



North Carolina Justice for Sterilization Victims Foundation



CLEARINGHOUSE PROGRAM

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Overview



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- ✦ **Preliminary Task Force Recommendations**
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What is the Clearinghouse?



- ✦ Intake and processing arm of the North Carolina Justice for Sterilization Victims Foundation, Division of NC Dept. of Administration

- ✦ Launched in October 2010 to assist victims and the public with their inquiries about
 - How to be verified as a victim of the state program?
 - How to find out more about NC eugenics?

North Carolina's Impacted Eugenics Population

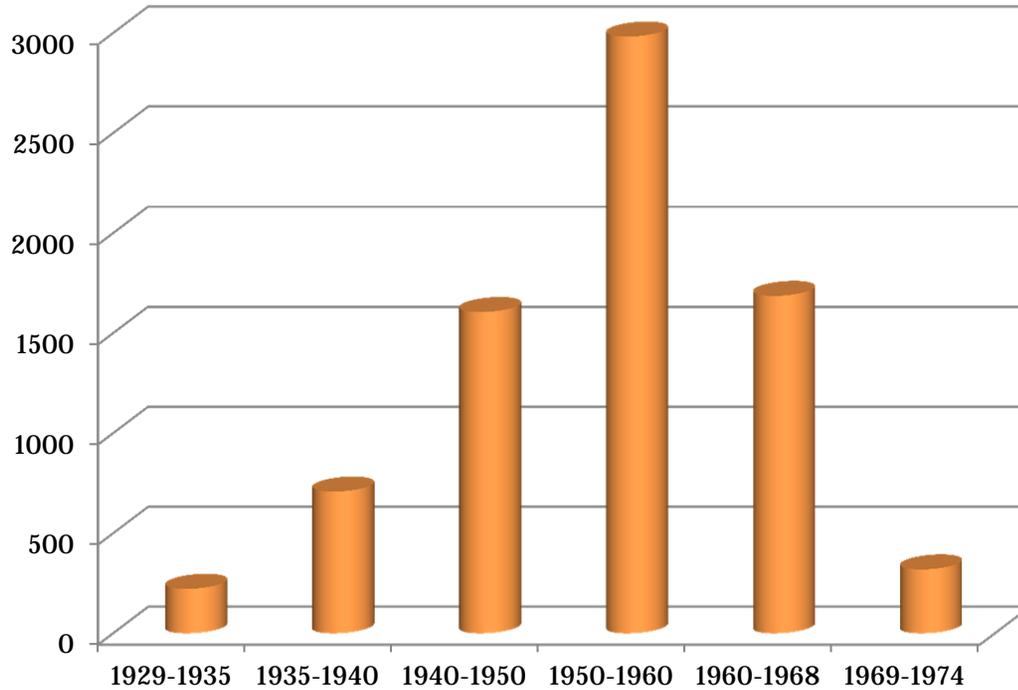


- ❖ **Nearly 7,600** people sterilized under state's sterilization program between 1929-1974
- ❖ **Nearly 40% or 2,944** victims estimated to be alive (State Center for Health Statistics – October 2010 estimate)
- ❖ **1,500 – 2,000** victims more realistically estimated to be alive (State Center for Health Statistics – Don Akin, July 13, 2011 Task Force meeting)

North Carolina's Impacted Eugenics Population



Total Sterilizations Performed 1929-1974



Year	Total Sterilizations
1929-1935	223
1935-1940	709
1940-1950	1606
1950-1960	2983
1960-1968	1687
1969-1974	320
Total	7528

■ Total Sterilizations

Preliminary Task Force Recommendations



- ❖ **Lump Sum Financial Damages for Living Victims (Exempt from State Taxes)**
- ❖ **Mental Health Services for Living Victims**
- ❖ **Funding for Traveling Eugenics Exhibit**
- ❖ **Continuation and Expansion Funding for Foundation**

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More about the Foundation

- Created in Department of Administration to provide justice to victims
- Actively partners with Department of Cultural Resources' Office of State Archives
- Current Staffing
1 Full-Time Foundation Director
2 part-time Foundation temps
- Develops Clearinghouse procedures
- Distributed over 3,000 posters to local programs/ agencies throughout NC in past six months

Clearinghouse Verifications

FY 2011-12: 1st Quarter Results

688 Phone Inquiries
126 Verification Forms Received
16 Verified Victims

**48 Total Verified Victims
To Date**

Clearinghouse Program Requirements



Four Key Areas

- ✦ Intake
- ✦ Processing
- ✦ Outreach
- ✦ Automation

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Intake

Continuation of the Clearinghouse is needed for intake.

- First point of contact for many people seeking initial information about the Foundation and Eugenics in North Carolina.
- Eliminates referrals to multiple agencies by providing central location for victims seeking confidentiality, patience and support
- Distributes verification forms and information to callers and educates them about the Clearinghouse process

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Processing

Continuation of the Clearinghouse is needed for processing.

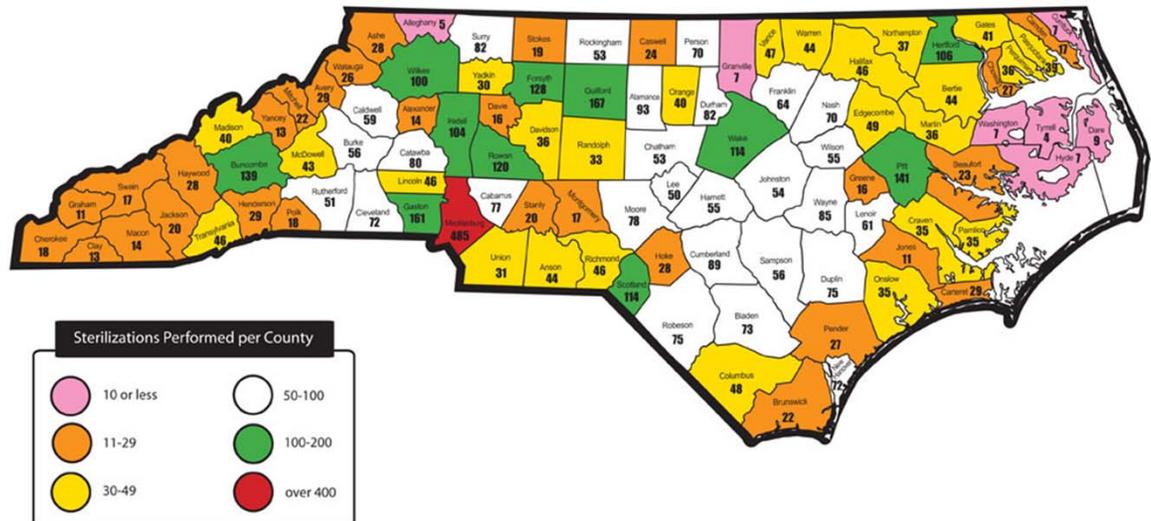
- Notarized verification forms are processed and screened within the Foundation before they are taken to State Archives.
- State Archivists at the Department of Cultural Resources search through program records dating back to 1929.
- Foundation staff follow-up with individuals submitting forms and notifies them of the results.

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Outreach

Outreach is needed to staff, develop and carryout a strategic outreach plan to educate and reach the public and potential victims who choose to come forward

Peak of Eugenic Program in North Carolina July 1946 - June 1968



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Types of Possible Outreach:

Media Campaign - Create Commercials, Print Advertisements, Radio Announcements, Partnerships with State and National Media and Editorial Boards

Grassroots Engagement & Community Education

Partner with Local Programs, State Programs, Nonprofits and Legislators to reach each corner of North Carolina

Regular Satellite Foundation Visits in local areas to assist public with verification forms on site

Legal Aid and Clinical Law School Partnerships – Assist public with Power of Attorney forms, legal Guardianship forms, etc.

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Automation

Master List

Creation of digitalized Master List of all victims from program records and nearly 8,000 Index Cards would be helpful

Call Management Tracking System

System would be helpful in documenting Foundation inquiries and tracking verification requests and status. Master List could be linked to this system. Copies of index cards and patient files could also be linked if digitalized.

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Additional Consideration: Media and Research Requests

Record Redactions will require

- **Quotes from outside vendors, and**
- **Preparation, review, redaction and double-checking for final redacted records.**

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