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

Access to prenatal care - the data presented did not accurately reflect gaps in prenatal care access

Need affordable and high-quality childcare.

10 % of

work

respondents

looking for

out of work or

Affordable childcare

Family leave without penalty and time for medical visits, education participation, etc.

Time to be an active participant in children's educations

Childcare costs

Additional funding for transportation (particularly inconsistent needs)

transportation (wasn't in the responses, but I wonder if that was due to the demographics of who responded? Might be wrong and assuming things, but it seems possible!)

10% missed or late appointment fees could transportation or no paid time off from work be underlying issues

managing time/work-life balance

COVID-19

Gap in hearing the experiences and needs of those stuck in the middle - hard to access the voices of families who don't qualify for safety net programs but are still struggling

Navigating behavioral changes/challenges

Knowing what's typical developmentally

Supports around mental and emotional health

Parents proposed ideas that would make Durham a better place for families with young children. Which ones do you Education on [Better think are the most important for the ECAP to include? social/emotional advertisement] of the early childhood development events that take place development/timeline in Durham: Light-up included in prenatal Durham, Durham education so that Festi-Bull, Bimbe parents know what's Festival (includes prenatal and expected and what's Access to care more access vouth 0-8 in the Basic child pediatric ahead - both to safety net activities) but is family development centering prenatal and information in a driven overall programs groups centralized location BEFORE living with links to families are in wages for resources crisis childcare expand Medicaid providers services beyond evaluate duration of services/resources "family planning" insurance provided to families and "pregnancy" universal paid doula to prevent destabilization **Affordable** pre-k services **Affordable** childcare!! child care housing childcare Sliding scale, vouchers **Flexible** income-based child Robust support for care financial paid Have childcare engagement of facilities considerations that family additional Emergency include are standard across leave caregivers (fathers, transportation peer-to-peer the board for all grandparents) access support families options

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.

E.g. assessing barriers to participating in high quality childcare with Latinx families

Transportation use? Which services are being used and which ones need additional development

digging into why black families/Hispanic families were very interested in support/programs why people didn't want their child to receive well-child visits families for focus groups to ensure their needs/viewpoints are represented

Target low-income

Evaluation of peer-to-peer support (interest and utility)

digging into why only 11% of white families were "extremely interested" in services/programs

increased issue of missed/late visit fees in 13-36 month range - link to preventive visit goal hearing more from low-income populations regarding access to prenatal/postpartum care

Men's input,
especially
differences in
thinking about
time/self-care/work
life balance

are struggling but not yet eligible for safety net programs. For example, a family who is homeless can access MANY more resources than those who are displaced or housing insecure.

How can we PREVENT these families from

Paid family leave options (talk to top 25 employers in Durham)

Teen moms: Affordable child care, housing (homelessness), livable wages Students with disabilities (PreK-8): Early Interventions, supports, connections between the school, home, and community, mental/emotional/beh avioral services collaboration, etc