GETTING TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Closing the wage gap between current wages and the Self-Sufficiency Standard requires both reducing costs and raising incomes.

HOW DO NORTH CAROLINA'S JOBS STACK UP?



The ten most common occupations cover a **quarter** of North Carolina's workforce

Only **ONE** of these occupations has median wages above the Standard for this family in Pitt County



Pitt County 1 adult + 1 preschooler + 1 school-age

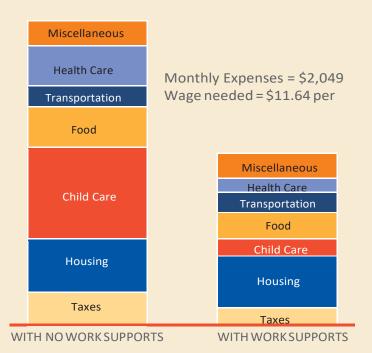
HOW DO WORK SUPPORTS HELP FAMILIES MEET BASIC NEEDS?



This figure shows how work supports can reduce a family's expenses, so they can get by on a lower wage until they are able to earn Self-Sufficiency Wages.

- North Carolina Health Choice (Children's Health Insurance Program) reduces healthcare costs from \$183 to \$165 per month.
- Food assistance reduces groceries from \$481 to \$311 per month.
- Child care voucher reduces child care costs from \$1,095 to just \$205 copay per month.
- A housing voucher reduces costs from \$642 to \$606 per month (30% of income).
- Net-taxes decreases \$399 to \$224 per month.

Monthly Expenses = \$4,395 Wage needed = \$24.97 per hour



To download the full report and data for all 700+ family types visit www.unitedwaync.org/selfsufficiencystandard

