center unexpectedly to participate in bingo, despite not being registered for lunch that day. During the program, staff checked in with him and asked how he was doing. He quietly shared that he was not feeling well emotionally. Another participant overheard the conversation and responded with simple reassurance, reminding him that he was welcome and that his presence mattered. The group's kindness set the tone for the rest of his visit. Over the course of the afternoon, he gradually became more engaged, joined in conversation, and shared several moments of laughter before leaving. This experience reflects the vital role the senior center plays as a place of comfort, connection, and support, especially on days when participants may be struggling. For many, the center is not just a place for activities, but a safe and welcoming community where they can feel understood, supported, and valued.

- This month, we were thrilled to host a nutrition class that included hands-on safety skills training. One of our participants, who is supported by a habilitation technician, shared a heartfelt moment with me after class. She thanked me for allowing her to participate and excitedly revealed that, at 62 years old, she had used a knife for the very first time during the session. Her courage and willingness to try something new was inspiring. Moments like this remind me how meaningful it is to provide opportunities that empower individuals of all abilities to learn, grow, and gain confidence.

- After stepping away from our center during the pandemic, a woman recently returned. In her time away, she endured the unimaginable loss of two sons and spent much of her time alone at home. With the support of three kind neighbors, she came back to see what she had been missing—and now all four join us regularly for activities and lunch. Stories like hers show the power of community: a place where people are welcomed, supported, and reminded that they are never truly alone. It's more than a center—it's a home away from home.

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## of home-delivered meal participants:



Source: [www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org/facts](http://www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org/facts)

# Head Start

## MISSION STATEMENT

Educating children and empowering families.

In 16 classrooms and 14 sites, Head Start serves 279 children ages 3-5 years to prepare them for kindergarten and works with families to promote self-sufficiency. Comprehensive services are provided to include child medical and dental services, individualized family services, and transportation, as feasible.

Operational hours are 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM, Monday through Friday. All services are free for families who qualify.

Number of children served by county: Davie-36, Stokes-67, Surry-104, Yadkin-72.

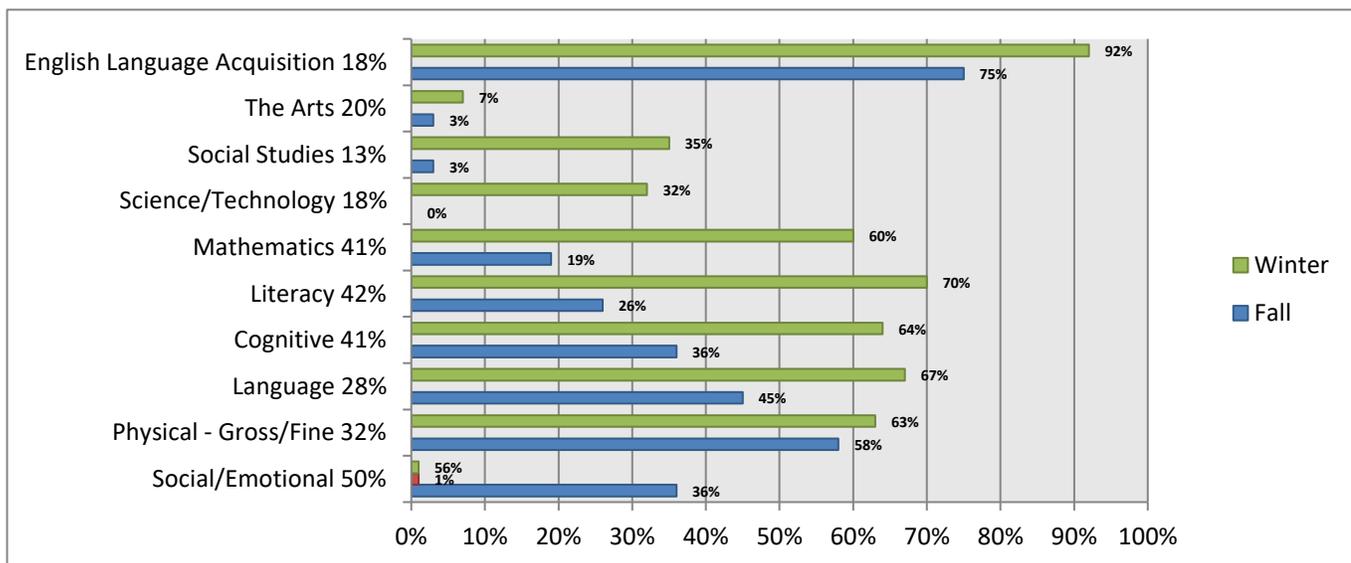


Revenue	Expenditures
Federal - \$3,364,916	Federal - \$3,364,916NC
NC Pre-K -\$610,000	Pre-K - \$610,000
County/Local Funds - \$8,958	County/Local Funds - \$8,958
Food Program - \$300,000	Food Program - \$300,000
Proposed Budget for 2024-2025	
Federal - \$3,364,916	NC Pre-K - \$610,000
County/Local Funds - \$ 18,030	Food Program - \$300,000

County and NC Pre-K funds are used toward the required non-federal match

## CHILD OUTCOMES

Three times per year, we assess and report on each child's progress in the Head Start program. Our goal is to find out what the children already know and use our assessments to help them become "School Ready." By having a detailed outcomes plan and implementing each part, we are able to form a strategy for each child's development process.



Overall Gains from September 2024 to March 2025: 30%

Funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and N.C. Pre-Kindergarten

SCHOOL READINESS INITIATIVE

In order to ensure school readiness for children, YVEDDI Head Start developed a School Readiness Committee.

The following statement is the Mission Statement of the committee:  
*YVEDDI Head Start will establish and carry out program goals for school readiness in accordance with the Head Start Child Outcomes Framework. The goals will be shared throughout all components of the program, with Head Start parents and our LEAs in order to ensure school readiness success for all Head Start children and their families.*



YVEDDI HEAD START SCHOOL READINESS PLAN OVERVIEW

YVEDDI Head Start has aligned our readiness goals with the North Carolina Foundations for Early Learning and Development and Teaching Strategies Gold Objectives for Development and Learning – Birth through Kindergarten Assessment Tool. (Early Learning Strategies for NC Preschoolers and Strategies for Guiding Their Success).

North Carolina Foundations describes goals for all children’s development and learning, no matter what program they are served in, the language they speak, disability they may have, or their family circumstances. Foundations and Teaching Strategies Gold provide age-appropriate goals for our children and address the domains of learning that we measure through our ongoing assessments.

Data to support the achievement of the goals will be aggregated and analyzed after each child assessment checkpoint, in accordance with our Outcomes Plan. Checkpoints are conducted three times during the academic year. We will use the data gathered to determine our progress towards meeting our Federal Grant Goals, to inform parents and the community of the outcomes and use the information to make the necessary program improvements to curriculum, teaching and instructional strategies, professional development, and program design and to assist with other program decisions.

The school readiness goals are created in conjunction with parents and we will determine each child’s progress in the following domains; approaches to play and learning, emotional and social development, health and physical development, language development and communication, cognitive development, as well as supporting dual language learners. We will also use the gathered assessment data to individualize services and teaching to best support each child.

YVEDDI Head Start will share our collected school readiness information with the public schools as part of our transition packet for each child. The information will be delivered to the schools and forwarded to the child’s kindergarten teacher.

(The full school readiness plan is available upon request.)



<u>Families</u>	
Funded Enrollment	279
Number Served	290
Avg. Monthly Enrollment	95%
<u>Type of Eligibility</u>	
Below 100% Poverty	26%
100-130% Poverty	8%
Above Income	10%
Public Assistance	52%
Homeless	2%
Foster Children	2%

<u>Parent Involvement Activities</u>	
Program Volunteers	187
Parent Meetings	150
Policy Council Meetings	9
Agency Board Member	1
Curriculum Planning Participation	100%

<u>Health Services</u>	
Received medical exams	98%
Received dental exams	89%
Medical home at end of enrollment	79%
Dental home at end of enrollment	72%
Received preventive dental care	86%
Referred children who received Mental Health Services	N/A

<u>Teacher Education</u>	
Baccalaureate Degree	50%
Associate Degree	44%
1 Year Certificate ECE	6%
<u>Assistant Teacher Education</u>	
Associates Degree	19%
Baccalaureate Degree	
Other Credential / CDA	75%

### Results of the Most Recent Review by the Secretary

During the **2017-2018** school year, the program underwent two intense reviews from the Administration for Children and Families, a federal agency operated by the Department of Health and Human Services, its primary funding source. The reviews specifically monitored Environmental Health and Safety, School Readiness and the overall delivery of child services. Both reviews resulted in 100% compliance with the 1700+ Federal Performance Standards. In **January 2018**, the program had a CLASS review. Our scores were 5.9861 out of a possible 7.0 in Emotional Support, 5.5093 out of possible 7.0 in Classroom Organization and 3.1852 out of a possible 7.0 in Instructional Support. The program completed the Focus Area I review on **February 2020** and was found to be in compliance in all areas of service.

### Results of the Financial Audit

There was one non-compliance determination found on the YVEDDI 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Audit. A corrective plan has been put into action to remedy the non-compliant issue.

### Enrollment Information

YVEDDI Head Start is continually accepting applications for the enrollment of three- and four-year-old income-eligible children and their families in Davie, Stokes, Surry and Yadkin Counties. For more information, please contact the Head Start Administrative Office at (336) 367-4993 ext. 232.

# Public Transportation

## MISSION STATEMENT

To improve the quality of life for the residents of the Yadkin Valley through a coordinated, accessible, affordable and efficient transportation system.

## Summary

During FY25 our overall trip numbers declined by 8% compared to FY24. This trip reduction can be attributed to our increased cost of operation due to high inflation rates associated with vehicle insurance and the cost to maintain vehicles. Both the Elkin and Mocksville Microtransit Flex routes increased ridership with a total increase of 16% combined.

## Success Story

After a few years of not receiving any replacement vans due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the expiration of the contract between NCDOT and the van conversion companies, we began receiving vans that were on order. In FY25, we received all 11 vans on order for fiscal year 2023 and 5 vans on order for fiscal year 2024. This will be helpful in reducing breakdowns and high maintenance costs.



Funded by the N.C. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, County of Davie, County of Stokes, County of Surry, County of Yadkin, user fees, and contract revenues

In FY24-25, the NC Legislature restored the Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP). Below is a summary of funding and trips provided using this grant fund

Program		Number of Trips	Cost per Trip
Davie	E & D	2,078	\$35.57
Davie	RGP	9,101	\$10.95
Davie	Empl	20	\$46.51
Stokes	E&D	1,631	\$53.34
Stokes	RGP	1,092	\$81.53
Stokes	Empl	0	\$0.00
Surry	E&D	2,696	\$35.33
Surry	RGP	5,374	\$25.36
Surry	Empl	507	\$13.11
Yadkin	E&D	1,387	\$54.95
Yadkin	RGP	3,355	\$31.80
Yadkin	Empl	64	\$83.30
Total Trips		27,305	
Spent		\$775,025.13	
Avg cost Per Trip		\$28.38	

Purpose	FY25 Rides
Dialysis	15,832
Drug Store	516
Education	2,591
Employment	7,922
Medical Companion	8,059
Head Start	2,613
Legal	15
Medical	26,921
Nutrition	128
Nutrition Center	7,080
Other	0
Personal	4,208
Recreational	297
Shopping	7,886
Social	67
Vocational Workshop	2,994
Total Trips	87,129





# Weatherization Program



The YVEDDI Weatherization Assistance Program has been assisting families in our local communities for five decades. The Weatherization Assistance Program and Heating Air Repair/Replacement Program have become vital in our area to offset the high energy burden for our clients, most of whom are elderly or disabled and on fixed incomes.

Services include installation of new heating systems, insulation, and air sealing. Upgraded Indoor air quality enhancements and measures designed to improve the health and safety of household occupants. These programs are funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S. Department of Energy, and funding from Duke Energy.

From July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, the programs provided weatherization services to 58 households, benefiting 102 individuals, in five counties.

July 24, 2025

YVEDDI  
PO Box 309  
Boonville, NC 27011

Dear YVEDDI staff:

We want to give our heartfelt thanks to the Weatherization program that so kindly came in and did an excellent and expert job weatherizing our house against the elements. We are eternally grateful!!

The office staff did a lot of calculating of my self-employment earnings, and were very helpful in telling me what papers I needed to get to qualify.

We appreciate all of the men who came to the house to do so many different things. Our house needed a lot and we are so grateful for all the work done. We were amazed at what a quality work they were doing. No Mickey Mouse work. It was all done with expert knowledge and quality. We really appreciate that!

And we really appreciate getting a new air conditioner and heater, since the year before, our air conditioner died and when we went to turn on the heater last year it didn't want to work for three days, but finally kicked in. We just want to really express our appreciation and want to mention that all the men that came to the house worked very well together and not one cuss word was spoken! That's great!

Thank you again from the bottom of our heart, because we don't have the money to replace the air conditioner or the heater, so all of the work done was a God send!!!

Sincerely,

Marcos and Joanne

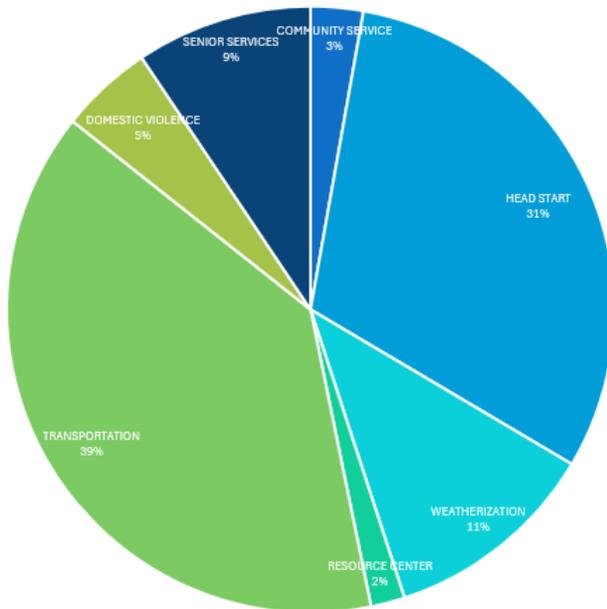


# Agency Financials

Fund Source	FY25	FY24
Operations and Fund Raising	\$468,457	\$1,548,299
Federal	\$5,896,841	\$4,552,245
State	\$4,002,970	\$4,271,507
Local Entities	\$3,119,235	\$5,361,350
In-kind	\$105,035	\$104,088
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$13,592,539</b>	<b>\$15,837,489</b>

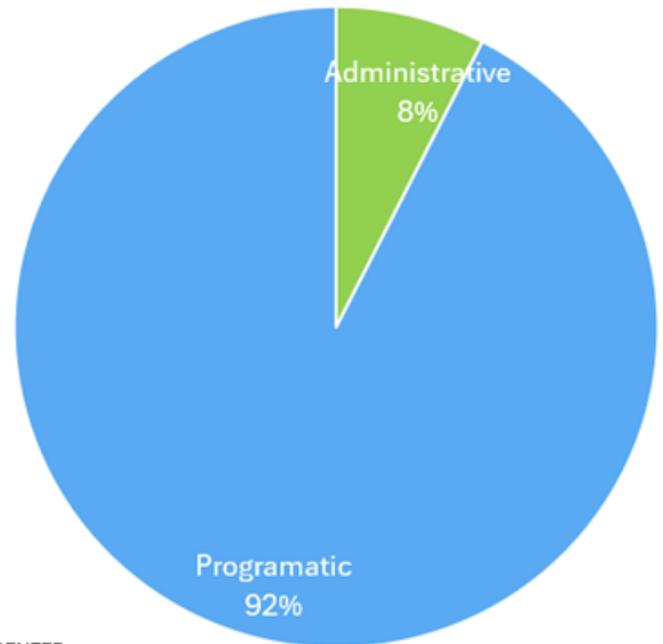
*Overall funding declined this year as temporary COVID-19 and CARES Act funding concluded in FY24*

## Revenue by Service Program



- COMMUNITY SERVICE   ■ HEAD START   ■ WEATHERIZATION   ■ RESOURCE CENTER
- TRANSPORTATION   ■ DOMESTIC VIOLENCE   ■ SENIOR SERVICES

## Administrative Cost



*The FY 2024–2025 independent audit reported no findings, deficiencies, or instances of noncompliance under the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance).*

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