

Item Title: Recognition of Recent Awards

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners recognize recent regional and national award winners.

Item Summary:

Wake County Government Recognized Regionally and Nationally for Excellence in Employee Health and Wellness

Wake County was ranked #2 in the **2018 Healthiest 100 Workplaces in America**, an award program that honors the best of the nation's best in worksite health. Wake County was recognized for its innovative wellness programs and resources, especially *Living Great @ Wake*, which takes a holistic approach to well-being and emphasizes several dimensions of personal health.

This year's Healthiest 100 Workplaces include public and private organizations that span nearly every industry and geography and range in size from just 19 employees to more than 150,000. Wake County was the only government organization on the list.

Powered by health intelligence software Springbuk, the awards program evaluates more than 1,000 of America's top wellness programs to select the 100 employers who have achieved lasting success through a wide array of employee wellness initiatives. The Healthiest 100 Workplaces in America award culminates the year-long regional wellness awards program hosted in more than 40 cities across the United States.

To kick off the next regional rankings cycle, the Triangle Business Journal recently announced the winners of the **2018 Healthiest Employers Awards**. Wake County was ranked as the Triangle's #1 Healthiest Employer for the second year in a row and recognized as an exemplary leader in workplace wellness who is doing the most for our employees.

Public Health Receives 2018 Summer Nutrition Champion Award

Human Services' Summer Food Service Program recently received a 2018 Summer Nutrition Champion Award from the NC Department of Public Instruction and No Kid Hungry North Carolina. The program's Summer Food site at Sunnybrook was recognized as a Superior Site for implementing innovative and creative changes to expand their summer nutrition programs.

Child Welfare Programs Win National Awards for Adoption Excellence

Human Services' Licensing and Placement and Adoption Resource Teams were selected by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to receive a 2018 Adoption Excellence Award in the Media/Social Media/Public Awareness Category. The teams were recognized for their extraordinary contributions to providing adoption and other permanency outcomes for children waiting in foster care.

In addition, a Wake County family nominated by Human Services was selected as an Adoption Excellence Award winner in the Family Contributions category. Peter and Ginger Smith, who are the proud parent of one adopted child and two birth children, have fostered eight Wake County children. In addition to their extraordinary contributions as foster parents, the Smiths have collaborated, partnered and extended themselves beyond their own family to provide leadership and support to other foster families and promote permanency for foster youth in Wake County.

Attachments:

None