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Community Resources

Community resources can provide additional support and services to parents and families of school students. Schools cannot do it all! We encourage parents to become acquainted with resources that may address a need of your family/child; may provide support; or offer enrichment. Your school social worker or guidance counselor can be good sources of resources in the community.

The **PFAST Resource List** does not list every resource you might need. Durham County provides an online resource guide through the Durham Network of Care which is a comprehensive database of services in Durham County. It can be found at <http://durham.nc.networkofcare.org/mh/services/index.aspx>

This is your list, it is always growing and we hope you will share resources that have worked for YOU!

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Cooperative Extension Academic, Tutoring, and Mentoring

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Triangle

919-850-9772

<http://bigstri.org/>

info@bbbstri.org

808 Aviation Parkway, Morrisville, NC 27560

Hours: TBD

Website(s): <http://bigstri.org/>

Email(s): info@bbbstri.org

Volunteer mentor 'big brothers' or 'big sisters' work with youngsters serving as role models and developing relationships through one-to-one outings and activities. 'Bigs' and 'Littles' can meet in the community or at the child's school.

Book Harvest

(252) 497-BOOK

info@bookharvestnc.org

<http://bookharvestnc.org/>

2501 University Drive, Durham, NC 27707

Book Harvest provides books to children in central North Carolina and engages families and communities to promote children's lifelong literacy and academic success. Their programs include Book Babies; Early Childhood Services Navigation (see below under Early Childhood, Childcare, Parent Education category); Books on Break, which provides free book fairs before the start of summer for elementary school students; Community Book Bank, which provides ready access to books for children and families by transforming book deserts into book-rich environments and helping children and families build home libraries stocked with books they love; and Wash & Learn Durham, a program in which regular story times are scheduled in local laundromats.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Durham and Orange County

(919) 687-4517

jlevisy@durhambgc.org

<http://durhambgc.org/>

808 E Pettigrew Street Durham, NC 27701

Boys & Girls Clubs of Durham and Orange Counties offers after school programs and summer camps that help children with academic achievement, healthy lifestyles, character and leadership development. The main objective is to help kids become positive and productive citizens.



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Durham County Public Libraries

<https://durhamcountylibrary.org/>

Nine locations throughout Durham County

In addition to providing a huge selection of books and e-books for youth to check out, the Durham County Public Libraries hold regular events targeted at youngsters, such as story time in both English and Spanish.

El Centro Hispano

Phone: (919) 687-4635

2000 Chapel Hill Road, Suite 26A, Durham, NC 27707

Hours: 8:30-5:00 M-F

Phone Number(s): (919) 687-4635

Website(s): <https://elcentronc.org/>

Email(s): info@elcentronc.org

El Centro Hispano is a grassroots non-profit community center that works to empower Latino families through education and leadership development. Some of the services provided to help Latino families are: ESL classes, interpreting, translating, advocacy, and referrals to community resources. El Centro Hispano's education programs include:

- Círculo de Padres (Parent's Circle) enables parents to discuss pertinent topics about their children's development in weekly workshops facilitated by certified instructors; there is a weekly preschool room for parents who attend Círculo de Padres (Parent's Circle) where certified teachers offer highly interactive lessons to help develop students' literacy and mathematics skills.
- A Dual-Language PreK classroom helps students develop pre-literacy and pre-numeracy abilities to ensure a safe transition from home life to school.
- A Tutoring program helps strengthen children's reading and math abilities for children in K-8th grades.

Emily K Center – K to College Model

(919) 680-0308

info@emilyk.org

www.emilyk.org

904 W. Chapel Hill St.



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The Emily K Center's primary mission is to serve academically-focused, low-income students in out-of-school programming designed to help them achieve in school, gain entry to college, and break the cycle of poverty in their families. The K to College Model has three core programs:

- *Pioneer Scholars: 1st through 8th Grade:* Students in the *Pioneer Scholars* program are individually assessed to create an academic curriculum that meets their strengths and needs. Students participate in tutoring with qualified teachers and well-supported volunteers every day of the academic school year to develop and accelerate their skills. *The application cycle begins in the spring but there is a list for interested families to receive program information. Applications can be submitted at any time at the Emily K Center. Admissions are competitive.*
- *Scholars to College: 9th through 12th Grade:* Students are guided and supported in the areas of academics, leadership, career exploration, financial literacy, and SAT preparation, building towards an absolute focus on the college application process. In addition, parent empowerment sessions are held for families of students so that they are well prepared to support their students. *The application is available in February and families are encouraged to attend the open house in February. The primary entry is for rising 9th graders so families should apply spring semester of 8th grade. Admission after 9th grade is only as space opens up.*
- *Scholars on Campus:* The *Scholars on Campus* program maintains regular contact with Emily K Center Scholars to support them and ensure they take full advantages of all opportunities available to them.
- *Game Plan: College:* Provides free information, advice and support designed to help high school students plan for and pursue their educational and career goals beyond high school. Through workshops, advising and special events, students gain the knowledge and skills they need to identify their best-fit college or post-secondary option, and work with a team dedicated to ensuring they have the support they need to achieve the future they envision.

Females Excelling More in Math, Engineering, and Science (FEMMES) at Duke

sites.duke.edu/FEMMES

femmesatduke@gmail.com

The goal of FEMMES is to give girls hands-on experience in science and math fields where women are often greatly under-represented. By using female volunteers and faculty members, the program hopes to demonstrate that women can and do excel in these fields. FEMMES is a free one-day outreach program introducing young women from Durham (Grades 4-6) to math, science and engineering. FEMMES also offers monthly after school programs, a Saturday program, and a week-long summer camp.



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Student U

(919) 267-3958

Studentudurham.org

admin@studentudurham.org

The W. G. Pearson Center

600 E. Umstead St., Durham, NC 27701

Student U is a college-access organization that creates a pipeline of services to support students through middle school, high school and college. The organization provides direct services after-school and during out-of-school time in the summer. Student U advocates for students and families within schools to ensure that students develop the academic skills and personal well-being to succeed in college. Programs include classes in core subjects and electives, experiential learning experiences, teacher mentoring, internships and more.

Student U also offers a Creative Mentorship Program, a partnership between Student U and the Durham Art Guild, enables students to develop their artistic ability and unique creative voice. This 20-week program gives students the opportunity to develop their artistic skills under the mentorship of a local artist, participate in monthly field trips to arts organizations and museums in the area.

YMCA of the Triangle

<https://www.ymcatriangle.org/>

Various locations throughout the Triangle

The YMCA provides swimming lessons, a wide variety of summer camps, family programs, before and after school programs, preschool programs, youth sports programs, as well as teen programs. The YMCA of the Triangle provides financial assistance for children, teens, adults and families who cannot afford the full cost of YMCA programs.

Basic Needs

Durham County Social Services

Provides an array of emergency financial assistance for items like rent, utility, food, burials.

414 East Main Street

Durham, NC

Call for an appointment @ 919-560-8000

<https://www.dconc.gov/government/departments-f-z/social-services/aging-and-adult-services/crisis-services>



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Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina at Durham

(919) 956-2513

<http://www.foodbankcenc.org/site/PageServer?pagename=FBCENHome>

2700 Angier Avenue, Durham, NC 27703

(919) 956-2513

durham.foodbankcenc.org

www.foodbankcenc.org

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

The mission of the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina is: No One Goes Hungry in Central & Eastern North Carolina. The Food Bank serves a network of more than 800 partner agencies such as soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters, and programs for children and adults through its distribution center in Durham.

The Salvation Army

(919) 688-7306

909 Liberty Street,

Durham NC 27702

If you are in need of emergency services, call and leave a voice mail at 7:30am Monday-Friday. Your call will be returned to schedule an appointment.

Urban Ministries of Durham (UMD) Community Pantry and Clothes Closet

(919) 682-0538

www.umdurham.org

410 Liberty Street

Durham, NC 27701

In addition to a shelter and community kitchen, UMD also operates a food pantry and clothes closet. This program addresses basic emergency needs for food, clothing and hygiene supplies.

Crisis/Mental Health

The Disaster Distress Helpline

<https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/disaster-distress-helpline>

The helpline provides 24/7/365 crisis counseling and support for anyone in the U.S. experiencing distress or other behavioral health concerns related to any natural or human-caused disaster, including public health emergencies. Calls to 1-800-985-5990 and texts of "TalkWithUs" to 66746



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are answered by a network of independently-operated crisis centers around the US, who provide psychological first aid, emotional support, crisis assessment and intervention, and referrals to local/state behavioral health services for follow-up care & support.

Durham Crisis Response Center

www.durhamcrisisresponse.org

crisisline@durhamcrisisresponse.org

24-hour crisis line plus many other services.

English: (919) 403-6562 Spanish: (919) 519-3735

The crisis line serves as the gateway to all of the shelter and support services offered by DCRC. Trained advocates are available 24 hours a day to provide: supportive listening, crisis intervention, community referrals, legal information, safety planning and emergency room accompaniment for survivors of domestic violence or sexual assault. All calls are confidential. Spanish speaking advocates are available.

El Futuro

919-688-7102

<https://www.elfuturo-nc.org/>

2020 Chapel Hill Rd

Durham, NC 27707

Hours: M-F 9am-5pm

El Futuro is a nonprofit outpatient clinic that provides comprehensive mental health and substance use services for Latino families in a bilingual environment of healing and hope. They are an authorized North Carolina DWI provider, providing DWI Assessments in English and Spanish, Substance use treatment in group and Substance use individual treatment.

NAMI –National Alliance for the Mentally Ill

<https://naminc.org/directory/4767/nami-durham/>; www.naminc.org

(919) 231-5016 (Durham)

At the local level, NAMI is a volunteer-run organization, which offers a variety of training and support groups for individuals living with mental illness and their families.

- Family to Family Education Program is a free 12 session course on mental illness that includes ways to understand the illness and how to help the person who has the illness. It also helps the family overcome the difficulties of living with severe mental illness.



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- NAMI Basics is a class for parents and other family caregivers of children and adolescents who have either been diagnosed with a mental health condition or who are experiencing symptoms but have not yet been diagnosed.
- NAMI Homefront is a class for families, partners and friends of military service members and veterans experiencing a mental health challenge. The course is designed specifically to help these families understand those challenges and improve the ability of participants to support their service member or veteran.

Nurturing Durham NC is an online resource guide for Durham’s young children, parents and families that includes free and low-cost programs that support families in nurturing children’s social, emotional and mental health from the prenatal period through the critical early years (birth-age 8). It can be found at <https://www.nurturingdurhamnc.org>.

Partnership for a Healthy Durham’s Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Resource Guide. This resource guide includes local and national mental health support organizations. It can be found online at: https://healthydurham.org/cms/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/PHD-MH-brochure-english_online.pdf

Stand Up- Speak Out NC

<https://susonc.org>

SUSO fights to end sexual assault and domestic violence through advocacy, prevention training, group therapy, mentoring and a fundamental concept for survivors called Healing Thru Art. Two of their programs include:

- E.P.I.C. Referrals - Empowering People Inspiring Community is the foundation of SUSO’s direct care services. They offer 1:1 therapeutic coaching utilizing Art Therapy in a safe, confidential space that does not feel like a traditional clinical therapy session. Therapeutic Coaching addresses the need of the whole child approaching the assessment process through a holistic model and not just the current crisis. The program model is derived from a restorative resilience model providing parent coaching and skill building, case management for the family, and individualized support for the child in 1:1 setting and group setting after stabilization.
- Girl SpeakOut Mentoring - Girl SpeakOut's vision is to help boost confidence, build self-esteem and self-worth, as well as inspire girls to SpeakOut and take active roles in their schools and communities against all forms of violence. Girl SpeakOut is a place where girls will learn new skills, grow in confidence, gain a sense of independence, and own their gifts through expression of the arts.



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Early Childhood, Childcare, Parent Education

Book Babies and Book Harvest Early Childhood Services Navigation

**See also Book Harvest listing above in Academic, Tutoring, and Mentoring category

(252) 497-BOOK

info@bookharvestnc.org

<http://bookharvestnc.org/>

2501 University Drive, Durham, NC 27707

Book Babies is a program of Book Harvest. Book Babies, a home visiting program for parents of newborns which provides 20 new, age appropriate books to participating children and their parents every year from birth until the children start kindergarten. Book Babies' home visitors partner with parents of more than 300 children ages 0 to 5 in two locations in North Carolina, Durham County and Forsyth County. With parents, the home visitors set literacy goals for children, mark their progress as they prepare for school, and help ensure that they start kindergarten ready to learn.

The Early Childhood Services Navigation program provides a dedicated staff member who gives concierge-level services to low-income families in their homes ensure that all families have access to Pre-K.

Child Care Services Association (CCSA)

www.childcareservices.org

(919) 403-6950 (Durham)

1201 South Briggs Avenue, Suite 200, Durham NC

CCSA helps families find childcare by providing information about quality indicators, state regulations, and how to choose care, and by matching families with childcare programs that meet their needs. CCSA helps families pay for childcare with child care scholarships and information about other forms of financial assistance.

DSS Childcare Subsidies

(919) 560-8300

1201 S. Briggs, Suite 100, Durham NC 27707

Provides subsidies to families in need of assistance in paying their childcare expenses. You must make an appointment. Low income families with children between ages 0-12 who meet income guidelines, live in Durham County, and are employed or in school are eligible. Priority groups include:



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- The child is in Protective services or in Foster care
- Work First recipients and need child care in order to pursue employment
- The family resides in a homeless shelter
- Parent/guardian is in a substance abuse treatment program

Family Connects Durham

(919) 385-0777

familyconnects@ccfhnc.org

<https://www.ccfhnc.org/programs/family-connects-durham/>

1121 W Chapel Hill Street

Durham, NC 27701

Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Family Connects Durham (formerly Durham Connects) supports parents by offering a free home visit by a registered nurse. The visit is available to all parents of newborns in Durham County, NC. The nurse will provide a child health check, answer your questions, and link you with community resources to connect your child to a healthy future.

LEAP

<https://www.durhamleap.org/>

1737 Hillandale Road

Durham, NC 27705

919-286-2273

LEAP provides dual- language pre-K through “Nuestra Escuelita” at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church and EDCI/LEAP Academy in East Durham, as well as after-school tutoring for school aged children.

Welcome Baby

www.welcomebaby.org

(919) 560-7150

721 Foster Street at Durham Cooperative Extension

Welcome Baby provides parenting education and support to families with young children. Their services are available for free to all Durham County, NC residents with newborns and children to age 5. Services include parenting education workshops and support; car seat safety program; the Giving Closet for families in need of children’s clothing and supplies; and child development guides.

See also Children’s Developmental Services Agency (CDSA) below.



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Exceptional Children/Evaluation

Autism Society of North Carolina (ASNC)

<http://autismsociety-nc.org/>

[800-442-2762](tel:800-442-2762)

The Autism Society of North Carolina works to directly improve the lives of individuals and families affected by autism through advocacy, training and education, and direct services.

- *Advocacy:* ASNC finds resources for families, assists with school issues, educates families through workshops, helps individuals navigate the services system, and hosts local support groups.
- *Training and Education:* ASNC focuses on evidence-based best practices that empower self-advocates, families, and professionals.
- *Services:* ASNC is a direct care service provider. Individuals with ASD receive a variety of residential, recreational, vocational, and community-based services that are designed to meet their needs, interests, and strengths.

Arc of the Triangle

www.arctriangle.org

(919) 942-5119 x 115

info@arctriangle.org

Arc of the Triangle works to improve the quality of life and increase opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Arc of the Triangle provides Medicaid Services (must qualify through an outside agency, call for more info), Supported Employment, community programs (a variety of leisure and recreational activities throughout the Triangle), community events like Family Fun Night at Marbles Kids' Museum and Party & Pics with Santa, and Supports & Seminars meetings held on a variety of topics geared towards parent and guardians dealing with the I/DD world.

To access the services of Arc of the Triangle, visit their website and fill out an Info & Referral form. For families who do not have internet access call their offices to receive a form or assistance in filling out the form. Most services are free. Some community programs require membership to The Arc (\$25/year per individual).

Carolina Institute for Developmental Disabilities (CIDD)



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www.CIDD.unc.edu

(919) 966-5171

info@cidd.unc.edu

CIDD (part of UNC) focuses on improving the lives of children and young adults who have a broad range of learning differences, behavioral concerns, and developmental disabilities, with particular expertise in working with children whose previous evaluations and services may not have sufficiently enhanced their learning and development.

Their evaluation services may include appointments with individual clinicians, or interdisciplinary team of clinicians representing some of the following disciplines: Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics, Nursing, Psychology, Speech-Language Pathology, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Education, Audiology, Social Work, and Nutrition. They have an online request form. They may have a waiting list.

North Carolina Early Intervention Branch/ CDSA (Children's Developmental Services Agency)

www.bearly.nc.gov

Durham Offices:

(919) 560-5600 or toll free: 877-396-8464

Marcia.mandel@dhhs.nc.gov

Bull City Business Center, Suite 201, 115 Market Street

Durham, NC 27701-3221

CDSAs are the Lead Agency for the NC Infant-Toddler Program that is committed to serve all families of children, birth to age 3, who are at risk for developmental delays or have been diagnosed with special needs.

Community Partnerships, Inc.

www.communitypartnerships.org

919-781-3616

The agency provides direct services to children and adults with developmental disabilities, adults with brain injuries, and adults with mental illnesses and/or substance use disorders. The CPI team is made up of experienced therapists, job coaches, case managers, and other professionals. They are considered inclusion specialists. Services are provided in community settings chosen by the individual or the family, rather than through settings designed specifically for people with disabilities.

Exceptional Children's Assistance Center (ECAC)

Ecac@ecacmail.org



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www.ecac-parentcenter.org

Parent Information Line: 1-800-962-6817

ECAC is a full-service Parent Training & Information Center serving families in North Carolina. All services are provided at no charge to parents and families. They can provide advice and information over the phone for specific questions in English and in Spanish. ECAC also has packets of information for parents on topics such as specific disabilities or writing an IEP.

First in Families of North Carolina

919-880-7694; 919-251-8368

DurhamFIF@fifnc.org; info@fifnc.org

<http://www.fifnc.org>

3109 University Drive, Suite 100

Durham, NC 27707

First in Families is a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation with the goal of supporting families in which one family member has a developmental disability or delay, or is at risk of the same, or has a traumatic brain injury. Local chapters offer support to families and individuals according to their self-defined needs. Support could include providing computers, home furnishings or modifications, childcare or respite, repairs to vehicles, as well as connecting an individual to vocational, social, and educational opportunities in the community.

NC Council on Developmental Disabilities

919-850-2901 (voice/tdd)

800-357-6916 (voice/tdd)

800-357-6916 (TTY)

Info@nccdd.org

www.nccdd.org

3125 Poplarwood Court

Suite 200

Raleigh, NC 27604

The North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD Council) is part of a national network of organizations that assist people with developmental disabilities. In each state, federal law (PL 106-402, the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill Rights Act or DD Act) creates a planning council, such as the DD council, a protection and advocacy system, and a Center for Excellence in Developmental Disability Research, Education and Service (formerly known as a university affiliated program). Together, these three organizations work to promote the "independence, productivity, integration and inclusion into the community" of people with



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developmental disabilities and their families. **Depending on availability the council offers funding for parents to attend conferences and workshops about disabilities.**

TEACCH Autism Program

www.teacch.com

(919) 966-2174

TEACCH@unc.edu

100 Renee Lynne Court

Carrboro, NC 27510

TEACCH is a university-based system of community regional centers in North Carolina that serves people with autism and their families. TEACCH serves children and adults of all ages who are suspected of having autism. Services include: clinical services such as diagnostic evaluations, parent training and parent support groups, social play and recreation groups, individual counseling for higher-functioning clients, and supported employment. TEACCH provides training and consultation for teachers, residential care providers, and other professionals. *There are fees for some services, such as diagnostic evaluations. Other services such as parent education sessions, support groups and life coaching sessions are free or low-cost. Medicaid, Medicare, and Tricare are accepted.* TEACCH serves Durham County.

Reality Ministries

(919) 688-7776

info@realityministriesinc.org

<http://www.realityministriesinc.org>

916 Lamond Ave Durham, NC 27701

Reality Ministries is a community and faith-based non-profit with an emphasis on holistic education and collective transformation. Staff and volunteers are committed to developing meaningful relationships with at-risk youth, as well as teens and adults with cognitive impairments. Programs include daytime activities Monday-Friday from 10:00am-3:00pm, weekly evening programs, the Reality Farm, and summer camps.

Family Support, Advocacy, and Parenting

Durham CAN (Congregations, Associations and Neighborhoods)

919-403-7082

trianglecan@aol.com

<https://www.durhamcan.org/>



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4907 Garret Road Durham, NC 27707

Durham CAN is a broad-based, non-profit organization that works to coalesce, train, and organize communities in Durham across religious, racial, ethnic, class, and geographic lines for the public good. The group's primary goal is to develop local leadership and organized power to change the conditions that prevent low- and moderate-income families from improving their circumstances.

Durham Council of PTAs Exceptional Children's Parent Representative

<http://www.ptadurham.org/>

durhamptaec@yahoo.com

<http://groups.google.com/group/durham-pta-ec>

The Association of Parents and Teachers Exceptional Children's group is part of the Durham Council of PTAs and has a parent coordinator in every school. This group shares information and resources with parents and shares suggestions with schools for programs and plans.

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(919) 560-0538

721 Foster St. Durham, NC 27701

cgibson@dconc.gov

At Durham County Cooperative Extension we provide advocacy and support training for parents with students in public schools. PFAST, LPFAST (in Spanish), and PAL (Parents As Leaders) are the three primary offerings. The coalition also provides opportunities for ongoing support and coaching for school-related challenges or questions.

Exchange Club's Family Center of Durham County

919-403-8249

3400 Croasdaile Drive, Suite 206

Durham, NC 27705

(919) 403-8249

<https://www.exchangefamilycenter.org/>

The Exchange Club offers family support, counseling, case management, group counseling, education, and supportive services. These services are provided through three main programs, including Early Childhood Outreach (EChO), Family Support Program (FSP), and the Parenting of Adolescents (POA) program.



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- Early Childhood Outreach Program - The EChO program is open to any child, 0-5 years old, who is presenting challenging behavior in a Durham childcare program. EChO consultants work closely with parents and child care providers to better understand the child's behavior. This is done through classroom observations, developmental screenings, and developing individualized action plans of strategies to address behavior.
- Family Support Program – A 10-20 week program for families with children age birth to 11 years in which a Family Support Specialist visits weekly and provides support, guidance, and resources to help parents understand their child's behavior and strengthen families.
- *Parenting of Adolescents Program* - A 16-24 week in-home family-counseling program that helps strengthen families and their communication skills in order to reduce child abuse and the likelihood of an adolescent's involvement in the juvenile court system.

Family Advocacy Network - Mental Health America of the Triangle

(919) 942-8083

info@mhatriangle.org

<https://freedomhousetorecovery.org/>

Through the Family Advocacy Network, Mental Health America of the Triangle provides assistance to parents raising school-age children with emotional/behavioral issues, mental illness, learning differences, substance abuse problems and other challenges. Families receive 1:1 support with a staff family advocate or volunteer parent mentor.

See also Welcome Baby, above.

Dropout Services—GED, High School re-entry, etc.

Durham Literacy Center

Teen Career Academy

English: (919) 489-8383

Español: (919) 323-5292

1905 Chapel Hill Rd.

Durham, NC 27707

info@durhamliteracy.org

www.durhamliteracy.org

The mission of the Durham Literacy Center is to empower Durham County residents who want to enrich their lives by improving their literacy skills. The Durham Literacy Center has several main programs: **Adult Literacy, ESOL, Computer Literacy Classes, Achievement Academy, Threshold Reading and Math Class, and the Youth Education Program (YEP)**. YEP is a year round, GED program for students ages 16 to 24. YEP provides one-on-one instruction to prepare out-of-



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school teens and young adults to pass the HiSET® tests. The program also provides college prep, career counseling, and life skills mentoring.

Durham Tech Gateway to College Program

Adult Basic Skills, GED, and Adult High School

(919) 536-7290

919-536-7200 ext. 2429

<https://www.durhamtech.edu/college-and-career-readiness/gateway-college>

This is a college readiness program focused on developing basic reading, writing and math skills to allow disconnected students to obtain a high school diploma and meaningful college credential. Admission to this program is open to adults 18 years of age and older. It is possible for the department to provide educational opportunities for a 16-or 17-year-old leaving a public school who has obtained required approval.

Legal Assistance

The Children's Law Clinic

Duke University Law School

(919) 613-7169 or toll free: (888) 600-7274

www.law.duke.edu/childedlaw/

The clinic is a community law office that provides free legal advice, advocacy, and legal representation to low-income children. The Clinic is staffed by law students who represent clients under the supervision of attorneys on the Duke Law faculty. The Clinic focuses its work in the areas of special education and school discipline, including hearings for long-term suspension, along with other areas such as select family law issues and government benefits for children with disabilities. They serve an eleven-county service area, which includes Durham. For parents with higher incomes, the center offers helpful online resources.

Legal Aid Right to Education Project

<https://legalaiddnc.org>

1-866-219-LANC (5262)

The Right to Education Project (REP) is a statewide project of Legal Aid of North Carolina that focuses on serving children in the public education system. REP cases involve: short-term suspension; long-term suspension; expulsion; involuntary transfers to alternative school; denial



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of enrollment; discrimination on the basis of race, national origin, sex or disability; mistreatment by school security personnel; special education; bullying; and academic failure.

NCCU School of Law Juvenile Law Clinic

<http://law.nccu.edu/clinics/juvenile-law/>

919-530-5484

dhairston@nccu.edu

The clinic provides legal representation for juvenile delinquency hearings and long-term suspension (more than 10-days) hearings in Durham. The clinic also provides youth and their families with advocacy, education, and support services such as a mentoring program and life skills training.

Funding for Training

North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities

Jean Wolff-Rossi for Participant Involvement Fund

<https://nccdd.org/rossi-fund-application-form.html>

RossiFund@nccdd.org

(919) 850-2901 (Voice/TDD)

(800) 357-6916 (Voice/TDD/TTY)

NCCDD-Rossi Fund

3125 Poplarwood Court, Suite 200

Raleigh, NC 27604

The NC Council on Developmental Disabilities (NCCDD) is committed to promoting the involvement of people with developmental disabilities in public policy, advocacy and community building. The Rossi Fund was designed to help people with developmental disabilities, their family members, or their guardians by reimbursing some of the costs of attending events. Events are conferences, trainings, public forums, focus groups, committees, task forces, hearings and other similar non-recreational activities, which provide consumers resources and information they need to learn best practices, to make informed choices, to learn advocacy and/or to enhance their quality of life. Applicants receiving the funds will be asked to complete a Rossi Fund Participant survey and are expected to share their knowledge with the local community and the NCCDD members. There is a limit of \$600 per year per person for in-state events, and up to \$800 per year per person for out-of-state events.



Cooperative Extension Transitional Housing

Durham Rescue Mission Ministries

<https://www.durhamrescuemission.org/>

1201 East Main Street

Durham, NC 27703

(919) 688-9641

The mission provides temporary housing, food, and rehabilitation for the homeless as well as second-hand clothing, furniture, and household items.

Families Moving Forward

Phone: (919) 682-2846

Address: 300 N Queen Street

Durham, NC 27701

919-683-5878

<https://fmfnc.org>

ryan@fmfnc.org

CONTACT@FMFNC.ORG

Families Moving Forward (FMF) was created in 2016 after the successful merger of Genesis Home (GH, 1989) and Durham Interfaith Hospitality Network (DIHN, 1994). FMF now serves up to 75-85 families annually and approximately 160-200 children each year through the emergency shelter program.

Housing for New Hope

(919) 489-6282

18 West Colony Place

Durham, NC 22705

(919) 489-6282

<http://www.housingfornewhope.org/>

info@housingfornewhope.org

Housing for New Hope operates at the intersection of displacement and permanent housing. Housing for New Hope advocates on behalf of the unsheltered or temporarily sheltered by collaborating with other agencies and private landlords to provide programs and services that end in permanent housing solutions. They operate a Rapid Re-Housing program, provide outreach and case management, and permanent supportive housing.



Cooperative Extension

Urban Ministries of Durham

(919) 682-0538
www.umdurham.org
410 Liberty Street
Durham, NC 27701

Provides 171 beds divided among men, women and children, with 25 overflow mats. Sign ups are between 10 am and 4 pm on Mondays. Offers five Journey Programs for shelter clients with particular needs, including families, veterans, clients seeking help with recovery from drug and alcohol abuse, clients who are working, and clients with disabilities.

Tutoring Services

Check with your school about tutoring resources at the school and through the school's after school program. Middle School after-school programs available at most middle schools also have a tutoring component. Individual teachers may offer tutoring as well.

LEAP- See LEAP listing above in Early Childhood, Childcare, and Parent Education Category

Vocational Services

Durham Exchange Club Industries (DECI)

www.deci.org
1717 Lawson Street, Durham, NC
(919) 596-1341

Job trainees, called client workers at DECI, earn wages while learning or improving job skills. DECI uses a case management system to tailor a vocational training program that meets each individual's needs. While the client is in training, he or she tries various tasks that are part of the commercial services performed by DECI. The variety of work from their commercial customers offers the opportunity to try a broad array of job activities. The work ranges from simple jobs for people whose ability is most limited and high-tech jobs that demand higher skills and the ability to meet production deadlines. When a client is ready for a job in the community, DECI's job development and job placement services are activated.

North Carolina Department of Vocational Rehabilitation

www.ncdhhs.gov/dvrs/
(919) 560-6810 (Durham Office)
1-888-666-4916



Cooperative Extension

4312 Western Park Place
Durham, NC 27705

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) employment services provide opportunities to persons who have mental or physical disabilities that prevent them from getting and keeping a job. To establish eligibility and plan appropriate services, the process begins with an assessment of the individual. An individualized plan of employment (IPE) is jointly developed by consumer and counselor. The program is then carefully monitored and adjustments made if necessary. NCVRS provides career guidance and support for high school students transitioning from school to work.