

[Ashe County Partnership for Children](#) will enhance and expand its Healthy Families Ashe program by using the funds to support a Family/Child Care Health Consultant. The Ashe County Department of Social Services has reported a 34 percent increase over the past five years in child maltreatment referrals for children ages birth to five years. The consultant will visit families living in remote areas of the county, will conduct child health and developmental screenings, and provide educational information on parenting, child development, and family well-being.