

NC Department of Health and Human Services

SCCA County Training-Policy and Evidence (Crisis, Referrals, Services), Voter Registration and Service Plans

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NC FAST Evidence- To Aid Families in Crisis

Childcare may be provided to assist families in crisis situations to prevent the unnecessary separation of children from their families or to help prevent child neglect, abuse, exploitation or delinquency. For example: when a parent is too sick to care for her child and childcare is needed to provide for the needs of the child and to maintain family stability until the parent has recovered.

 NOTE: Families of domestic violence can be served under CWS/Crisis without documentation unless the LPA suspects the family is not being up front about their situation.

In NC FAST, the need in the plan of care would be entered as Crisis rather than CWS, but the system keeps 'Crisis' under the CWS umbrella. Crisis evidence should also be included in the case notes.

NC FAST Evidence - Crisis

- Worker creates evidence and adds to Evidence Dashboard.
- Applies to individuals. Select the child who needs care, and type of crisis.
- Types of crises are: Domestic Violence, Medical, and Family Crisis.
- A description of the circumstances, that justifies eligibility, must be documented in the case record.
- No mandatory verifications.

NC FAST – Crisis Example

Scenario

• John was stricken with a serious illness that has left him unable to take care of his toddler full-time. What is the Need Type and supporting evidence for SCCA?

Crisis

• Sandra is employed at a warehouse and has recently broken her leg which will keep her out of work. Sandra is going to have surgery on her leg and she will be in the hospital for several days. She has provided a worker's comp letter as well as letter of intent to return to work once she is released from her doctor. What is the need type and evidence to support it?

Crisis

Laura has called into DSS noting that she is currently living in a domestic violence shelter and is looking for child care
options. She notes that she has two children under the age of 5 and is looking for work but cannot leave them at the
shelter alone. Can we assist Laura? What would be the need type and supporting evidence?

Yes. Crisis and statement from the representative at the shelter.



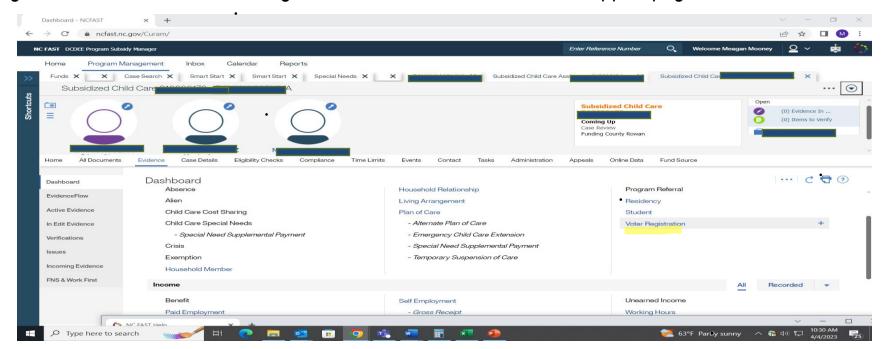
The purpose of the NVRA is to make more opportunities available for individuals to vote. The NVRA requires individuals, who are U.S. citizens, and at least 16 years of age, be offered the opportunity to register to vote or update a voter registration record at any application for service, recertification or renewal, or when reporting a change to their address when related to an existing application.

Voter registration services must be offered when a NVRA covered transaction (an application, recertification or renewal, or change of address) is received via ePASS, telephone, mail communication, or in-person. Therefore, at any time a person seeks services at an agency that offers public assistance, disability services, or unemployment services, the person must be offered voter registration services. Click here for steps the LPA must take to ensure voter registration requirements are met. The written protocol and NC FAST documentation must remain current at all times. NVRA CONTACTS FOR ASSISTANCE: State Board of Elections (SBE) – nvra@ncsbe.gov DHHS NVRA Coordinator – NVRA@dhhs.nc.gov

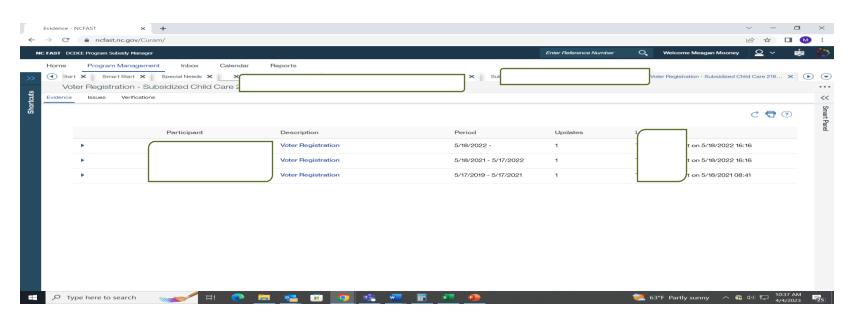
County DSS agencies must report a change in county NVRA point of contact to the NC DSS Civil Rights/NVRA Coordinator.

As noted in the prior slide, voter registration must be offered at every application, recertification and change of address. Voter registration documents must be given to recipient regardless of their request to register.

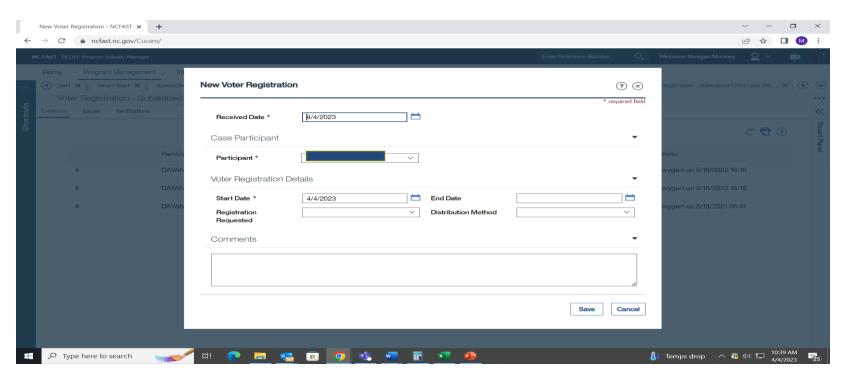
In NCFAST, for both applications and recertification, this evidence is uploaded from the guided interview to the voter registration evidence on the income support page.



- When viewing the voter registration evidence in NCFAST, you will need to ensure that all evidences are updated to reflect actual dates of application, recertification, and change of address, and distribution method.
- NCFAST requires that the worker manually changes the evidence for change of addresses.



• This is the evidence tab for voter registration. You can get to this screen by clicking the + sign beside voter registration on the income support evidence page or by clicking on the voter registration hyperlink, then clicking the three dots on the top right hand of your screen and starting "New".





Services Referrals

There are three types of service referrals. We will discuss the similarities and differences of each referral, review an example of each referral, and how the referral evidences should be entered into NC FAST.

Three program referral types:

- CPS—the child for which SCCA is requested must receive Child Protective Services and must remain in the home.
- CWS—to support CWS reasons when DSS is involved (not a crisis)
- Foster Care—child is in DSS Custody. Child Care worker must have a written referral from the foster care worker to support the need for care.

CPS Referrals

Prior to a child care application being taken, A CPS referral is required to indicate that services is working with the family.

- DSS does <u>not</u> have custody of the child(ren).
- The child(ren) lives in the home with his/her family.
- The parent is the case head of the case.
- The parent is required to complete the application and voucher.
- The worker should attempt to obtain and enter the income during the application process.

- CPS is the need for care on the plan of care
- The case does not have an income or asset limit.
- The family will not be assessed a parent fee, as long as the CPS referral evidence is active in NC FAST.
- The parent is responsible for completing a recertification packet.
- Another CPS referral is needed at recertification.

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SAMPLE REFERRAL FORM FOR CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CPS) and FOSTER CARE (FC) CHILD CARE SERVICES

	CPS/FC Social Worker: Warren Davi	is	D	ate: 9/21/2022	
	Placement Referral: Change	Redete	ermination	☐ Quarterly ✓ New Place	
	Attached is a copy of the Face Sheet a				
	Case Name: Pender			Case Number:	
	1st Parent/RA Name Mary Jones			Date of Birth 6	/20//3
	2nd Parent/RA Name			Date of Birth_	
	What is the 1st Parent/RA's Relati ✓ Parent ☐ Responsible Adv Who has custody of the child (ren)	ılt □Relativ ? Mary Jones	_	icensed Foster P	
	Child's Name: Wayne A. Pender	Child's	Date Of Bir	rth: 3/13/2000	
	SS# (requested for child only cases.) Sex: M F Race:		SIS ID #:_ merican Ind	2 0 0 5 8 3 8 lian/Alaskan Na	tive Asian
	The Reason Child Care Services A	re Needed For Child			
		ible Adult(s)			Foster Parent(s)
	Name of Licensed Foster Parent	Name of Empl	oyer	Hours of Employment	Days of Employment
	#1				
	#2				
	To Support Education/Training (831) of: Parent Responsible Adult Relative Licensed Foster Parent To Support Developmental Needs (841): child is delayed/at risk of delays in social, emotional, physical or cognitive development. Please explain: To Support Child Welfare Services (851) Prevent Foster Care Placement Support Family Reunification/Permanent Placement Is the parent(s) employed: Yes No				
	Child Care Specifics				
	Provider Requested: Little Angels CDC	C Prov	ider/Facility	r ID#:	
ŕ	Days Care Requested MTWThFS S Time care requested: 8:00 am to 5:00pm Transportation Requested: Yes No Reason for transportation:				
	Child care requested to begin: 9/22/2022 and continue until: 9/21/23				
	Additional Comments:				
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	Responsibility For Reporting Char	nges:			
	If there are any changes in the child' noted here, you must report the chan	s situation or foster par		ment from the i	nformation
	CPS/FC Worker's Signature:	Warren Davis	Work	er#	Date: 09/21/22
	CDC/EC Commission Commission	Tammu (verette			09/21/22
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CWS Referrals (Non-crisis)

Prior to a child care application being taken, A CWS referral is required that indicates that services is working with the family.

- DSS does not have custody of the child(ren).
- The child(ren) lives with a responsible adult
 The case does not have an income or (RA), someone other than the parent.
- The responsible adult (RA) is the case head of the case.
- The responsible adult (RA) is required to complete the application and voucher.
- The worker should attempt to obtain and enter the income during the application process.

- CWS is the need for care on the plan of care
- asset limit.
- The family will not be assessed a parent fee, as long as the CWS referral evidence is active in NC FAST.
- The responsible adult (RA) is responsible for completing a recertification packet.
- Another CWS referral is needed at recertification.

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SAMPLE REFERRAL FORM FOR CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CPS) and FOSTER CARE (FC) CHILD CARE SERVICES

	CPS/FC Social Worker: Debbie Days	i	D	ate: 9/21/2022		
	Placement Referral: Change		Redetermination	Quarterly	Review	
	Terminatio	n	Waiting List	✓New Plac	ement	
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	Attached is a copy of the Face Sheet and Application for Child Care Services (if applicable)					
	Case Name: Winters			Case Number:		
	1st Parent/RA Name Robin Jones Date of Birth 6/20/73 2nd Parent/RA Name Date of Birth					
	What is the 1st Parent/RA's Relati					
	Parent Responsible Adu		Relative L	icensed Foster P	arent	
	Who has custody of the child (ren)? Robin Jones					
	Child's Name: Summer Winters		Child's Date Of Bir		1 0 0	
	SS# (requested for child only cases.)			0048732		
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	☐ Black/African American ☐ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ☑ White (Check all that apply.)					
	The Reason Child Care Services Are Needed For Child					
	To Support Protective Services A			m homo (921)		
	Date of CPS complaint:		this report been sub		Zec DNo	
	Is the parent(s) employed:		uns report been suo	Statitiateu.	ies 🗀 No	
	To Support Employment (81)					
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	Parent(s) Responsi		Relative(s		Foster Parent(s)	
	Name of Licensed Foster Parent	Name o	of Employer	Hours of	Days of	
				Employment	Employment	
	#1					
	#2					
	To Support Education/Training (831) of: Parent Responsible Adult Relative Licensed Foster Parent To Support Developmental Needs (841): child is delayed/at risk of delays in social, emotional, physical or cognitive development. Please explain:					
	To Support Child Welfare Se					
	Prevent Foster Care Places			✓ Help Famil	ly in Crisis	
	Support Family Reunification/Permanent Placement					
	Is the parent(s) employed: 🗸	Yes No				
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	Child Care Specifics	_				
	Provider Requested: Little Angels CDC		_ Provider/Facility			
	Days Care Requested MTWThF		me care requested:	8:00 amto	5:00pm	
	Transportation Requested: Yes	∐No				
	Reason for transportation:					
	Child care requested to begin: 9/22/20)22	_ and continue until	9/21/23		
	Additional Comments:					
	Responsibility For Reporting Changes:					
	If there are any changes in the child's situation or foster parent employment from the information					
	noted here, you must report the chang	_				
	CPS/FC Worker's Signature:	Debbie 1	Days Work	er#	Date: 09/21/22	
	CPS/FC Supervisor's Signature:	John Br	achu.		09/21/22	
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CPS / CWS Eligibility Periods

 If care is being provided under any other need category, prior to the opening of a CPS case, a new application must be completed to reflect CPS as the reason child care is needed. A new period of eligibility will begin.

 When a responsible adult has an open case with any other need type except CWS and worker receives a CWS referral, a new application is not required. The worker can enter the CWS evidence and change the need for care to CWS.

Foster Care Referrals

A foster care referral is required prior to a child care application being taken.

- DSS has custody of the child(ren).
- The child(ren) lives with a licensed foster family or someone other than the parent.
- The youngest child is the case head of the case.
- The services social worker required to complete the application and sign the voucher.

- The referral can be used as the need for care.
- Foster Care is not the need for care on the plan of care. The family is required to meet one of the five need categories.
- An updated foster referral is needed at recertification.

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SAMPLE REFERRAL FORM FOR CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CPS) and FOSTER CARE (FC) CHILD CARE SERVICES

	CPS/FC Social Worker: Susan Jorda	n D	Date: 9/21/2022		
	Placement Referral: Change	Redetermination	Quarterly Review		
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	Attached is a copy of the Face Sheet and Application for Child Care Services (if applicable) Case Name: Case Number: 00503				
	1st Parent/RA Name Bobby L Washingt	on .	Date of Birth 6/20/73		
	2nd Parent/RA Name Betty Washingt		Date of Birth 01/05/74		
	What is the 1st Parent/RA's Relati				
	Parent Responsible Adu		icensed Foster Parent		
	Who has custody of the child (ren)				
	Child's Name: Wayne A. Pender	Child's Date Of Bir	eth. 3/13/2000		
	SS# (requested for child only cases.)		2 0 0 5 8 3 8 6 7 1 1		
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	The Reason Child Care Services A		. (021)		
		es for child to remain in his/her ov	vn nome (821) stantiated: Yes No		
	Date of CPS complaint: Is the parent(s) employed:		stantiated.		
	To Support Employment (81)				
		ible Adult(s) Relative(s) Licensed Foster Parent(s)		
	Name of Licensed Foster Parent	Name of Employer	Hours of Days of		
			Employment Employment		
	#1 Bobby L Washington	Columbus Blue Bell Facility	8:00 am - 5:00 pm Sun - Sat		
	#2 Betty A Washington	Hyde Electrical Services	7:30 am-5:30 pm Mon - Fri		
	To Support Education/Traini	ng (831) of:	•		
	Parent Respons		✓ Licensed Foster Parent		
		eeds (841): child is delayed/at risl	k of delays in social, emotional,		
	physical or cognitive developm	nent. Please explain:			
	To Support Child Wolfare So	rations (951)			
	To Support Child Welfare Services (851) Prevent Foster Care Placement Help Family in Crisis				
	Support Family Reunification/Permanent Placement				
	Is the parent(s) employed: Yes No				
	**************************	*********	*******		
	Child Care Specifics				
	Provider Requested: Little Angels CDCC Provider/Facility ID#:				
	Days Care Requested MTWThFS S Time care requested: 7:00 am to 6:00pm Transportation Requested: Yes No				
	Reason for transportation:				
	Child care requested to begin: 9/22/2022 and continue until: 9/21/23				
	Additional Comments:				
	Responsibility For Reporting Changes:				
	If there are any changes in the child's situation or foster parent employment from the information noted here, you must report the change to child care staff promptly.				
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NODLUIO	CPS/FC Supervisor's Signature:	la. Smlith.	Date: 09/21/22		
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NC FAST Evidence – Referrals

The worker must enter referral evidence in NC FAST on the Dashboard. Program Referral evidence requires verification such as the written referral from the social worker. Program Referral evidence is used by NC FAST to:

- Support CPS or CWS Need Types in the Plan of Care
- Verify a Need Type for foster care parents.
- Identify when income is not counted in eligibility determinations.
- Identify cases that will not have a Parental Fee.

Referral Evidence in NC FAST



Referral Evidence in NC FAST

	Participant	Description	Period	Updates Latest Activity
•		Has CPS Program Referral with Referral Date 9/16/2022.	9/16/2022 - 1/13/2023	on 1/24/2023 12:52
	Change Summary	Period	Source Status	Updated By
	▼ 1/17/2023 - Case Audit	9/16/2022 - 1/13/2023	Active	n 1/24/2023 12:52 · · ·
	Details History			
	Updated On	1/24/2023 12:52	Updated By	s [View History]
	Effective Date of Change Approval Requested	No	Approval Status	Approved [View History]
	Details			
	Child		Referral Date	9/16/2022
	Referral Type	CPS	SIS ID	
	Start Date CPS Details	9/16/2022	End Date	1/13/2023
	CPS Details			
	Complaint Date	6/7/2022		
	Substantiation Status	Yes	Substantiated Date	7/21/2022
	CPS Needed	Yes	CWS Recommended	No
	CWS Details			
	CWS Reason			
	Foster Care Details			
	Licensed Foster Care	No	Are ALL Foster Parents for the child employed?	I No
	Comments			

NC FAST – Referral Example

Questions

What type of evidence is needed when the need type is CPS/CWS?

Who is required to sign the application on a CWS application?

True or False..... A signed application is not required if the child care worker has received a services referral indicating the family is in need of child care assistance.

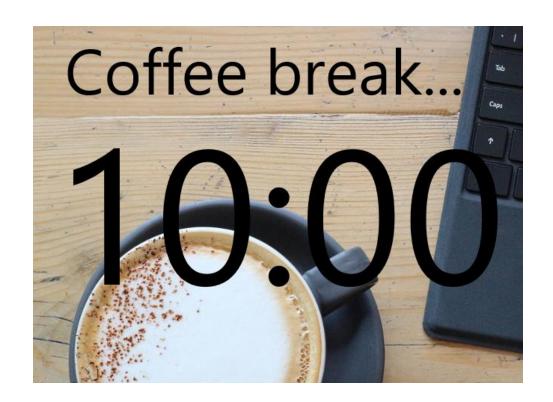
Select one

- CPS/CWS
- Program Referral
- Special Needs
- Welfare and Protection
- Program Referral
- Social worker
- Parent
- Responsible Adult
- Responsible Adult
- True
- False
- False





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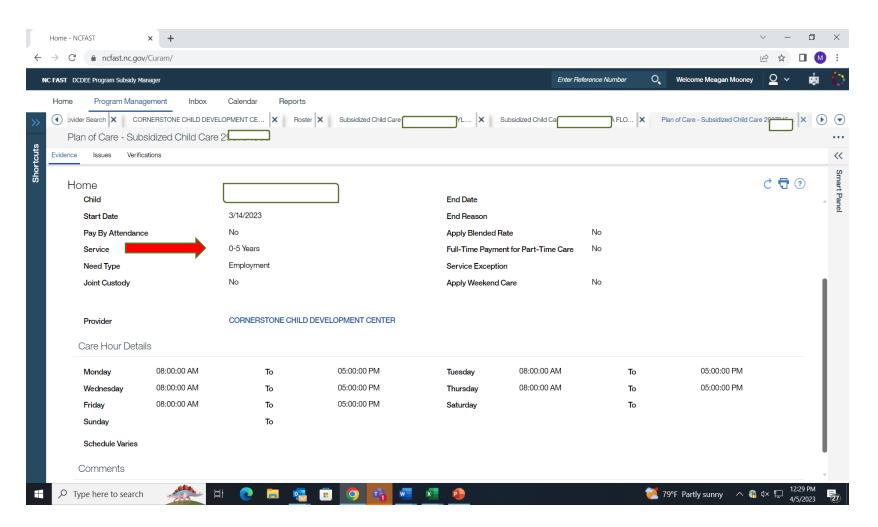


Service Types

The correct service type should be entered in the plan of care evidence based on the verified hours of care needed and the age of the child.

- 0–5 Years—Service Children ages 0-5 years, or until a 5-year-old enters kindergarten.
- School Age—Before Care Service applies to school age children who need care before school. This service includes school closure days.
- School Age—After Care Service applies to school age children who need care after school. This service includes school closure days.
- School Age—Before and After Service applies to school age children who need care both before and after school. This service includes school closure days.

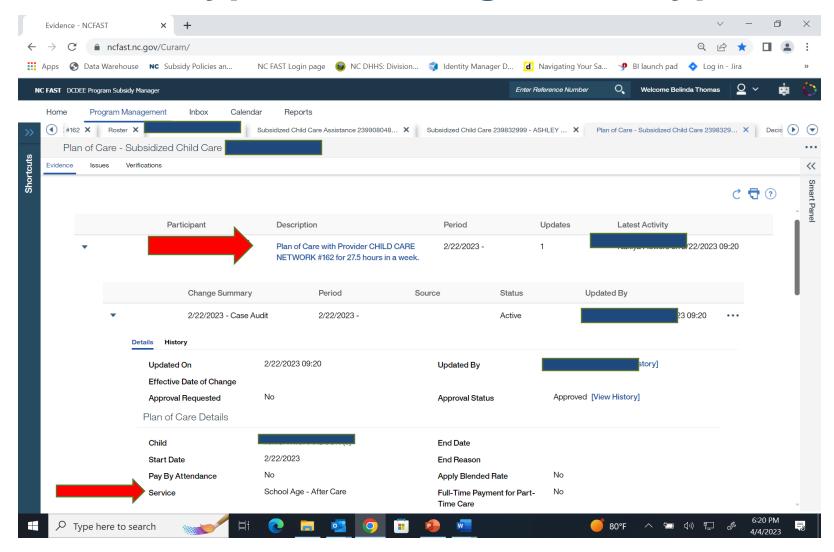
Service Type-Age 0-5



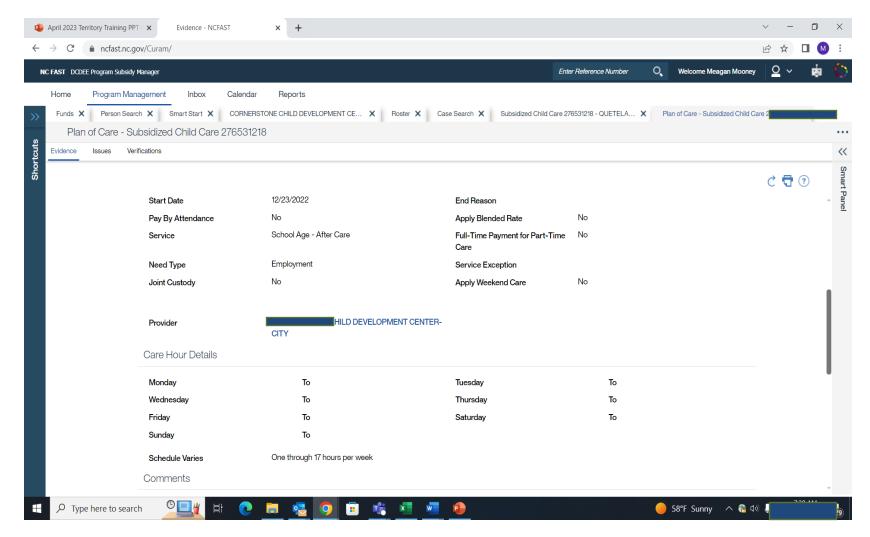
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Service Type-School Age After Type



Service Types-School Age After

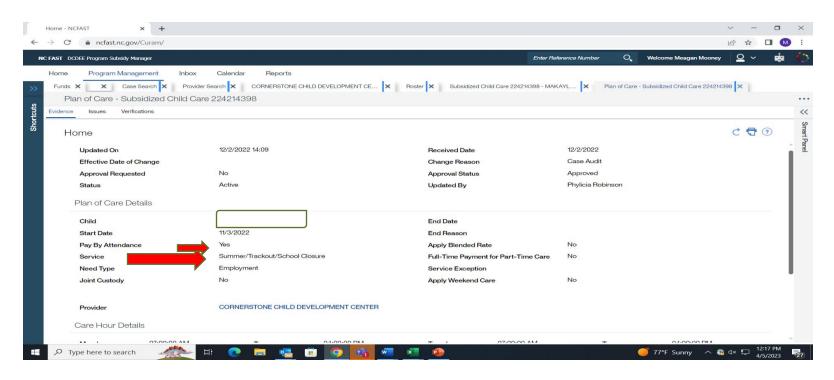


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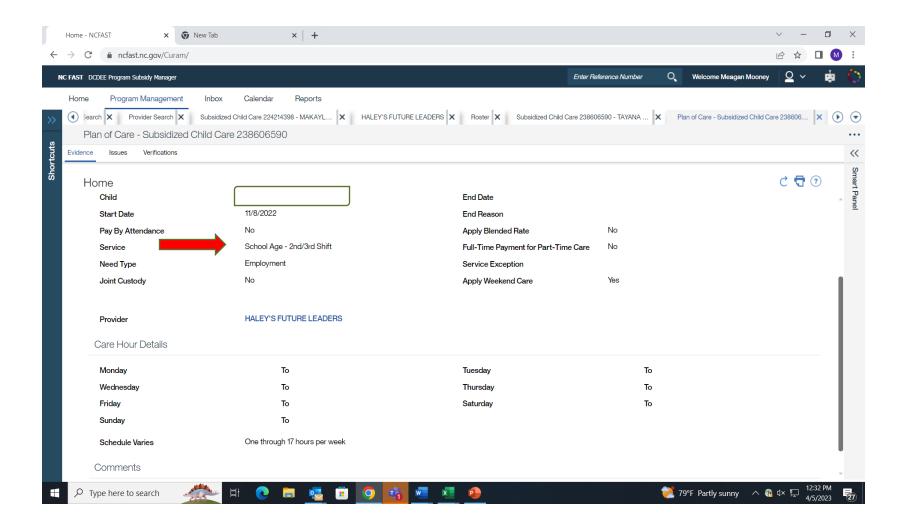
- Summer/Track Out/School Closure is a service used for school age children who need care during summer, track out and school closings only.
- School Age –2nd and 3rd shift---This applies to school age children who need care during 2nd or 3rd shift hours.

Service Types – Summer/Track out/School Closure

For children who need care for school closures and/or summer only, the Summer/Track
Out/School Closure service should be entered in the plan of care evidence. The pay by
attendance box should be checked when the child only needs school closure days when
school is in session.



Service Type-School Age 2nd/3rd Shift



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Services for Blended Rates

Blended Rates are payment rates for children ages three and older receiving Subsidized Child Care Assistance (SCCA) from a single provider for these types of services:

- School Age After Care, School Age Before Care, or School Age Before and After Care, AND
 - Full time summer care, AND
 - At least one of the following school closings: holidays, teacher workdays, inclement weather days

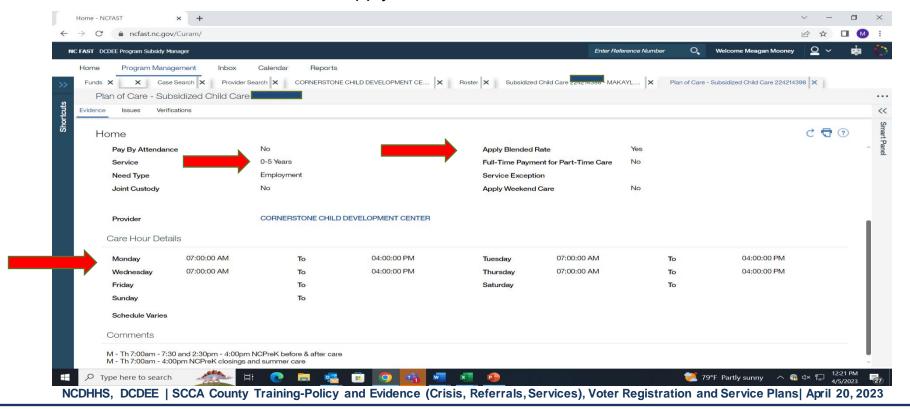
Or

- A pre-kindergarten program including Head Start, NC Pre-K, Pre-K, Pre-School, or Title I
 Pre-K (three to five years old) needing after care, before care, or before and after care, AND
- Full time summer care, AND
- At least one of the following school closings: holidays, teacher workdays, inclement weather days

Services for Blended Rates-Not School Age

The worker should select the appropriate service type for the plan of care

 Three and five years old who are enrolled in a pre-kindergarten program, select 0-5 Years. Select the Apply Blended Rate check box for a 3–5-year-old if Blended Rates apply.

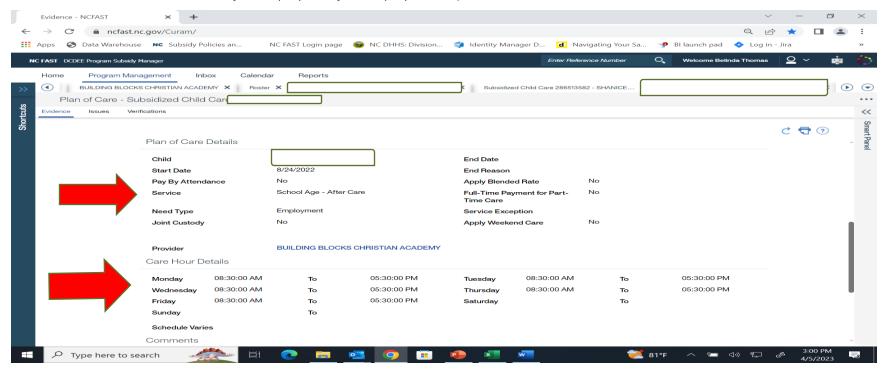


Services for Blended Rate-School Age

For School age - select School Age - Before Care, School Age - After Care, or School Age - Before and After Care. The Apply Blended Rate box should not be checked for school-age children.

When entering a daily schedule, the total hours must be between thirty-two (32) hours to fifty-five (55) hours.

• If the schedule varies day-to-day without a pattern, click the Schedule Varies drop-down list then select Thirty-two (32) to fifty-five (55) hours per week.



Service Types

 Which service type should you enter when a child only needs school closure days and summer?

Summer/Track Out/School Closure

 Which service type should you use when a child needs after school care and full time care on school closure days and summer?

School Age - After Care

Which service type should you enter for a 4 year old in NC Pre- K?

0-5

• Mom works M-F between the hours of 3p-11p and needs care for her school age child. She has chosen a center that is open 600a-1200a. What service type would you choose?

School Age – 2nd/3rd Shift



NC FAST Service Plans

Service Plans (SP) play a central role in processing new Subsidized Child Care Assistance (SCCA) cases, recertifications, and changes in circumstance.

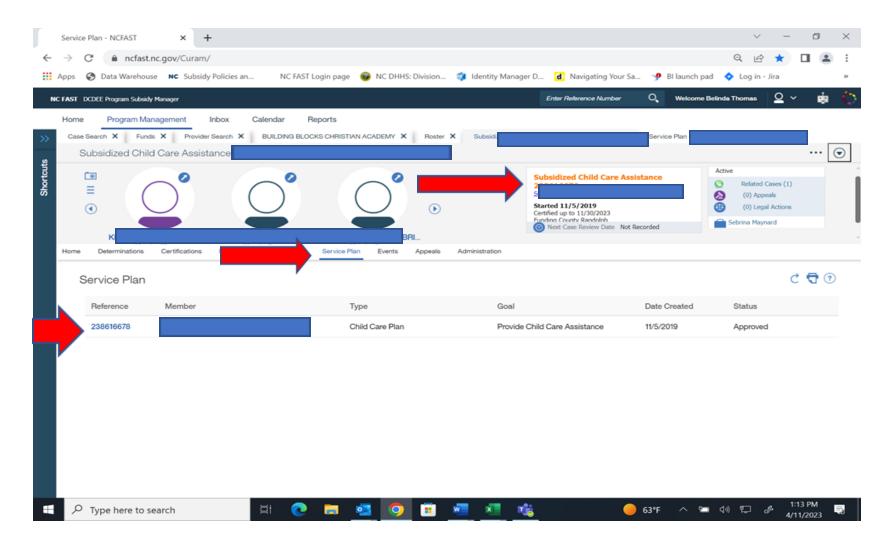
NC FAST creates a new Service Plan (SP) for each Product Delivery Case (PDC) with content from Plan of Care evidence and uses the Service Plan to track vouchers, implement Plan of Care evidence, and obligate funds.

Workers cannot modify a Service Plan directly, but changes made in some types of evidence will result in changes to the Service Plan.

When changes are made to evidence, NC FAST triggers a Service Plan to reassess fund obligations.

NC FAST uses Plan of Care evidence to create vouchers and SPs.

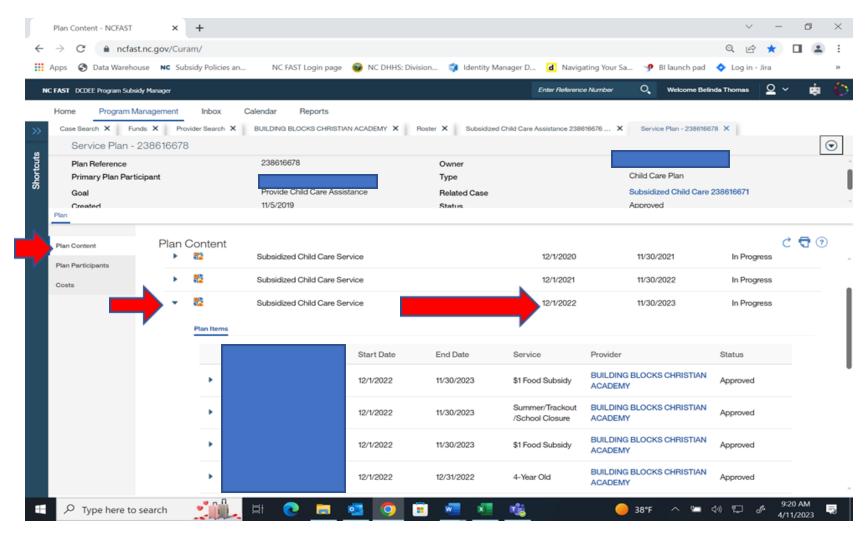
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