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New Film Explores the Crises of Unmet Needs Experienced by People with Disabilities *Free screening and discussion of award-winning 'Unmet' take place on June 9 at MAHEC*

(Asheville, NC, May 31, 2023): What does it mean for a young man with autism to age out of high school without support because he's on North Carolina's 16,000-person waiting list for services? What does it mean to have aging parents and no support for basic life needs due to the workforce shortage of direct support professionals?

["UNMET: Two Developmental Disability Crises"](#) is a film commissioned by the North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities that addresses these questions, showing the real-life situations of individuals with developmental disabilities and what it looks like when their needs are unmet.

A screening of the 25-minute documentary will take place on Friday, June 9, at 7 p.m., in the Education Building at Mountain Area Health Education Center, located at 121 Hendersonville Rd. in Asheville. An open discussion will follow the screening, which will include remarks from the filmmaker and others associated with the film.

"Unmet" was recently awarded "Outstanding Achievement Award (Documentary Short)" at the May 2023 Indie Short Fest, a Los Angeles-based international film competition.

The event, hosted by NCCDD in partnership with MAHEC, is free and open to the public. To reserve a seat at this community event, pre-register at <https://bit.ly/UNMETAsheville>.

About MAHEC

Established nearly five decades ago, MAHEC – Mountain Area Health Education Center – is a leader in healthcare, education, and innovation. Headquartered in Asheville with satellite offices in [various locations](#) across its 16-county Western North Carolina service area, MAHEC is the largest of nine [Area Health Education Centers](#) in North Carolina. With more than 1,000 employees, MAHEC's mission is to recruit, train and retain the workforce needed to create a healthy North Carolina, with a focus on primary care in rural communities and those with less access to resources.

Among the patient services MAHEC offers is an [IDD Assessment Clinic](#) that supports individuals 16 and older with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, their families, and primary care providers.

MAHEC's 14-acre Biltmore campus is also home to [UNC Health Sciences at MAHEC](#), an academic health center in partnership with UNC-Chapel Hill that includes programs from the UNC School of Medicine, UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health, UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy, and UNC Adams School of Dentistry. A private, [501\(c\) 3 nonprofit organization](#), MAHEC will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2024. For more information, visit mahec.net and follow MAHEC on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#).

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