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.

HOW DO WORK SUPPORTS HELP FAMILIES MEET BASIC NEEDS?

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

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

Monthly Expenses = $2,049
Wage needed = $11.64 per hour

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.

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