

# CRIB TO CAREER NORTH CAROLINA'S TRUE WORKFORCE PIPELINE

## MCDOWELL COUNTY

6.4%  
of children  
(ages 0-3)  
receive early  
intervention  
or special ed  
services

ONLY  
34%  
of 1st graders  
were proficient  
in reading

ONLY  
39%  
of 4th graders  
were proficient  
by NC EOG\*  
reading  
standards

ONLY  
33%  
of 8th graders  
were proficient  
by NC EOG\*  
reading  
standards

ONLY  
9%  
of 11th graders  
met  
all ACT college &  
career readiness  
benchmarks

ONLY  
24%  
of people  
(ages 25+)  
held a  
2-year degree  
or higher  
in 2015

LOW WAGE JOBS