

Henderson County 2025



UWHC's Plan for Improving our Community over the Next Decade

	<u>Target Issue</u>	<u>Objective</u>	<u>Current Available Data</u>	<u>Our Goal</u>
Education	Kindergarten Readiness	Increase % of Henderson County children entering Kindergarten ready to learn	50% phonic awareness 43% print awareness	Increase percentage of HC children entering kindergarten who are ready to learn to 65%
	School Success	Improve the school performance of economically disadvantaged students	65.7% of economically disadvantaged 3rd graders are at or above grade level in reading 69% of economically disadvantaged 8th graders are at or above grade level in reading	Improve school performance of economically disadvantaged students to same percentage as all students. Seek parity.
Income	Financial Stability	Decrease number of individuals living below the poverty line	12% of HC residents below the federal poverty line	Decrease the number of individuals living in poverty in HC by 30%
	Affordable Housing	Increase number of families and individuals who have affordable, safe, decent housing	32.7% of renters have housing costs >30% of household income 1,244 low-income housing units 97 homeless residents	Increase number of family and individual units who have affordable, safe and decent housing by 500
Health	Reducing Obesity	Decrease the number of obese children and adults	26.8% of children (ages 2-17) are obese	Reduce the percentage of obese children to 21%
			24% of adults (18+) are obese	Reduce the percentage of obese adults to 19%
	Encouraging Healthy Youth Behaviors	Decrease the use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco among middle and high school youth. Decrease teen pregnancy.	Marijuana: 15.7% ≤15 yrs.; 19.3% 16/17 yrs. Inhalants: 19.3% ≤15 yrs.; 12% 16/17 yrs. Prescription: 20.8% ≤15 yrs.; 28.4% 16/17 yrs. Alcohol: 15.4% ≤15 yrs.; 25.4% 16/17 yrs. Tobacco: 9.4% Middle School; 28.8% High School 124 teen pregnancies	Decrease drug use** by 3% Decrease alcohol use** by 3% Decrease tobacco use** by 3% Decrease teen pregnancies to <100
BN/CS	Crisis Services	Provide food, clothing, housing, utilities to Henderson County residents who are/have experienced unexpected loss.		
	Basic Needs	Temporarily provide services to meet the minimum needs of Henderson County residents		

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