



## Overview of NC 2-1-1

Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Friday, October 30, 2015

## NC 2-1-1 System





**Mission:** To provide North Carolina communities with free and easy access to health and human services, government services and disaster resources 24/7/365; while providing real time data on community need and vital trend information for community planning, disaster response and that informs funding decisions.

**Vision:** To build a highly recognized and innovative system of connecting people in need to trusted resources through one portal: 2-1-1. To fully integrate 2-1-1 in United Ways work, while partnering with stakeholders to improve service delivery and create awareness and actions that address priority needs and gaps in services within NC's health and human service system.

## What is 2-1-1?







- Easy-to remember telephone number
- Provides information and referrals to local health and human service programs and government programs
- A searchable web site <u>www.nc211.org</u> with over 19,000 local and statewide resources
- Real time data dashboard of local needs at <u>www.211counts.org</u>

## How Does It Work?





- Simply dial 2-1-1 from any residential, business or cell phone
- 24-hours a day, 365 days a year
- Free, confidential, multi lingual
- Based on nationally recognized I&R standards: AIRS

There are nearly
20,000 non-profits in
North Carolina.
Finding the one you
need can be difficult.
The first step is
knowing who to call.

# Quality Call Experience: Call Protocol





#### **Hold Etiquette Opening** Asked permission to put caller on hold while locating Proper greeting with name referrals Allowed caller to express need without interruption Thanked caller for holding upon return Clarified/Validated caller's need and confirmed ability to help Referrals Asked caller's name Provided appropriate referrals Provided multiple referrals **Explanation of Services** Provided explanation of services and eligibility requirements Asked if ever called 211 before Offered phone number and physical address of agency(s) Asked how caller heard about 211 Explained what 211 can do Closing Restated information provided **Transition to Data Collection** Reviewed callers next steps Asked permission to ask questions in order to locate Asked caller "Is there anything else I can help you with today?" best resources Asked permission for follow-up Asked for caller's zip code and county Thanked for calling 211 Asked relevant questions

## **Quality Assurance Plan**





### **Quality Process / Auditing**

- Silent Monitoring
- Data Input Compliance
- Call Metrics

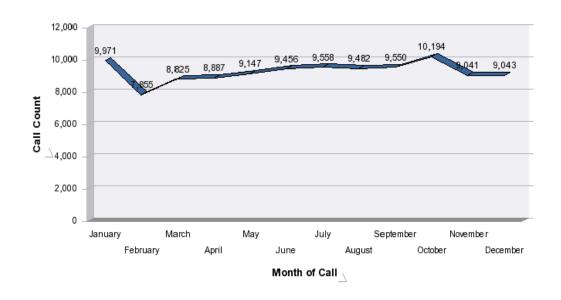
### **Performance Management**

- Coaching
- Spontaneous feedback
- Data Integrity and Compliance
- Call Metrics Review

## 2014 Contacts







2014 Calls: 111,009 Calls, 125,000 documented needs

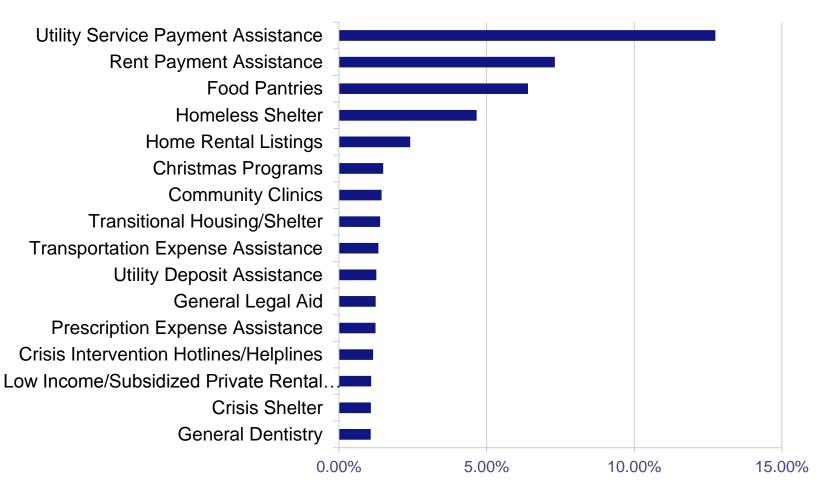
2014 Web Site Traffic: 72,000 Unique Visitors, 555,000 page views

## Why Do People Call?





#### Areas of Need - 2014



## Resource Database





- Single community services database serving the entire state
- Available to the public at www. NC211.org
- Mobile App available for both Android and IOS
- Redundancy: Back up server: out of state
- Hard Copied directories can be produced as needed

## **Hard Copy Directories**



United Way of Wayne County Guide to Services



#### Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh-Newton Grove Reg. Office

201 W. Ash Street, Suite 1 Goldsboro, NC 27530 (919) 947-0802 Primary (919) 947-0843 Fax

Web Site: www.catholiccharitiesraleigh.org Description/Notes: Programs offered: Clinical Counseling, Goal Directed Family Case Management, Budgeting, Job Search Skills and Approaches, Resume Development and Interview Preparation Services, Children's Closet

Hours: Monday 9am to 3pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9 a.m. to 5

Program Fees: Clinical Counseling Fees apply, sliding scales and amended fees available Intake/Application Process: Appointments can be made by contacting our main number: (919) 947-0802

Eligibility: Clients must have referrals from other agencies such as DSS. Languages: English and Spanish Volunteer Opportunities: Site is in need of volunteers with a diverse range of opportunities purileble.

Counseling-Catholic Charities
1603 Edgerton Avenue
Goldsboro, NC 27530
(919) 947-0802 Primary Office #
(919) 947-0803 Secondary Office #
(919) 947-0843 Fax
Web Site: www.catholiccharitiesraleigh.org
Hours: Monday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Intake/Application Process: Appointments can be made by contacting our main number: (919) 947-0802

Eligibility: Counseling services are not available for children under 9 years of age, individuals suffering from severe developmental disorders, active severe substance abuse, and individuals suffering from psychosis. Languages: English and Spanish Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers are always welcome and will be assigned to areas matching the individual's interests and skill set

Anger Management

Family Counseling

General Counseling Services

Marriage Counseling

Family Support Services-Catholic Charities 1603 Edgerton Avenue Goldsboro, NC 27530 (919) 947-0802 Primary (919) 947-0843 Fax

Web Site: www.catholiccharitiesraleigh.org Hours: Monday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Description/Notes: Assists families in developing economic self-sufficiency and assuring the health and safety of family members through parenting classes, budgeting tools, prevention and assistance with family or domestic violence, pregnancy services, job interview skills, and community referrals Program Fees: None

Intake/Application Process: Appointments can be made by contacting our main number: (919) 947-0802

## Data Trends, Gaps in Service Reporting Goals





Build Momentum and Drive Call Volume to Ensure Reports are Reflective of Local Community

- Record caller demographics, needs and referrals and report statewide and by county and zip code
- Glean what other demographics are important to our partners, i.e., families, insurance, age range, veteran
- In a disaster, prepare so that reports can reflect real time changing trends and unmet needs within affected areas based on stakeholders needs

## Data Trends, Gaps in Service Reporting Goals





- Power of data: 2-1-1 Counts Dashboard
  - United Ways and state and local government can use data to drive decision making about real time needs and gaps in service
  - Local agencies can use dashboard to support local solutions, grant writing and to inform decisions
  - Policy makers can use to inform decisions
  - Evaluate how 211counts informs decisions

www.211counts.org

## NC 2-1-1 Partnership Value





- NC 2-1-1 can be an active partner in building services or service support that has positive long term outcomes in a community.
- ➤ A shared vision is an important component in this relationship and in building a proposed strategy with defined outcomes.

# Guiding Principles for Partnership





- □ 2-1-1 is a service organization whose mission protects callers' anonymity, unless permission to share has been obtained and will empower callers.
- Partnerships should be mutually beneficial; they should maintain service of 2-1-1 to callers as well as improve and enhance that service.
- Collaborations between 2-1-1 and partners should be based on mutual dedication to helping populations in need, and 2-1-1 callers, improve the 2-1-1 system's service to callers, and generate useful knowledge that is beneficial to both partners
- □ Collaborations should be structured to be fully self-supportive and not compromise the day to day services of NC 2-1-1 as supported by the United Ways of North Carolina and its partners.

## Data Partnerships





- Build mutually beneficially data partnerships that allow 2-1-1 to be the primary data resource collection site that can be accessed either through dialing 2-1-1, nc211.org or through a stand along portal designed for a specific initiative.
- Think & Plan Smarter:
  - Partner to Eliminate Duplication in Resource Updating & Creation of Directories, i.e. NC Coalition to End Homelessness Balance of State, Trillium
  - Seek Out Technology Solutions: i.e., APIs, open data type relationships
  - Identify "ownership" of resource sets: NC 211 basic needs, Smart Start: Early Childhood Resources, DHHS: county social services information

# Example One: Utilize the Existing Organizational and Staff Infrastructure





Leverage existing 2-1-1 contact center infrastructure and direct those looking for Specific Services to 2-1-1 as *one* of several options to connect to services.

- Ensure resource information in NC 2-1-1 is up to date and relevant to callers
- □ Provide training on specific initiative so 2-1-1 Staff are fully aware of all referral options

# Example Two: Use 2-1-1 Portal Exclusively with Targeted Referrals Based on Prescreening Criteria





Prescreen Callers for Eligibility Based on an Assessment Tool

- Provide targeted referrals by county based on prescreening results
- Document and report on prescreening results to determine need and ultimately resource allocation
- Ensure resource information in NC 2-1-1 is up to date and relevant to callers

# Example Three: Use 2-1-1 Portal Exclusively for Access to Service, Prescreen and Follow-up





- ☐ Provide targeted referrals by county based on prescreening results
- Document and report on prescreening results to determine need and ultimately resource allocation
- Ensure resource information in NC 2-1-1 is up to date and relevant to callers
- Follow-up with all callers referred to ensure service connections have been made and to offer new resources for emerging issues and to build a relationship so that these callers stay in touch as situations change.

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## Thank You