

Social Worker:

**Phone Number:** 

Alternate Number:

### **CONNECT TO SERVICES**

#### VISIT US DOWNTOWN

40 Coxe Avenue Asheville, NC 28801 Monday – Friday 8am – 5pm

CALL US ECONOMIC & SOCIAL WORK SERVICES (828) 250-5500

HEALTH SERVICES (828) 250-5000

FIND OUT MORE ON THE WEB buncombecounty.org/hhs nc211.org

Apply for **Medicaid** and

Food Assistance online at ePASS.NC.GOV



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#### **OTHER HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES PROVIDED...**

WIC	Child Care Subsidy	STD/HIV Testing
Food Assistance	Nurse Family Partnership	Child and Adult Protective Services
Emergency Assistance	Youth Employment Permits	Breast and Cervical Cancer Control (BCCCP)
Low Income Energy Assistance (LIEAP)	Work First Employment	Free and Reduced School Lunches
Adult Medicaid	Family Planning	A credit/discount on your telephone bill
Family and Children's Medicaid	Birth and Death Certificates	Immunizations/ Travel Vaccines

**Disease Control** 

#### 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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BUNCOMBE COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BUNCOMBECOUNTY.ORG/FOSTER

# FOSTER PARENTING IN BUNCOMBE COUNTY

Foster care is temporary substitute care for children who cannot remain safely in their home as determined by the Court. Placement of a child in foster care requires assessment of the child and family's needs and careful planning.

A foster parent is someone who is licensed to provide a safe, supportive temporary home for children in protective custody.

#### **Foster Parents MUST:**

- Be over 21
- Be willing to be fingerprinted and have a criminal records check
- Have a stable home and income
- Maintain a drug-free environment
- Complete all required training and be licensed by the state of North Carolina.

# Licensure of Foster Parents in Buncombe County:

To become a foster parent you must complete the required training and be licensed by the state of North Carolina. Our licensing workers at Buncombe County Health and Human Services work with individuals who are interested in becoming licensed to ensure that they are prepared for this important job.

#### **Training Required Before Licensure:**

Training is offered throughout the year for those interested in fostering. Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting Class (or MAPP) prepares participants for the fostering experience and meets the 30 hour state training requirement.

# Yearly Training Requirements for Foster Parents:

Licensing staff ensure that training is available year round to meet the state requirements to continue fostering in North Carolina.

## AM I NEEDED AS A FOSTER PARENT?

**YES!** In Buncombe County, there are many children in care, but not enough people to help care for them. This means that children could be placed in group homes, away from their siblings or sent out of the county, far from everyone and everything they know. We need quality, committed foster families to provide safe, nurturing homes for the children in our community who must be in foster care.

Each foster parent is connected to a licensing worker. Support is available 24/7!

Please visit our website to learn more about fostering in Buncombe County.

www.buncombecounty.org/foster

# BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE, ONE CHILD AT A TIME

### FOSTER HOME LICENSING

#### **SERVICES INCLUDE:**

- Free Orientation
- Free Pre-Service Training
- Recommendation to the NC Division of Social Work Services, Regulatory & Licensing Services for licensure
- Ongoing support of a Licensing Social Worker and training opportunities

## CONTACT US TO BECOME A FOSTER PARENT

- 1. **By Phone:** (828) 250-5868
- 2. **In-person:** 35 Woodfin Street, Asheville Monday - Friday | 8am - 5pm
- 3. Email: familiesforkids@buncombecounty.org
- 4. **Website:** buncombecounty.org/foster or visit ncswlearn.org/foster for an online orientation.

There are many children in foster care in Buncombe County but not enough people to help care for them. JOIN US TODAY!