

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE N.C. CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH IN 1990

HONORS AND AWARDS

1. The N.C. Center for Public Policy Research was featured in a cover story in NONPROFIT WORLD, national journal on nonprofit leadership and management. The Center was honored as part of the magazine's "Profiles in Excellence" series, which cited the Center's groundbreaking analyses and the impact its research on policy decisions in North Carolina.
2. "Down in the Dumps," the fourth television special jointly produced with the statewide public TV network won the award for Best Documentary by the Radio Television News Directors Association of the Carolina

GOAL #1: TO AFFECT THE CONTENT OR OUTCOME OF PUBLIC POLICY IN N.C.

1. The 1990 N.C. General Assembly enacted legislation creating a new Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission with the aim of establishing uniform standards for criminal justice policy. The Center had recommended such a commission in 1989 and a legislative study commission later adopted the recommendation. July 1990
2. The N.C. Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources released the first draft State Environmental Index in 1990. The Center had recommended such an index in 1988 as a way to measure progress or decline in the state's protection of its water, air, wildlife, and land resources. Gov. James G. Martin endorsed the idea in his 1989 Inaugural Address. August 1990
3. The 1990 Legislative Research Commission Study Committee on Homeless Persons adopted three of the Center's four recommendations designed to develop a state policy to deal with homelessness. The LRC included these in its recommendations to the 1991 General Assembly. November 1990
4. The Center was invited to testify before three legislative study commissions in 1990:
 - (a) The Legislative Research Commission on Solid and Infectious Waste regarding our research on local landfills; Jan. 1990
 - (b) The Legislative Research Commission on Homeless Persons; Sept. 1990
 - (c) The subcommittee on Educational Equity of the Legislative Research Commission on Education regarding our research on disparities in financing among local school districts. The Center's call for a State Equalization Fund was echoed in a November report by the Public School Forum of N.C. Both reports raised the level of public debate on this issue. March 1990
5. The Center's publications were handed out in several legislative committees as resources on veto power for the governor, four-year terms for legislators, merit selection of judges, and recycling and solid waste. The Center's work on whether to appoint or elect the Superintendent of Public Instruction was also distributed to the State Board of Education by the Board Chairman. June-July 1990