

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES**Career Start Allocation to Colleges****Request:**

The State Board is asked to approve an allocation of **\$1,465,842** to twenty-six Human Resources Development (HRD) programs to provide services outlined in the project titled CAREER START – Food Nutrition and Services Program.

Method of Allocation:

The Division of Social Services made a request to the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) – Human Resources Development (HRD) program to provide job training services to individuals enrolled in their Food Nutrition and Services program. The official name for this program is CAREER START.

CAREER START is an initiative that will empower low-income families to access and use educational and workforce development resources with the goal being to help individuals obtain and sustain employment in occupations that can pay a livable wage and offer opportunities for advancement. This initiative will include pre-employment skills training traditionally offered through the HRD program, in addition to new opportunities and support services to improve basic academic skills, address personal and family barriers, network with community and business leaders, obtain industry-driven occupational skills, and access to further training in the future. The project will provide a vital foundation and starting point that will lead individuals toward pathways as it relates to **Career Awareness, Remediation, Educational Training, Employment Placements, and Resource Development**---hence the name of the project, **CAREER START**.

In 2004, CAREER START was implemented in 33 counties deemed Labor Surplus Areas (LSA) by the US Department of Labor. Counties are designated as an LSA when the average unemployment rate is at least 20 percent above the national average during the previous two calendar years. In 2007 the Division of Social Services reduced the number of counties eligible for the employment and training program from 33 to 26. These 26 counties are being served by the community colleges in their county. See attachment for a list of community colleges and counties involved in this program.

Allocation Amount and Time Period:

The fiscal period for these allocations is July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 in the amount of **\$1,465,842** and is subject to the availability of funds from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services.

Fund Availability:

The funding from DHHS/DSS will be federal funding through the United States Department of Agriculture. The allocation to the local colleges requires a 50/50 match. NCCCS will use Continuing Education FTE formula allotment to provide the 50% match.

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**Career Start
Local Community College Budget Allocations**

Community College	County	DSS Allocation
Asheville-Buncombe TCC	Buncombe	64,500
Bladen CC	Bladen	47,715
Blue Ridge CC	Henderson	49,954
Caldwell CC/TI	Caldwell	73,280
Cape Fear CC	New Hanover	52,082
Catawba Valley CC	Catawba	62,252
Cleveland CC	Cleveland	60,045
Craven CC	Craven	47,874
Edgecombe CC	Edgecombe	46,937
Fayetteville TCC	Cumberland	98,050
Isothermal CC	Rutherford	25,633
Lenoir CC	Lenoir	87,471
McDowell TCC	McDowell	43,050
Mitchell CC	Iredell	50,699
Nash CC	Nash	40,836
Richmond CC	Scotland	26,576
Roanoke-Chowan CC	Hertford	37,382
Robeson CC	Robeson	76,515
Rockingham CC	Rockingham	39,361
South Piedmont	Union	79,004
Southeastern CC	Columbus	28,588
Stanly CC	Stanly	42,151
Vance-Granville CC	Franklin	40,493
Wake TCC	Wake	145,459
Wayne CC	Wayne	44,635
Wilkes CC	Wilkes	55,300
TOTAL		1,465,842