

North Carolina state and county DSS and their community partners will create an achievement-focused child welfare culture which includes:

- Adopting a continuous quality improvement (CQI) approach to child welfare that is data-driven and results oriented.
- Engaging community partners to assess needs and build on strengths of each community.
- Using evidence-based best practices, technical assistance (TA), and training to continuously improve achievements.



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Key REAP Components

Core Child Welfare Achievements

Improved

✓ Monthly "data dashboard" report sent to county DSS to track progress on key child welfare outcomes

Child Welfare Community Assessment

- $\checkmark\,$ Revised method and tool for bi-annual review
- ✓ Used to identify top priorities for improvement

Child Welfare Achievement Plan

- ✓ Developed with community partners
- ✓ Based on community's strengths and needs
- \checkmark Includes action steps for changes in practice or system

Data-Driven Technical Assistance

- ✓ Provided by Division based on county achievements and self-assessment
- ✓ On-line gateway will track requests and measure impact of TA and training
- ✓ Peer-to-peer networking for implementation support

REAP Pilot In 2011 eight county DSS agencies began piloting this model.			
Craven	Hoke	Pitt	Union
Cumberland	Pender	Scotland	Wilson

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