



LEADERSHIP

Key Leaders

Key leaders hold leadership positions in Henderson County as elected officials, as top employees of key systems in the county, or serve as the board chair of key agencies. Key leaders have met on a regular basis since September 2006 to be kept up to date on the status of the United Agenda for Children and the Speak Out for Kids event.

Community Chairs:

Ruth Birge, Publisher, The Times News
Renee Kumor, author, child advocate and former county commissioner
Jeff Miller, founder Honor Air, local business owner

Dave Adams, Board Chair, Henderson County Department of Social Services
Senator Tom Apodaca, NC Senate
Maureen Adams, Executive Director, Children & Family Resource Center*
Rick Austin, Board Chair, Community Foundation of Henderson County
Ervin Bazzle, Board Chair, Henderson County Public Schools
Dr. John Bell, Board Chair, Henderson County Department of Public Health
McCray Benson, Executive Director, Community Foundation of Henderson County
Tom Bridges, Executive Director, Henderson County Department of Public Health
Jimm Bunch, CEO, Park Ridge Hospital
Marcia Caserio, Board Chair, Pardee Hospital
Sheriff Rick Davis, Henderson County Sheriff's Department
Shea Henson, Executive Director, Smart Start of Henderson County
Representative Carolyn Justus, NC House of Representatives
Steve Kirkland, Executive Director, United Way of Henderson County
Commissioner Chuck McGrady, Henderson County Board of Commissioners
Ben McKay, Henderson County Sheriff's Department
Bill McKibbin, Board Chair, Chamber of Commerce
Dr. Earl Medlin, Board Chair, Smart Start of Henderson County
Bill Moore, Mayor, Town of Fletcher
Bill Moyer, Chair, Henderson County Board of Commissioners
Greg Newman, Mayor, City of Hendersonville
Dr. Stephen Page, Superintendent, Henderson County Public Schools
Ray Shaw, Mayor, Village of Flat Rock
Liston Smith, Executive Director, Henderson County Department of Social Services
James Sawyer, VP Regional Services, Pardee Hospital
Representative Trudi Walend, NC House of Representative
Todd Webb, Board Chair, Children and Family Resource Center
Bob Williford, Executive Director, Henderson County Chamber of Commerce
Commissioner Mark Williams, Henderson County Board of Commissioners
Steve Wyatt, Henderson County Manager

Commissioner Larry Young, Henderson County Board of Commissioners

Agency Team

Representatives from the following agencies have been involved in the process of planning and implementing the United Agenda for Children. From establishing the mission, setting goals, developing core values, and gathering and analyzing data, this has been a collaborative working group.

ARP-Phoenix
Big Brothers/Big Sisters
Blue Ridge Community College
Blue Ridge Community Health Services
Blue Ridge Literacy Council
Boys & Girls Club
Community Child Protection Team
Chamber of Commerce
Children's Developmental Services
Children & Family Resource Center
Child Care Resource & Referral
Community Foundation of Henderson County
Consumer Credit Counseling Service
Dispute Settlement Center
Employment Security Commission
Family Support Network of WNC
4-H Youth Development
Guardian ad Litem
Girl Scouts of WNC
The Healing Place
Henderson County Board of Commissioners
Henderson County Department of Social Services
Henderson County Department of Public Health
Henderson County Housing Authority
Henderson County Library
Henderson County Public Schools
Henderson County Sheriff's Department
Hendersonville Rescue Mission
Hendersonville Times News
Housing Assistance Corporation
Human Relations Council
Interfaith Assistance Ministries
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
Latino Advocacy Council
League of Women Voters
Mainstay
Mountain Laurel
Mountain Micro-enterprise Fund
North Carolina Cooperative Extension
Opportunity House
Pardee Hospital

Agency Team (Continued)

Park Ridge Hospital-PREP
Partnership for Health
Pisgah Legal Services
Project Challenge
Rotary Club – Education Committee
Smart Start of Henderson County
Telemon Migrant Head Start
United Way of Henderson County
WCCA Head Start
Western Carolina Community Action
Women at Risk
YMCA of Henderson County

Leadership Team

The Leadership Team acts as a steering committee and oversees the design and implementation of the United Agenda for Children.

Renee Kumor, Chair
Ruth Birge, Co-Chair, Publisher, The Times News
Maureen Adams, Project Manager UAC, ED Children and Family Resource Center
Betsy Alexander, Henderson County Department of Public Health
Denise Baker, Henderson County Cooperative Extension
McCray Benson, CEO, Community Foundation of Henderson County
Brenda Bradshaw, CEO, Young Creative Associates
Spence Campbell, Retired US Army
Linda Carter, Director Family Education and Support, Children and Family Resource Center,
Rob Curtis, Henderson County Public Schools
Elisha Freeman, UAC staff support, Children and Family Resource Center
Eliza Graue, author, Chair of Design Content Committee
Lee Henderson-Hill, Executive Director, Downtown Hendersonville, Inc.
Shea Henson, Executive Director of Henderson County SmartStart
Joe Johnson, Henderson County Sheriff's Department
Bob Kemp, Volunteer Coordinator, Children & Family Resource Center
Steve Kirkland, Executive Director, United Way of Henderson County
Kathryn McConnell, Community Foundation of Henderson County
Chuck McGrady, Henderson County Board of Commissioners
Mary Murray, Chair, Recruitment Committee
James Sawyer, Pardee Hospital
Dr. Paul Trani, Blue Ridge Health Services
Todd Webb, CPA, President of Board for Children & Family Resource Center
Noah Wood, Director, Child Care Resource & Referral, Children & Family Resource Center

Communications Committee

Communications Committee is responsible for all communications efforts related to promoting or educating the community about United Agenda for Children.

Lee Henderson-Hill, Chair, Downtown Hendersonville, Inc.
Sandra Adams, Communications Coordinator UAC
Pat Martin, Lee Institute
Suzanne Metcalf, Staff Writer UAC
Marybeth Burns, Owner, Summit Marketing Group
Shelia Cover, Communications Coordinator, Community Foundation of Henderson County
Brenda Bradshaw, Owner, Young Creative Associates
Brenda Elliott, Retired, Blue Ridge Community College
Elisha Freeman, Director of Annual Giving, Children and Family Resource Center
Wendy Jones, Director of Client Services, Hendersonville Printing Company

Data Report/7Questions Committee

This committee is responsible for gathering local, state and national data, indicators and conducting preliminary analysis for questions concerning the health, safety and education of children in Henderson County.

Shea Henson, Co-Chair, ED Smart Start
Betsy Alexander, Co-Chair, Henderson County Department of Public Health
Angie Alley, the Healing Place
Denise Baker, NC Cooperative Extension
Karen Barrett, Alliance for Human Services
Diane Bowers, Blue Ridge Literacy Council
Susan Bullard, WCCA
Sharon Burlingame, Henderson County Public Schools
Francesca Caberra Martinez, Nurturing Parenting Program
Linda Carter, Director Family Education and Support, CFRC
Chris Coulson, Henderson County Government (*in memoriam*)
Stuart Cohn, Community Volunteer
Rob Curtis, Henderson County Public Schools
Betty DePina, Head Start, WCCA
Robin Estes, Park Ridge PREP
Beverly Kelly, Interfaith Assistance Ministries, Faith Link
Bob Kemp, Volunteer Coordinator, Children and Family Resource Center
Vickie Killough, Employment Securities Commission
Renay Knapp, NC Cooperative Extension
Pat Malinak, Western Carolina Community Action
Nancy Mitchell, Community Child Protection Team
Doug Moon, Opportunity House
Mary Murray, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
Ronnie Pepper, Head Start
Grace Poli, Community Activist
Beck Poplin, Principal, Upward Elementary
Pat Robinson, Community Foundation of Henderson County
Laura Ross, Kindergarten Transition, Henderson County Public Schools
Martha Sachs, League of Women Voters
Jim Sawyer, Pardee Hospital
Denise Sherrill, NC Cooperative Extension
John Snow, Blue Ridge Health Services
Tina Stepp, Henderson County Public Library

Penny Summey, Henderson County Department of Social Services
Dr. Paul Trani, Blue Ridge Health Services
Terri Wallace, Partnership for Health
Greg Walker, YMCA
Noah Wood, Director Child Care Resource and Referral

Design/Content Team

The Design/Content Committee is responsible for designing the citizen engagement process, Speak Out for Kids, for the United Agenda for Children.

Dr. Eliza Graue, Chair, author
Anne Udall, Facilitator, Lee Institute
Maureen Adams, UAC Project Manager, ED, Children and Family Resource Center
Elisha Freeman, UAC Staff Support
Gaston (Gus) Campano
Dr. Beth Edwards
Pat Jones
Renee Kumor
Susan Laborde
Bill McKibbin
Dot Moyer
Dr. Carol Rose-Bass
Rick Stewart

Facilitation Committee

This committee is responsible for recruiting, training and supporting table facilitators and scribes for Speak Out for Kids.

Kate Stockman, Committee Chair, Executive Director, Dispute Settlement Center
Noah Wood, Director, Child Care Resource and Referral
Libby Cable, Lee Institute

Logistics/Event Committee

Logistics Committee is responsible for all planning and implementation of logistical efforts in support of the day of event.

Linda Carter, Co-Chair, Director Family Education and Support, CFRC
Bob Kemp, Co-Chair, Volunteer Coordinator CFRC
Jimmy Chandler
Christina Dodd
Mike Hall, Tempo Music
Kimberly Hunter
Vaughan Matthews
Cyndee Patterson, Lee Institute

Recruitment/Outreach Committee

This committee is responsible for recruiting 300 local residents who demographically represent Henderson County to participate in Speak Out for Kids on October 20, 2007..

Mary Murray, Co-Chair, Recruitment/Outreach
Shea Henson, Co-Chair, ED Smart Start of Henderson County
Emily Rodman, Staff, UAC Recruitment Coordinator
Jamie Adrignola, Manager, Town of Mills River
Betsy Alexander, Henderson County Department of Public Health
Beverly Kelly, retired Interfaith Assistance Ministries, FaithLink
Dr. Paul Eugene Trani, MD, FAAP

Registration Committee

This committee is responsible for tracking registration both on line and in person prior to Speak Out for Kids and communicating demographic groups for the Recruitment Committee.

Cammy Taylor, Early Learning Cooperative, Children and Family Resource Center
Noah Wood, Director, Child Care Resource and Referral

Resource Development Committee

Responsible for raising funds necessary to support the United Agenda for Children

Maurean Adams, Project Manager, United Agenda for Children
Renee Kumor, author, retired county commissioner
Elisha Freeman, Director Annual Giving, Children and Family Resource Center
Dr. Paul Eugene Trani, MD, FAAP

Volunteer Committee

This committee is responsible for identifying volunteer jobs, recruiting and training volunteers to help with Speak Out for Kids.

Bob Kemp, Chair, Volunteer Coordinator Children and Family Resource Center
Carole Kitchen, Director of Volunteer Services Henderson County Dept. of Social Services
Sandy McGlashan, Director of Community Impact United Way of Henderson County