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KIDS FIRST LICENSE PLATE PROVIDES FUNDING FOR CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

HICKORY -- North Carolina residents can help prevent child abuse through the purchase of a Kids First license plate. The plates cost \$25, and \$15 of that amount goes to prevent child abuse and neglect in North Carolina.



The money goes into the Children's Trust Fund, the only source of funding for prevention in the state. Catawba County Social Services' Community Response Program is funded by a three-year grant from the trust fund (July 2012 through June 2015). The goal of this program is to prevent child abuse and neglect by strengthening at-risk families.

A social worker serves families with children birth through five years old who are experiencing instability. Often these families have encountered domestic violence or substance abuse. The social worker partners with the parents to help them establish goals for their situation. She then works for up to six months to help them to meet those goals. This type of support reduces the risk for a future incident of neglect or child abuse.

To order your Kids First license plate, you may download an application from the DMV site and fill it out. You may then take the completed form to a local DMV office, or mail it along with your check to the address on the form. You may also order your plate online.

For information about purchasing a Kids First license plate, go to <http://www.preventchildabusenc.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=cms.page&id=1084>

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