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### **EVENT TO FOCUS ON NEED FOR ADOPTIVE FAMILIES IN NORTH CAROLINA**

MATTHEWS -- Catawba County Family Builders, the adoption and foster parent licensing unit of Catawba County Social Services, will participate in a program to help find families willing to adopt children from foster care.

This event, which is co-sponsored by Focus on the Family and the NC Department of Health and Human Services, is aimed at church members in the region. It will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 20 at Carmel Baptist Church in Matthews. There are more than 700 children throughout the state in foster care who are waiting to be adopted. Approximately 30 of those are from Catawba County.

The initiative, called "Wait No More," calls upon churches to help find families willing to adopt children from foster care. Those attending will learn about what is involved in adopting children from foster care and hear from several persons about their adoption experiences. Persons who cannot adopt but who wish to help will learn how they can assist adoptive families. Those planning to attend are asked to register by going to the [icarefororphans.org](http://icarefororphans.org). Registration is free.

A representative from Family Builders will be on hand to answer questions about adoptions from foster care in Catawba County.

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