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## INFORMATION MEETING FOR PERSONS CONSIDERING FOSTERING OR ADOPTING A CHILD

HICKORY, N.C. -- Family Builders of Catawba Valley invites anyone interested in fostering or adopting a child to attend the resource family information meeting at 6:00-7:30 PM Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be held at the Family Services Center, 3050 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue Drive SE, Hickory, N.C. 28602 (behind Catawba Valley Medical Center).

Resource families include family foster homes and adoptive homes. Specific information about becoming a resource family will be available at the meeting. Guests also will learn about required training for resource families and hear stories about the rewards of helping Catawba County's children in foster care.

With 295 children in foster care in Catawba County, there is currently an urgent need for foster parents, especially those who can accept sibling groups and teenagers. For more information about the meeting, contact Megan Burns at Family Builders of Catawba Valley at (828) 695-4553 or email <a href="mburns@catawbacountync.gov">mburns@catawbacountync.gov</a>. For information on all services offered by Family Builders of Catawba Valley, visit <a href="mburns@catawbacountync.gov">www.fostercatawba.com</a>.