

Program Planning Committee Report for May 7, 2026

This Program Planning Committee report has information on all three of the MHCO Programs: Direct Care (DC), Independent Living (ILP), and the Community Support Center (CSC). The current census data as well as information on the activities in the programs is also highlighted.

Residential Programs

Campus census is currently at 53. The residential program has been restructured for supervision. The three supervisor clinicians were formerly providing case management to the children in the cottages and supervising the childcare workers. This created a conflict of interest and exceeded the supervision ratios set by the state. In response, the role of the supervisor clinician was split case manager and residential supervisor. The staff previously serving as supervisor clinicians changed titles to case managers. This did not change their salary, but it increased their capacity to serve the children and families well with an increased focus on providing services and support to the residents, timely completion of all paperwork, and quality after-care services. Jodette Hall joined the team as the residential supervisor and will primarily supervise and support the childcare workers. To remain in compliance with licensing requirements for resident supervision, Heather Terpening has joined as the fourth case manager. Sharron Lowery is serving as the female resident advisor at Flowers ILP Cottage. Three sets of childcare workers are completing the onboarding process. The Roberts family from Henderson, NC and the Wilkins family from Pennsylvania are anticipated to begin in early May. The Hart family is from California and will begin at the beginning of June. Winter Watson leads the program team as the Director of Residential Services and oversees case managers, the residential supervisor, resident advisors, and the Community Support Coordinator. Lauren Newlin serves as the Recreation Director and has provided structured activities for the residents as well as open gym opportunities. Taylor Parrish continues to serve as the Educational Coordinator and maintains active communication with the residents' teachers, oversees academic wellness and tutoring services, helps to coordinate the MHCO summer camp, and provides vocational support.

Direct Care

Current Census: Direct Care includes all residents in our licensed buildings. These residents are from birth to high school senior. There are 43 residents in Direct Care. Forty-six youths have been served in direct care so far in 2026. The program currently has 7 cottages on lower campus and 2 cottages on upper campus. Due to a low census in Bemis and Jefcoat and a shortage of CCWs, Bemis and Jefcoat have been temporarily closed. The onboarding of new CCWs and increased communication with the department of social services in surrounding counties will aid in the reopening of these cottages soon. The following is a list of the number of residents in each cottage and the number of openings:

Cottage	# of residents	# open beds
Alumni	7	0

Eller	6	1
Jefcoat	0	7
Master Mason	7	0
Temple	6	1
Williams	7	0
Kimel	3	4
Gray	7	1
Bemis	0	8
Totals	43	22

Direct Care Program Data 2026:

- 2 Admissions
- 4 Discharges
- 28 Referrals

Independent Living Program

Currently we have 10 young people in the ILP Program. The ILP program served 16 youth in 2026 so far.

Cottage	# of Residents	# open beds
Bundy	4	5
Flowers	6	3
Totals	10	8

Independent Living Program Data 2026:

- 2 Admissions
- 5 Discharges
- 10 Referrals

Education/Vocational Updates

The residents finished the third quarter of the 2025-2026 school year with an overall campus average of 82% which was an increase from the previous grading period. The residents are attending Credle Elementary, Northern Granville Middle School, and JF Webb High School. One resident was accepted into the NC Governor’s School, one resident was inducted into the

National Technical Honor Society, one resident earned his National Career Readiness Certification, and one resident was accepted into the Early College High School.

The residents are also offered other educational opportunities. Residents participate in tutoring on campus twice a week with our MHCO educational coordinator, tutors, and community teachers. Children 18 months to 3 years old participate in academic wellness three times a week where they read stories, count, do a craft, sing, and dance. Additionally, the education coordinator has worked closely with the high school and young adult residents, helping them to write resumes for an upcoming job fair and apply for summer internships and jobs.

During the summer, all direct care residents who are on campus will participate in the MHCO summer camp from June 15 through July 2. The camp will include opportunities for academic enrichment, crafts, recreation, and leadership. In addition, residents will be attending camps, a leadership conference, theatre camp, summer school as needed, and the Granville Success Academy for rising ninth graders.

All eligible residents are currently employed, either on campus through the Kid\$Earn program or in off-campus jobs. Two residents in the Independent Living Program reached a pivotal milestone by obtaining their driver's license.

Incident Reports

Incident reports for the Direct Care Program were reviewed. Illness or injury off campus accounted for most of the incident reports. To address and learn from the incidents that involve safety, MHCO's Security Resource Officer, David Adcock, provided situational awareness training for all staff.

Relicensure

The licensing consultant conducted a revisit on March 20, 2026. During the visit, MHCO demonstrated compliance in all areas and was removed from the plan of correction.

Community Support Center

The Community Support Center connects individuals and families to providers, offers space for groups and educational programs, and assists those with financial or basic needs through on-site goods and referrals. The CSC currently provides office space to six partner agencies serving adults, children, and families: Granville County United Way, Granville Education Foundation, Cradle to Class – Parents as Teachers, Franklin Granville Vance (FGV) Smart Start, American Red Cross, and Baptist Children's Home Foster Care and Adoption Services. Additional community groups, including Gentiva Hospice and Granville Vance Public Health, also used campus space for programming.

Throughout the year, the CSC hosted a wide range of classes, meetings, and support groups, including Robotics Lab, Sewing, Triple P, Arts in Bloom Planning Committee, Community Impact Coalition, Leadership Granville, United Way, and the GEF Board.

Quarterly referrals totaled 15 in Q1 with financial assistance and resource support provided as needed. The Community Support Coordinator maintained strong outreach and partnership development through Chamber of Commerce involvement, collaborative meetings, job fairs, festivals, and community events, with additional focus on food and shelter access.

Total Annual Impact: In 2026, the CSC served 25 individuals through referrals, goods, and financial assistance. The CSC coordinator attended 12 outreach events. A total of 24 groups, meetings, or classes were held so far in 2026, and through groups, classes, and trainings, 138 individuals were served in quarter 1. The total impact thus far in 2026 is 163. It should be noted that the individuals served by the six partner agencies is only reported on an annual basis and is not included in the total impact at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristyn L. Butts". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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