

Are you Interested?



Family Builders hosts an information meeting at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. The meeting is held at the Family Services Center, located at 3050 11th Avenue Dr. SE, Hickory, NC 28602.

Information is also available online at www.familybuilderscv.org.

For more information, contact our Recruitment Specialist at 828-465-8901.

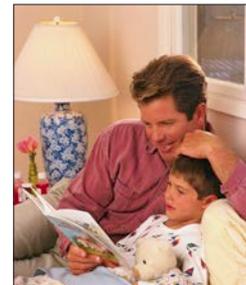
Family Builders of Catawba Valley envisions that through customized, family-based services, every child in the custody of Catawba County Social Services will be in a safe, loving and permanent home.

Every child deserves a place to call home.



“I wasn’t too old to want a family. No one is ever too old to want and need a family. I spent 10 years in the foster system without a family, a real home ... but I still prayed every night for someone to want me. Maybe it took 10 years for a family to find me and love me. But now I have my family forever. Everyone deserves a family.” – **Adult adopted at age 17**

“When my wife suggested adoption, I really had some hesitations, like, ‘How could I raise a complete stranger as my child? And could I love a child that isn’t really mine?’ And now, I can’t imagine life without my son.” – **Adoptive dad**



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FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTIVE SERVICES



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What is Family Builders?

Family Builders offers a full array of services for families wishing to foster, adopt, provide respite care or become a visiting resource for children waiting for a permanent home.

Our biggest needs are for families who wish to:

- Foster or adopt sibling groups of three or more.
- Foster young people ages 10-15.
- Foster independent living skills for youth ages 16-21.
- Adopt children age 6 and above.

Respite care families help care for children when foster parents need someone to look after their foster child for a few hours or a few days. A visiting resource family offers a refreshing and inviting place for children in the custody of Social Services to visit on a regular basis, such as one evening each week or scheduled weekend visits. These families provide mentoring and friendship to children who need support and encouragement.

Services Provided

Family Builders emphasizes finding a permanent, loving, safe living arrangement within 12 months for children who enter the custody of Social Services. This permanency plan can include rehabilitation, strengthening and reuniting the birth family, guardianship with a relative, or adoption by a nurturing family.

Services for children

- Placement, including foster care, relative and group home care
- Coordination and collaboration with support services, such as counseling, educational support and health care

Training and Support for Families

- Initial and ongoing training.
- Foster home licensure and ongoing support for fostering families

Pregnancy Counseling Services

- Confidential pregnancy counseling services
- Maternity home referrals

Adoption Services

- Preplacement assessments/adoptive home studies
- Matching and placement for adoptive families and children
- Counseling on adoption issues
- Support in preparing a family and child for adoption
- Placement services for birth parents - helping to choose the adoptive family
- Legal services for the adoption process
- Stepparent and relative adoptions

Post Adoption Services

- Adult adoptees and birth parent searches
- Clinical counseling services and adoption issues
- Family therapy
- Develop and maintain support networks and outreach