ensuring sufficient, nutritious food is available to all young children.

Addressing chronic food insecurity.

equity in sharing food resources for children of all ages

Not just access but easy and non-stigmatized access to meals/food

Access to school based meal programs such as breakfast, lunch, after school snacks, Summer meals and implementation of At-risk dinner meals.

Ensure Food & Nutrition support is sufficient amount to afford healthy food. Some families receive nutrition assistance, that is not sufficient and/or not sufficient to afford healthy food.

access to milk banks for breastfed babies; diaper bank for new moms in needs

Create at least the number of homes that are needed to house homeless families with children.

Quality housing- a place the as a community we would be proud of

Adequate, safe housing for young children and families

Ensure that all homes with children are safe & healthy. Address any health hazards, including: lead, mold, pests, CO, gas, and other air quality issues.

1) safe housing . Love the idea of preserving existing housing.

Strong political leadership

School mentors

Parental support

Access to the basic need of diapers. Currently in Durham only 12% of need is met.

In the US, 1 in 3 families struggle to afford diapers. In Durham County, this number is closer to 1 in 2.

Medical and educational systems that support the community and provide outreach and access.

Durham is rich in healthcare resources that can be used to address basic needs of healthy food and housing to prevent asthma by reducing asthma triggers.

Community involvement.

We have a very involved community base that supports initiatives and willingly volunteers to assist.

Progressive thinking Community

LOTS of resources already exist in Durham

Strong non-profit community to support childhood dev

many great non-profits and resources available

Durham Pre-K

Access to child care-most years the child care subsidy is cleared.

We have a diaper bank. Many communities in NC and across the country do not.

Support of County and City Government

Our county gov. has funded early childhood programming.

funding not guaranteed or available

What are the greatest CHALLENGES of Durham's early childhood system to ensure all children 0-8 have their basic needs met?

Funding!

Inadequate supply of child care programs. Worsened by CV-19. Could soon become a crisis of little availability as programs close.

Lack of policies to address the basic need of hygiene products.

To date Durham does not have a cohesive strategy to support the development of children birth -8. This is why the ECAP is so very important.

Need more Family Voice at the table

There is no Durham agency that enforces lead safety in homes with children.

Parent support. Our data shows that when we support parent development young children thrive.

Many families have to choose which basic need to spend limited income on. Rent, food, or diapers?

More Input on what is needed from the community in our current environment

Language barriers

Low reimbursement for child care providers (subsidy)

Many parents have to sacrifice in order to work multiple jobs and still struggle with meeting basic needs.

Waiting list to receive a child care subsidy