

Our state ranks
33rd overall
in child
well-being

10,706
children are
in foster care
in North Carolina

58%
of program operating
costs supplemented
by donor support

691,000
children in US served
by the foster care
system last year

Top 3 reasons
children are brought into care:
neglect, drug abuse, caretaker inability to cope

By the Numbers

400,000

The number of kids in North Carolina who have an emotional, mental, or behavioral disorder

115,000

The estimated number of NC children who do not live with a parent

112,000

The number of kids in the U.S. who are waiting to be adopted

19,000

Children who “age out” of foster care each year who are never adopted or reunified with family members


1 in 4
within 2 years

The statistic of foster children who “age out” of care and are later arrested

1 in 2

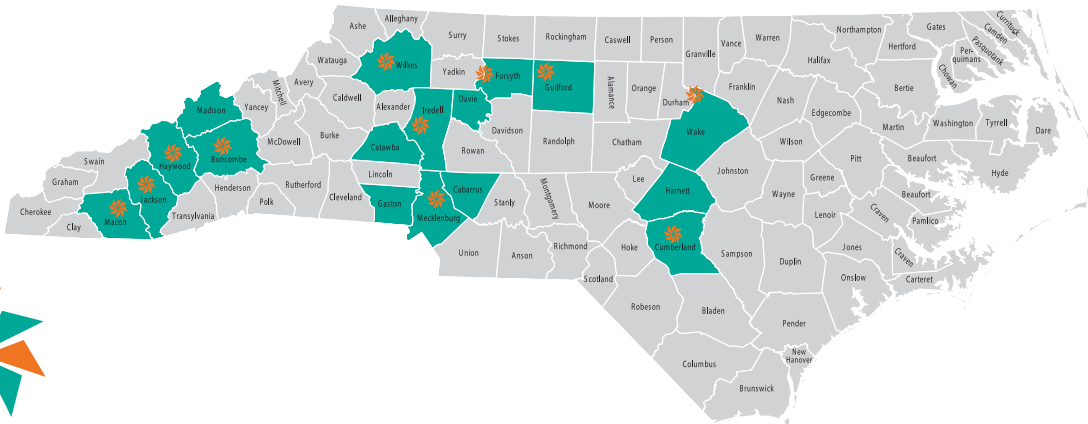
The number of foster children who graduate from high school

Why we do what we do...



Resources: Adoption & Foster Care Analysis & Reporting System / July 2016 / Child Welfare Outcomes / 2012 Report to Congress

Foster Care across North Carolina at Children's Hope Alliance



CHA Foster Care Office Locations:

- Statesville
- Asheville
- Charlotte
- Fayetteville
- Franklin
- Greensboro
- Raleigh
- Sylva
- Waynesville
- Wilkesboro
- Winston-Salem



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WAYS YOU CAN HELP CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE



...and
forever
change
the life
of a child.

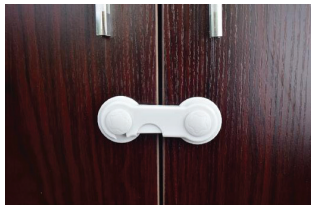




3 ways to help SUPPORT OUR children & foster families!

EVERY CHILD GETS A WELCOME BAG

When kids arrive, they get a Welcome Bag. Of course, they get to keep the items they bring with them. But **the Welcome Bag contains essential items they need** for personal care, some school supplies, and a few little surprises like snacks.



Make or sponsor a Starter Kit

Helps foster parents complete licensing requirements:

- ▶ Fire extinguisher
- ▶ Portable lock box for medications
- ▶ Child safety locks for cabinets
- ▶ First aid kit
- ▶ Smoke / CO2 detector



Make or sponsor a Safety Pak

Helps ensure a child feels safe when they arrive in the home:

- ▶ Weighted blanket
- ▶ Night light
- ▶ Door alarm



(state requirement included in safety planning for all therapeutic foster children)

Contact us for details on how you can help
844-791-3117



BECOME A FOSTER PARENT

What is Foster Care?

Foster Care is a temporary living arrangement for abused, neglected and dependent children who need a safe place to live when their parents or another relative cannot take care of them. Some of the foster parent's duties include:

1. Providing a safe and caring environment
2. Teaching social and living skills
3. Developing moral and spiritual standards
4. Facilitating visits between child & birth family
5. Participating in school conferences
6. Celebrating birthdays and holidays
7. Coordinating medical and psychological appointments for the child
8. Attending court reviews
9. Being a role model for the birth family.

Who are the Children?

Thousands of children in NC enter the foster care system each year and range in age from infants to 18 years old. All foster children have unique backgrounds, experiences, personalities, strengths and needs. Most foster children do not have a strong sense of belonging or self-worth. Many have been victims of physical or sexual abuse. **All children who are in foster care require special care, support and nurturing.**

Is It Right for You?

At Children's Hope Alliance, we provide you with a hassle-free, casual way to find out if becoming a foster parent is right for you. Our foster care team will answer all your questions in a straight-forward way. And, we provide a wonderful training program so you are well-prepared and feel confident before getting started.

The CHA Advantage

When you join the Foster Care Team at Children's Hope Alliance, you become part of a family who supports each other and children in a phenomenal way. **All foster parents enrolled in our program receive 40 hours of free training** before a child is ever placed in their home. Once training is complete, **foster parents receive 24-hour support** from the foster care staff. All members of the foster care team support each other, evaluate each child's progress and help make decisions about their future.

Foster Parent Requirements

1. A minimum of 21 years old
2. A high school education or GED
3. 40 hours of training
4. Sufficient income to meet your needs
5. Personal transportation
6. Personal phone

You don't need—

- to be wealthy
- to be married
- to have kids of your own
- a Ph.D. in child psychology

What you do need is—
a desire to provide
a safe, nurturing
environment for a child.

Attend an orientation!

To attend an orientation:

Call us at **844-791-3117**

To apply online,
visit our website at
www.childrenshopealliance.org