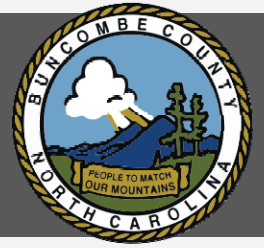


FOSTER HOME LICENSURE FOR RELATIVE & KINSHIP CAREGIVERS



**BUNCOMBE COUNTY
HEALTH & HUMAN
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WHY CONSIDER BECOMING A LICENSED FOSTER PARENT?

Thank you for opening your home as a relative or friend of a child who cannot return home safely at this time and is at risk of entering foster care.

It is our goal to work with the child, their family and people who support them to eliminate this risk so that children can safely return home. However, there are times when this is not possible. When this happens the court may become involved and may grant custody of the child to the Department; meaning the child enters foster care. The court is then required to sanction placement of the child in your home or in a licensed foster home.

Due to this possibility we encourage caregivers to consider becoming licensed foster parents. It is important that you are made aware of the supports and services available to you should you become a licensed foster parent.

SUPPORT FOR LICENSED FOSTER PARENTS

- Medicaid for the Child in Your Home
- Monthly Room & Board payment based on the age of the child:
 - Ages 0-5 = \$475
 - Ages 6-12= \$581
 - Ages 13-17 = \$634



- Child Care (as available for eligible children). We offer day care and after school vouchers for parents who work.
Tiered rates (subject to change at any time) are available for the placement of some teenagers, sibling groups of 3 or more when placed together and medically fragile children.
- Your own Licensing Social Worker to support you in your role as a foster parent
- Free Orientation
- Free 30 hrs. required pre-service training (with HHS or a private agency)
- Free ongoing training and support

HOW TO GET STARTED

1. **In-person:** 35 Woodfin Street
M - F | 8am - 5pm
(Across from the Court House)
2. **By Phone:** (828) 250-5868
3. **By Email:**
familiesforkids@buncombecounty.org
4. **Website:**
buncombecounty.org/foster

REQUIREMENTS

- You must complete 30 hours of pre-service training - offered for FREE
- You must be at least 21 years old and have a high school diploma, GED or demonstrate the ability to read and write
- You must be financially stable
- You must be physically, mentally and emotionally able to care for a child

AFTER HOURS
EMERGENCY

OR

MAKE A REPORT

(828) 250-5900

BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE, ONE FAMILY AT A TIME

- You and adult household members 18 years old and up must agree to and pass a criminal background check
- You and adult household members 18 years old and up must not be a perpetrator of abuse or neglect of a child
- You and adult household members 18 years old and up must provide excellent references
- Your home must pass environmental and fire inspections and be safe for children
- Have space for a child to comfortably live and sleep in your home

Social Worker:

Phone Number:

Supervisor:

Supervisor Number:

Partnering with our community to
strengthen our health, safety and
self-sufficiency



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IN PERSON

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Asheville, NC 28801



BY PHONE

SOCIAL WORK SERVICES: (828) 250-5868
ECONOMIC SERVICES: (828) 250-5500
HEALTH SERVICES: (828) 250-5000



ONLINE

VISIT
buncombecounty.org/HHS

Additional Resources



Call **2-1-1** or visit nc211.org
to find out about other local resources.



Apply for **Medicaid** and **Food Assistance**
online at ePASS.NC.GOV

Other Services we provide...

WIC
Immunizations/Travel Vaccines
Nurse Family Partnership
Work First Employment Services
Disease Control
Free and Reduced School
Lunches
Low Income Energy Assistance
Program (LIEAP)
Food Assistance
Family and Children's Medicaid
Child Care Subsidy
STD/HIV Testing
Emergency Assistance

Interpreter services available at no cost

Servicios de intérprete están disponibles sin costo alguno
Услуги переводчика предоставляются бесплатно
If you have problems getting interpreter help, please call
Title VI Compliance Officer at 828-250-5587

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