



catawba county social services

Catawba County Social Services Releases **Work First Electing Plan 2026-2028 for Public Review**

The Work First Planning Committee and the Board of Catawba County Social Services will release for public review the proposed Work First Electing County Plan for the period FFY's 2026 – 2028.

The public review period for the Electing County plan will run from January 10 – 15, 2025. A copy will be available at the Department of Social Services and on the Department's website.

All North Carolina counties have flexibility in developing services and programs to train and enable Work First families to move from welfare dependency to economic self-sufficiency. A few counties will continue to be 'Electing Counties'. Electing Counties are given additional flexibility to establish the fundamental eligibility requirements for the provision of cash assistance for their citizens. Electing Counties also have greater control over their state allocation of Work First funds.

On December 16, 2024, the Catawba County Commissioners voted that Catawba County would continue being an Electing County. At that time, the commissioners appointed a planning committee to oversee the project.

Following public review, the plan will go to the County Commissioners for final approval before being sent to the State. The deadline for submission to the State is February 10, 2025. The plan involves a lot of hard work and collaboration. It is comprised of input from the planning committee members, agency staff, and from county consumers and citizens to develop a plan beneficial to the citizens of Catawba County.

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