

Based on these results, what are parents struggling with the most? What are the biggest barriers?

Support network -- car problems, medical challenges, etc.

Helping their kids with special needs.

maintaining sufficient income

Transportation to get food & services.

Access to Services

Healthy Homes (No Lead, Asthma Triggers)

Housing

Food

Finding and accessing Food resources easily

Affordable Housing

Strategies for income -- jobs, guaranteed minimum incomes stronger federal safety nets.

Receiving services in a dignified, unbiased way.

Affordable childcare

Parents proposed ideas that would make Durham a better place for families with young children. Which ones do you think are the most important for the ECAP to include?

Centralized place where families are connected to services.

Provide community-based people to help reduce barriers for people to access resources.

Supporting parents who have children with special needs. Helping them access the resources and navigate. More community-based. Maybe buddy system.

Focus funds for Food & other essential resources.

culturally appropriate services and support

valuing family voices and implementing their ideas

amplifying community partnerships, especially with orgs and groups intimately connected to the target population

Affordable childcare

Child care that supports families working second and third shifts and/or weekends.

Universal childcare for infants to pre-K.

Universal high quality child care

More funding for public schools

What areas do you want to dig deeper in through a focus group in order to develop actionable strategies for the ECAP?
Please include the population you have in mind.

Resources for addressing Trauma/Safety especially with the gun violence that is currently plaguing our city

Barriers to accessing housing supports among those who could not use them or had a negative experience

Barriers to access good food: what are they, why, what are the solutions? (focus group)

Trust

What food should children be provided in daycare settings? Why? (families of young children)

What do families want to know about how to feed their young children well? Where are they getting food information now? Who/what are trusted child feeding resources? (parents of young children/pregnant women)

When we ask about food resources--ask both about food access (food pantries, school meals, back pack buddies) and separately about benefits.

Focus on 0-3 months for strategies. Most of our strategies are focused on kids a little older but this is a crucial period for health and basic needs

Income gap

guaranteed minimum incomes (at least expansion of EITC).

increasing access to living wages and well paying jobs/careers

population focus: Black & Latinx folks; pregnant people (esp Black); families with infants

about treatment when seeking services. If they mention this, ask what programs or agencies do the feel they were treated poorly, unfairly, etc. Ask them to specifically describe what happened (what was said, done etc.)

Have a focus group Younger parents that have not completed high school

increased partnerships between larger orgs/institutions and smaller grassroots, community based & community rooted -- sharing resources and Power

Dig deep with parents who want to be part of a network of advocates who partner with other parents in their community.

Have a focus group of parents with children who have special needs.

What do they know about the resources for special needs children? How do they navigate this? Very difficult.