

FOSTER PARENT TRAINING:

After you have attended a foster parent orientation and feel ready to become a foster parent, training is the next step in the process. The training program called MAPP (Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting), is a 10 week course that prepares you to become a licensed foster parent.

Some of the topics covered in MAPP training include:

- Foster Care & Adoption Experience
- Helping Children with Attachments & Birth Family Connections
- Understanding the Impact of Fostering or Adopting

Please check the calendar on our website for the next foster parent information session.

Contact us to register for the next training session.

Phone:

(828) 250-5868

Email:

familiesforkids@buncombecounty.org

Website:

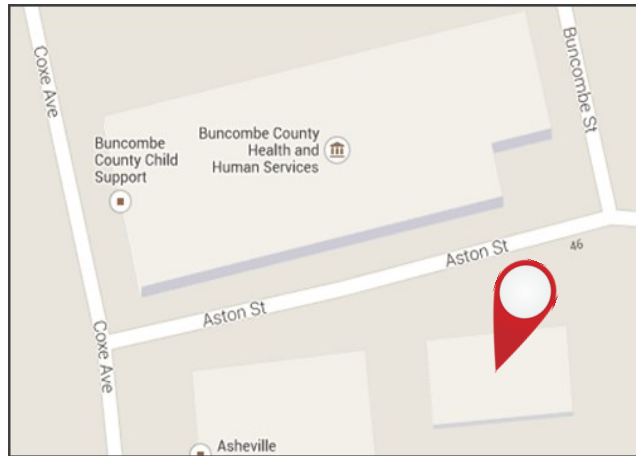
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MAPP Classes

MAPP Classes are held in the Hughes Building located at:

46 Aston Street (The one story brick building on Aston Street behind Health and Human Services.)

Parking is available in the lot next to the building.



Our Licensing Unit offices are located at:

35 Woodfin Street
Asheville, NC 28801

M-F 8am – 5pm

Call: (828) 250-5868

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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**



Thinking about becoming a foster parent?



Foster our Future



Here are the next steps...

Building a Better Future Together, One CHILD at a Time

ABOUT FOSTER CARE:

The best place for a child to be is with a family. The truth is that there are some children who cannot safely live with their birth parents.

When relatives cannot provide a safe home for these children, foster parents become the temporary family for them. If the child is unable to safely return to their birth family, a foster parent can become the adoptive family.

No matter where you live, there is a child in foster care close by who is in need of a safe and stable home.

Who are the children in care?

All children in foster care have been abused or neglected or may have no one to care for them. They have all experienced loss and unpredictability.

These children are 0 -18 years old and are all races, genders, and religions. They have favorite foods, activities, and sense of style.

Foster parents do not have to be:

Married, rich, own a home, a certain race, gender, or ethnic group.

Foster parents need to:

Love kids, communicate well and have the time to take care of a child's needs



Supports for Foster Parents:

Foster parents get a monthly stipend for the child's day-to-day needs. See our website for the current amounts.

Children in care receive Medicaid to cover all healthcare related needs. We offer day care and after school vouchers for parents who work.

Each foster parent is connected to a licensing worker. Support is available, 24 hours a day from our agency. We also provide on-going training opportunities throughout the year.

Our licensing workers will connect you to other foster parents who can support you

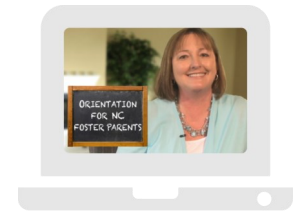
NEXT STEPS...

Becoming a foster parent is a rewarding and important calling. The challenges can be big, but the rewards are even bigger. Being a foster parent is something that ***you CAN do for a kid!***

Step 1:

This online orientation created by the State of North Carolina is a good way to see if you are ready to foster a child.

Please visit: www.ncswlearn.org/foster



Step 2:

Find out when the next foster parent learning session will be. There are opportunities to learn about fostering year round.



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Step 3:

Register and attend foster parent training classes (called MAPP) that prepare you to become a licensed foster parent.