

Medical and Dental

Services & Med Pay Assistance for persons with limited income.

Bessemer City Health Care 8 AM/ 5 PM
520 E.D. Wilson Rd., Bessemer City, NC 28016 704-629-3465
Primary family health care.

Gaston Family Health Services 8 AM/ 5 PM
991 W. Hudson Blvd., Gastonia, NC 28052 704-853-5079
No insurance necessary for medical and psychiatric treatment
Medicaid accepted. Medication assistance program available

Dental Clinic of Gaston County 8 AM/ 5 PM
991 W. Hudson Blvd., Gastonia, NC 2852 704-853-5191
No insurance necessary. Adult & child dental services
Adults must call 1st day of month for an appointment
Children appointments are made between 8am - 5pm M-F
Medicaid accepted

Dental Clinic of Cleveland County (704) 484-5260
315 E Grover St, Shelby, NC
Adults & children - billed on a sliding fee scale, Medicaid or dental insurance. Appts made on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday

Gaston Memorial Hospital 704-834-2000
2525 Court Dr., Gastonia, NC 28054

- Social work & nurse care for abuse, neglect & homelessness
- Psychiatric evaluations
- Charity Program - Forgiveness of hospital bills

Black Mountain Center 828-669-3100
1280 Old Hwy. 70West, Black Mtn, NC 828-669-3168
Residential & respite services, outreach consultations for those with developmental disabilities

Broughton Hospital 828-433-2111
1000 S. Sterling St, Morganton, NC
In Patient facility for those in need of psychiatric or long term care

Cleveland Regional Medical Center 704-487-3000
201 E Grove St, Shelby, NC

- Social work & nurse care coordination for abuse, neglect & homelessness
- Psychiatric evaluations
- Charity Program - Forgiveness of hospital bills
- Life Line – Emergency Services for elderly

Crawley Memorial Hospital 704-434-9466
315 W. College Ave, Boiling Springs, NC

Kings Mountain Hospital 704-739-3601
706 W King St, Kings Mtn., NC
Emergency services, Medical Care, inpatient psychiatric services

Hospice

- Gaston County 704-861-8405
- Cleveland County 704-487-4677
- Lincoln County 704-732-6146

What does Hospice provide?

- Pain and symptom management
- Assistance with financial & legal issues from a medical social worker
- Emotional & spiritual support from licensed counselors and chaplains
- Certified nursing assistants to help with personal care
- Volunteers to help provide companionship, run errands.
- Respite care when family caregivers need a break
- Medications, equipment and supplies
- Grief support for loved ones

We Provide Our Services:

In the home , In the Robin Johnson House , Dallas, NC
In the long term care facility or In the hospital

Center of Hope Free Medical Clinic 704-348-2560
534 Spratt St, Charlotte, NC
Free medical care for homeless shelter residents

Gaston County Health Dept. 704-853-5000
991 Hudson Blvd, Gastonia, NC

Child Health Clinic 704-853-5010
Women's Health & maternity 704-853-5009
Gaston Midwifery Associates 704-853-5464
Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program 704-853-5009
Voluntary Sterilization Program 704-853-5009
General Clinic/Immunization Program 704-853-5003
Communicable Disease 704-853-5002
Tuberculosis Control 704-853-5007
Adult Health Clinic 704-853-5006
Pharmacy 704-853-5011

Lincoln County Health Dept. 704-736-8426
302 North Academy St. Suite B, Lincolnton, NC 28092

Cleveland County Health Dept. 704-484-5000
315 E Grover St, Shelby, NC

Community Foundation of Gaston Co. 704-864-0927
Po Box 123, Gastonia, NC 28053
Medical assistance for children under 18

Education & Job Training

Cleveland Community College 704-484-4000
137 S. Post Rd, Shelby, NC

- Adult Literacy
- Adult High School & GED Prep
- English as a 2nd Language

Gaston Literacy Council, Inc. 704-868-4815
116 S. Marietta St., Gastonia, NC 28052 9 – 5 MWF, 9 – 8 T,TH
GED Prep, English as a 2nd language, Reading Skills

Employment Security Comm./Joblink 8:30 AM - 5 PM
1391 Bessemer City Rd., Gastonia, NC 28052 704-853-5328
Assistance in recruitment, employment, testing, counseling & training

Employment Security Commission 8:30 AM - 5 PM
404 E Marion St, Shelby, NC 704-480-5414
Assistance in recruitment, employment, testing, counseling & training

Goodwill Job Connection 8 AM - 4:30 PM
412 S. Broad Street, Gastonia, NC 28052 704-916-1610
Job training and employment services, job search, computer classes, resume preparation.

Gaston County DSS Work First Program 704-862-7525
330 N. Marietta Street, Gastonia, NC 28052
Job Placement Services

Gaston Community Action 704-480-0722
827 S. Washington St, Shelby, NC
Job placement and income tax prep

Adult High School & GED Sites

Gaston College 8 AM/ 5 PM
201 Hwy. 321, Dallas, NC 28034 704-922-6200
Butler.belinda@gaston.edu 704.922.6545

Brookside Elementary School
Tuesday & Thursday, 5:00P-8:00P

Cherryville Community Building
Tuesday & Thursday, 5:30P-8:00P

Ephesus Church
Monday - Thursday, 8:30A-12:30P & 6 -830 pm

Erwin Center

Monday & Wednesday, 9:00A-12:00P

Gaston Community Action
Tuesday & Thursday, 12:45P-3:15P

Generation Church
Monday – Thursday, 8:30A-11:30A

Holly Hills Apartments
Monday & Wednesday, 9:00A-12:00P

JobLink Center (ESCG)
Monday & Thursday, 5:00P-8:00P

Laurel Hill United Methodist Church
Tuesday & Thursday, 5:30P-8:30P

Lingerfeldt Elementary
Tuesday & Wednesday, 5:00P-7:00P

Mountain View Family Resource Center
Tuesday & Thursday, 9:00A-12:00P

Revival Tabernacle Church of Mt. Holly
Tuesday & Thursday, 5:00P-8:00P

RJC Lab
Monday - Thursday, 9:00A-5:00P

Sacred Heart
Monday - Thursday, 9:00A-12:00P & 4 – 8 pm

Sadler Elementary School
Monday & Wednesday, 5:00P-8:00P

Sherwood Elementary School
Tuesday & Wednesday, 5:00P-7:00P

WINGS
Monday - Thursday, 8:30A-12:30P

YouthWorks
Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 8:30A-11:30A



Offering assistance to homeless individuals and families

*Emergency Shelter
Day Shelter*

*Food
Counseling
Mentoring*

*Education & Training
Job Placement*

*Permanent Housing
Medical & Dental
Transportation
Child Care*

HOTLINE NUMBERS

Accessible Living Programs	800-755-5749
AIDS Hotline	800-342-2437
Alcohol Drug Council of NC	800-688-4232
Alcoholics Anonymous	704-865-1561
American Council for Drug Ed.	800-488-3784
Ctr. for Substance Abuse	301-443-5700
Cocaine Anonymous	800-347-8998
Covenant House hotline	800-999-9999
Disability Advocacy	800-772-1213
Eye Care Project	800-222-3937
Families Anonymous	800-736-9805
Gamblers Anonymous	213-386-8789
Intervention Services	800-622-2255
Marijuana Anonymous	800-766-6779
Medicine Savings	800-511-1314
Narcotics Anonymous	704-866-5771
Nat'l Alliance for Mentally Ill	800-950-6264
Alcohol/Drug Information	800-729-6686
Nat'l Domestic Violence Hotline	800-799-7233
Nat'l Health Info. System	800-336-4797
Nat'l Institute for Drug Abuse	301-443-1124
National STD Hotline	800-227-8922
Pharmaceutical Patient Asst.	800-762-4636
Nat'l Recovery Systems	800-303-2873
Runaway Hotline	800-621-4000
Social Security Admin.	800-772-1213
Tough Love	800-333-1069
Veterans Administration	800-827-1000

Pregnancy Services

Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston 704-868-4636
3303 Union Road, Gastonia NC 28056 704-867-3706
Hours: 9:30 AM/1 PM MWF 3:30 PM/7 PM, TT
Free pregnancy test, counseling, maternity home placement

Life Pregnancy / Sonshine House 10 AM / 4 PM
PO Box 6253, Gastonia, NC 28056-6000 704-854-8877
Pregnancy testing and counseling 704-736-9699

Gaston County Health Dept. 8 AM / 5 PM
991 Hudson Blvd., Gastonia, NC 28052 704-853-5000
Pregnancy Test, OBGYN services & Prenatal Care, WIC

Florence Crittenton Services 704-372-4663
1300 Blythe Blvd., Charlotte, NC
A safe place to live during an unplanned pregnancy

Pregnancy Resource of Cleveland Co. 704-487-4357
232 S. LaFayette St, Shelby, NC
Christian Ministry to those with an unexpected pregnancy, abortion or miscarriage & to promote sexual abstinence

Crisis Pregnancy Center (704) 732-3384
814 E Main St, Lincolnton, NC 28092

New Life Pregnancy-Lincolnton (704) 736-9699
2112 Arney St, Lincolnton, NC 28092



Special Need Programs

Programs to assist persons with identified needs.

Vocational Rehabilitation 7:30 AM / 6 PM

- 109 W. Eighth Ave., Gastonia, NC 704-853-5358
- 1427 - A E. Marion St., Shelby, NC 704-480-5412
- 1136 E. Main St, Lincolnton, NC 704-732-0738

Vocational evaluation, job training, counseling, supported employment, transitions services, educational opportunities, applications and job placement.

Social Services / Work First 8 AM / 5 PM
330 N. Marietta St., Gastonia, NC 28052 704-862-7525

Assistance with job training, education, childcare, transportation to help family dependent on welfare to become self-sufficient.

Gaston Skills, Inc. 7:45 AM / 4:15 PM
1301 Bessemer City Rd., Gastonia, NC 28052 704-869-0300

Testing and assessment of vocational potential, written and on-the-job programs for rehabilitation, real-work settings requiring vocational training to prepare for the job market.

Pathways

2505 Court Dr., Gastonia, NC 28054 1-800-898-5898
Job training, support services, dual diagnoses programs, 24-hour temporary respite care for children and adults & structured day program for the severe developmentally disabled.

N.C. Division of Services for the Blind 1-800-422-1895

5855 Executive Center Dr. Ste. 100, Charlotte, NC 28212
Vocational rehabilitation services for the blind & visually impair

Services for the Blind Of Gaston County 704-862-7622
330 N Marietta Street, Gastonia, NC 28054

Eye Exams, glasses, treatment, surgery, some eye meds, referrals for vocational assistance, items free of charge to help in our home

Services for the Blind of Cleveland County 704-487-0661

130 S Post Rd., Shelby, NC
Eye Exams, glasses, treatment, surgery, some eye meds, referrals for vocational assistance, items free of charge to help in our home

Gaston / Lincoln Affiliate of the Alliance for the Mentally Ill

704-866-8751 or 704-864-0759

Coalition for the Hearing Impaired 704-487-1111

132 W Graham St., Shelby, NC
Purchase hearing aids for those in need of financial assistance

Shelby Community Lion's Club 704-487-6060

1687 E Marion St, Shelby, NC
Providing services for the blind and hearing impaired

First Families of Cleveland County 704-480-0151

1205 Northside Dr, Shelby, NC
Assistance to those with disabilities

Gaston Community Action 704-480-0722

827 S. Washington St, Shelby, NC
Total family Assistance and Supportive Services

Adult Day Care Center 704-825-5428

402 N. Main St., Belmont, NC

Arc of Gaston County 704-861-1036

200 E. Franklin Blvd., Gastonia, NC 28052

www.gastoncountync.org
Case management, referrals, accessible living projects, socialization programs, and educational awareness for persons with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities and their families.

socialserve.com

Affordable Rental Housing

If you are looking for a place to live and don't have a computer, use a friend's, or the library's computer, or ask your case worker if you have one.

Go to the Socialserve.com website, click on "Find Rental Properties" and answer the questions it asks about what you need. You will find:

- Hundreds of Fair Market listings
- Hundreds of Section 8 listings
- Other information such as utilities, accessibility, transportation, eligibility.

Also find info on:

- Emergency Shelters
- Transitional Housing
- Homeownership
- Counseling

(704) 334-8722

(877) 428-8844

Victims of Domestic Violence

Gaston County

The Shelter of Gaston County
330 N. Marietta St., Gastonia, NC 28054 704-852-6000
Domestic violence shelter

Gaston Co. Civil Clerk's Office 704-852-3179
DV Court Advocate 704-862-6682
District Attorney Victim/ Witness Program 704-852-3285
Gaston County Police 704-866-3320
Gastonia DV Coordinator 704-854-6608
Magistrate Office 704-852-3310
Jail 704-869-6880
Pre Trial Release 704-852-3308
Probation and Parole 704-853-5350
Sherriff's Office 704-869-6880
Child Abuse Line (Daytime only) 704-862-7555
Child Abuse Line (After Hours) 704-865-2331
Adult or Elderly Abuse Line 704-862-7375

Lincoln County

Amy's House
Lincolnton, NC 704-736-1224
Domestic violence shelter for families in Lincoln Co.

Lincoln Co. Coalition Against Domestic Violence 704-736-1224
PO Box 476, Lincolnton, NC 28092 704-736-0112

Cleveland County

The Abuse Prevention Council 704-481-0043
Lighthouse Shelter 704-487-9325
PO Box 2589, Shelby, NC 28151
For victims of domestic violence & sexual assault

Mecklenburg County

UFS-Victim Assistance
720 East 4th St., Suite 204 Charlotte, NC 704-336-4126
Shelter for Battered Women 704-332-2513

Legal Aid & Money Management

Family Services, Inc.
8AM -5 PM M&W, 8AM-8 PM T&Th, 8AM -2PM Friday

- 214 E. Franklin Blvd., Gastonia, NC 704-864-7704
- 201 W. Marion St, Shelby, NC 704-487-1278

Counseling for families, individuals, couples & parents & children, marital, depression & employee assistance
Consumer credit ,budget counseling, debt repayment plans, pre-purchase homebuyer counseling, mortgage delinquency counseling, & credit report review.

Highland Family Resource Center 8:30 - 5 PM
1305 N. Weldon St., Gastonia, NC 28052 704-866-9552

- Mountain View Resource Ctr. 704-864-1912
425 Edwin St, Gastonia, NC

 Job development, computer , money management classes

Legal Services of Southern Piedmont 8:30 AM- 5 PM
111 E. Third Ave., Ste. 200, Gastonia, NC 704-865-2357
Legal representation for domestic violence, public benefits, landlord tenant affairs, consumer affairs, bankruptcy & unemployment compensation cases, battered immigrants

Legal Aid of NC 828-437-8280
211 E Union St, Morganton, NC 800-849-5195
Free legal help for low income & elderly for health, housing, domestic violence, employment issues, government benefits.



Helping Agencies Assistance for low income persons

Christian Ministries of Lincoln County 9 AM- 1 PM
230 E. Water St., Lincolnton, NC – 28093 704-732-0383
Food, utilities, furniture, prescriptions

Community Relief Org. of Mt. Holly 9 AM- 5 PM
PO Box 831, Mt. Holly, NC 28120 704-827-0450
Food, clothing, rent, heat, electric bills and medicine.

Cramerton Ministerial Relief Fund 9 AM- 12 PM
288 8th Ave., Cramerton, NC 28032 704-824-4286
Rent, utilities, medicine, gas for transients, food pantry.

Dallas/High Shoals Christian Social Ministry
110 S. Gaston St., Dallas, NC 28034 704-922-1236
Utilities, food, clothing, medicine. 8AM-11AM

S.O.C.K.S. (closed Wed.) 9 AM- 1 PM
PO Box 269, McAdenville, NC 28101 704-827-8780
Food, medicine, utilities, rent, gas, hospital equipment

Queen of the Apostles Catholic Church 9 AM - 2 PM
503 N. Main St., Belmont, NC 28012 704-825-5277
Food, Clothing, medicines, heat/electric/gas bills

Bread, Inc. 704-854-9221
161 W. Franklin Blvd., Gastonia, NC 9AM -12PM
Free bread products

Trinity United Methodist Church
1513 Florida Avenue, Gastonia, NC 28052 704-867-7830
Food boxes, spiritual counseling (Tuesdays 9:30 AM only)

Crisis Assistance Ministries (CAM) 10 AM – 2 PM
805-B W. Airline Ave., Gastonia, NC 28052 704-867-8901
Assistance with food, rent, utilities, medicine. 1st come 1st served
Line up starts @ 9AM for Gastonia residents only.

Gaston Baptist Association (Call on Mondays for an appt.)
607 Rankin Lake Rd., Gastonia, NC 28052 704-867-0905
Food, clothing, medicine, utilities, transportation

The Salvation Army (Call on Fridays for an appt)
107 S. Broad St., Gastonia, NC 28052 704-867-6145
Food, clothing, rent, utilities, medicine

St. Vincent de Paul Ministry 704-864-3867
1111 South York St. 10 AM – 1 PM W & TH
Utilities, food, clothing, household items, etc

Belmont Community Organization 9 AM -1 PM
91 E. Catawba St., Belmont, NC 28012 704-825-4526

Food, clothing, medicine, electric/ gas bill, household items

Bessemer City Crisis Center 9 AM - 1:30 PM
111 N. 12th St., Bessemer City, NC 28016 704-629-2147
Food, rental assistance, utilities, medicine, fuel, clothing.

Cherryville Area Ministries 10 AM - 4 PM
212 N. Mountain St., Cherryville, NC 28021 704-435-3816
Clothing, food boxes, utilities, medicine and rent

Central United Methodist Church
200 E Marion St, Shelby, NC 704-487-6336
Financial Assistance for emergency needs

Christ the King CE Church
1311 S Lafayette St, Shelby, NC 704-482-0171
Financial Assistance for emergency needs (Tuesday)

Junior Charity League of Shelby
PO Box 1324, Shelby, NC 704-481-9751
Assistance for low income disabled persons in an emergency

U-Can Inc.
230 Main St, Lawndale, NC 704-538-8417
Clothing, food & emergency assistance to Cleveland Co. Residents

American Red Cross - Gaston County Chapter
190 S. Oakland St, Gastonia, NC 704-864-2623
Provides disaster relief including single family fire assistance
Help get emergency messages for military families

Shelter for Battered Women (704) 332-2513
Charlotte, NC 28222

Heart Society of Gaston County
1201 East Garrison Blvd, Gastonia, NC 704-865-1214
Provides financial assistance for heart medication for Gaston County residents in crisis situations

NEED INFO..... NEED HELP.....CALL 211

United Way of Gaston County 704- 864-4554

200 E. Franklin Blvd. Gastonia, NC
Information & Referral Center

United Way of Cleveland County 704-482-9662
132 W. Graham St, Shelby, NC

United Way of Lincoln County 704- 732-8055
PO Box 234, Lincolnton, NC

Social Services

Gaston County Social Services	8:30/ 5 PM
330 N. Marietta St., Gastonia, NC 28052	704-862-7500
• Medicaid	704-862-7505
• Family & children under 18	704-862-7530
• Adults with no children	704-862-7540
• Food Stamps	704-862-7510
• Work First	704-862-7525
• Child Care Division (Vouchers)	704-862-7878
• Adult Protective Serv	704-862-7240
Cleveland County Social Services	8:30 / 5pm
130 S. Post Rd.	704-487-0661
Lincoln County Social Services	8:30 / 5pm
1136 E. Main St., PO Box 130, Lincolnton, NC	704-732-0738



Veteran Services

Veterans Services of Gaston Cty.	8:30 AM-5 PM
965 Roberts Dr., Gastonia, NC 28054	704-866-3606
Hospital treatment, insurance and medication for veterans.	
Veterans Services (AMVETS)	704-868-4674
PO Box 174, Gastonia, NC 28053	
Assistance to AMVETS members only by taking and processing claims to ensure timeliness and accuracy.	
Veterans Affairs (North Carolina)	704-563-2057
Counseling of veterans and assistance with completion of applications for federal and state benefits.	
Disabled American Verterans	704-822-9994
Tri County Blinded Veterans Association	704-862-7622
519 W Franklin Blvd., Gastonia, NC 28052	
Meets on the 4 th Tuesday of the month every 3 months	
Employment Security Commission	704-853-5328
Veteran Service, job placement x250	
United Veterans of America	704-868-4674
PO Box 337, Gastonia, NC	
Cleveland County Veteran Services	704-484-4803
311 E Marion St., Shelby, NC	
VA Medical Center	704-638-9000
1601 Brenner Ave, Salisbury, NC	
Residential Care & services	
National Military Personnel Records Center	314-801-0800
9700 Page Ave, St. Louis, MO 63132	
Department of Veterans Affairs -	800- 827-1000
VA Medical Centers	
• Asheville, NC	800- 932-6408
• Durham, NC	919- 286-0411
• Fayetteville, NC	910- 488-2120
• Salisbury, NC	(704) 638-9000
VA Outpatient Clinics	
• Charlotte, NC	704- 597-3500
• Hickory, NC	828- 431-5600
Vet Center	
Charlotte, NC	704- 333-6107

Children Services

Pathways Referral Services	704-854-4830
2505 Court Drive, Gastonia, NC 28054	
Temporary respite care for children & adults with severe disabilities	
Gaston Community Action, Inc	8:30 AM/ 5 PM
332 S. York St., Gastonia, NC 28052	
Preschool 3 & 4 year olds	
Beginnings Early Intervention Services	704-482-6502
Family centered services for children with disabilities	
Boys & Girls Club of Cleveland Co.	704-482-3258
412 W Sumnter St, Shelby, NC	
Summer day camp & after school for ages 5 – 12	
Child Care Connection	704-487-7397
5 E Marion St, Shelby, NC	
Info & Referral for child care	
Children's Home of Cleveland Co.	704-484-2558
425 Cherryville Rd, Shelby, NC	
Residential Care for abuse & neglected children	
Cleveland County Head Start	704-476-8180
105 Ridge St, Kings Mtn, NC	
Developmental Services for preschool children & their families	
Lincoln Park Head Start	704-732-1216
140 Industrial Park Rd , Lincolnton, NC 28092	
Deaton Street Head Start	704-732-3201
101 Deaton Ave , Lincolnton, NC	
Oaklawn Headstart Program	704-735-4702
410 Linden St, Lincolnton, NC	
Cleveland Co. Partnership for Children	704-480-5620
312 W Marion St, Shelby, NC	
Smart Start Program Birth to 5 years	
Success by Six	704-864-4554
Sponsored by the United Way to prepare children under 5 for school	
Gaston Community Action Lincolnton	
204 – D E. Main St, Lincolnton, NC 28092	
Preschool 3 & 4 year olds	
Highland Family Resource Ctr., Inc.	8:30 - 5 PM
1305 N. Weldon St., Gastonia, NC 28052	
704-866-9552	
• Weldon Heights Resource Ctr	704-868-2919
809 Barkley St, Gastonia	
Afterschool Program	
The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club	2PM- 6PM

715 N Main Street, Lowell, NC 28098	704-824-4773
After School & Summer Care ages 5 - 12	
Gaston College	8 AM- 5 PM
201 Hwy. 321, Dallas, NC 28034	
704-922-6200	
Childcare for ages 2-5, Funds for enrolled students	
Boy & Girls Club of Greater Gaston	8AM- 5 PM
• 310 S Boyce Street, Gastonia	704-864-6171
• 223 N Morris St., Gastonia	704-864-5681
After School & Summer Care	
704-864-2211	
Gaston County YMCA	7AM - 6PM
615 West Franklin Blvd., Gastonia, NC	
704-865-8551	
After School & Summer Care, Scholarships available	
Partnership for Children	704-922-0900
3146 Dallas High Shoals Hwy., Dallas, NC 28034	
Resources to affordable available child care	
Bessemer City Boys & Girls Club	
PO Box 12222, Bessemer City, NC 28016	
704-629-5663	
Afterschool Care	
Gaston County Health Dept. (WIC)	8 AM- 5 PM
991 Hudson Blvd., Gastonia, NC 28052	
704-853-5113	
Prenatal and after care, nutrition and food supplements	
Gaston Co. Schools Homeless Children Advocacy	704-866-6251
NC Cooperative Extension Service	
• Very Important Parent	704-922-2122
Parent info on parenting for children 0-5	
• Nutrition Program	704-922-5115
Budgeting & meal planning on a limited income	
Junior Charity League of Shelby	
PO Box 1324, Shelby, NC	
704-481-9751	
Clothing for children when referred by a school social worker	
Parents as Teachers	704-480-5591
327 – A Market St, Shelby, NC	
Education & training forf parents of preschoolers	
The Center of Hope Boys & Girls Club	704-348-2560
534 Spratt St, Charlotte, NC	
Afterschool Program for homeless shelter residents	
ARC of Gaston County	
401 E. Third Ave., Gastonia, NC 28054	
704-865-6601	
Developmental Services Agency is the primary contact for Early Intervention services for children birth to 3 years old	

Counseling & Case Management

Pathways Mental Health Services
901 S. New Hope Rd., Gastonia, NC 28054
www.pathmhdds.org

- Administration 704-884-2505
- Case Management 1-800-898-5898
- Crisis Intervention Line 1-800-898-5898

A public support agency that supports, monitors, screens and refers for mental health, substance abuse & developmentally disabilities.

Reality Concepts 704-864-0444
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
805 S. York St, Gastonia, NC
Helping income disadvantaged women move towards financial independence, empowering them on conflict resolution, communication skills and real life concepts

Cleveland County Council on Aging Sr. Ctr. 704-482-3488
408 E Marion St, Shelby, NC
Provides housing counseling, info, referrals and placement .

Carolina Center for Counseling 704-867-4411
2505 Court Dr., Gastonia, NC 28054

True Behavioral Healthcare 704-854-4840
2505 Court Dr., Gastonia, NC 28054
Psychiatric, case management, therapy, vocational rehabilitation, psychosocial rehabilitation, and residential services to adults and children with mental health, substance abuse, and developmental disability needs.

North Carolina Housing Coalition 919-881-0707
118 St. Mary's St., Raleigh, NC 27605

NC Council on Developmental Disabilities 919-420-7901
3801 Lake Boone Trl., Ste 250, Raleigh, NC 800-357-6916

National Coalition for the Homeless 202-462-4822
2201 P St NW, Washington, DC 20037
A National Homeless network of people who are currently experiencing or who have experienced homelessness, activists and advocates, community-based & faith-based service providers committed to a single mission. The mission is to end homelessness.

Footprints Carolina

- Cleveland County 704-480-6641
124 S. Post Rd. Shelby, NC
- Gaston County 704-884-2500
2020 Remount Rd., Gastonia, NC
- Lincoln County 704-735-5633
1228 N Flint St., Lincolnton, NC

Offering individual & Family centered case management services

Care Solutions 704-487-0968
208 E Grover St, Shelby, NC
Access & coordination of care to elderly & disabled persons

Cleveland Co. Council on Aging 704-482-3488
100 TR Harris Dr, Shelby, NC
Referral, Case assistance for 55+, housing counseling, & placement,

Life Enrichment Center of Cleveland Co. 704-484-0405
103 TR Harris Rd, Shelby, NC
Cost effective day center for adults with physical & mental disabilities

Pathways Mental Health - Developmental Disabilities
917 1st St., Shelby, NC 24 hrs/ 7days 704-476-4004
Provides emergency services to those experiencing a psychiatric, emotional or behavioral crisis

HIV /AIDS Resources

Hospice of Gaston County 8:30 AM/ 5 PM
258 E. Garrison Blvd., Gastonia, NC 28054 704-861-8405
AWARE-HIV/AIDS management.

Living Water C.D.C., Inc.
3906 Hickory Grove Rd., Mt. Holly, NC 704-822-3004
Case management services for persons living with **HIV & AIDS**

Regional HIV/AIDS Consortium 704-531-2467
7510 E. Independence Blvd., Suite 105 Charlotte, NC

House of Mercy 704-825-8832
PO Box 808, Belmont, NC
Provides residential & medical care for persons with AIDS

Metrolina AIDS Project 704-333-1435
227 East Blvd, Charlotte, NC
Case Management & supportive services for those with AIDS

HIV/ AIDS Task Force
Shelby, NC 704-482-3945
Housing, food, clothing utility assistance and medicine

Waddell Chapel AME Zion Church 704-482-2616
Shelby, NC
Assistance to those living with AIDS/ HIV

Gaston County Health Dept. 704-853-5002
991 Hudson Blvd, Gastonia, NC
AID & HIV / Sexual Transmitted disease Testing

Alcohol Abuse / Narcotics Resources

Alconon 704-739-1180
109 Bethlehem Rd., Kings Mtn., NC
Support and Counseling

Cornerstone Christian Center 704-867-8749
400 E. Fifth St., Gastonia, NC 28054
Housing program for Men with substance abuse issues

Crossroads Rescue Mission
206 Mt. Sinai Church Rd, Shelby, NC 704-867-8749
Housing program for Men with substance abuse issues

Flynn Christian Fellowship Home

- 311 S. Marietta St., Gastonia, NC 704-865-9395
- 706 Main Ave SE, Hickory, NC (Men) 828-324-8767
- 210 2nd St. SE, Hickory, NC (Women) 828-328-6250

Serves as a half way house after a client has completed a 28 day substance abuse program. Call for availability.

Pathways Substance Abuse Screening Triage & Referral
2505 Court Drive, Gastonia, NC 704-854-4204
7-day detox with an optional 14-day rehab program when leaving detox. Call for cost of the program.

Julian F Keith Alcohol & Drug Abuse Treatment Center
201 Tabernacle Rd., Black Mtn, NC 828-699-3402
Residential Treatment program. Referrals from mental health

Veterans Administration Medical Center 704-638-9000
1601 Brenner Ave, Salisbury, NC 800-469-8262
Outpatient Substance abuse treatment

The Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center 800-528-0224
1023 Central Ave. Charlotte, NC 704-332-1171
Residential Housing for men with addictions

AS ONE MINISTERIES Homeless Day Shelter

805-A West Airline Ave, Gastonia, NC

- Telephone Mailbox Service
- ID Cards & Bus Tickets
- Referrals

9am – 2 pm M- F
9am - 12 Sat.
704-862-6079

Ex- Offender Resources

Ex Offender Job Training Program 704-747-5115
313 Virginia Ave , Bessemer City, NC

Alternative Community Penalties 704-481-9913
100 Justice Place , Shelby, NC

Alternative Community Penalties 704-852-3293
Gaston County Courthouse
325 N. Marietta St., P.O. Box 370 , Gastonia, NC 28053
Provides information assessment, linkage, and services to individuals assigned by the courts. Services include education, employment, treatment, and counseling.

Transportation

Central Transportation (ACCESS) 704-862-7513
816 N. Highland St., Gastonia, NC 28052 704-866-3206
ACCESS bus does not run appointments made after 3PM
Must have Medicaid or Medicare to qualify

Transportation Administration Of Cleveland Co.
952 Airport Rd, Shelby, NC 704-482-6465
Rural Transportation Cost \$1.25

Cleveland County Transit
P.O. Box 3210, Shelby, NC 28151 704-482-2311

City of Gastonia Bus Line
PO Box 1748, Gastonia, NC 28053 704-866-6885
Transit services for disabled persons on established bus line
Mass transit within the city limits of Gastonia and Express buses

Transportation of Lincoln County 704-736-2030
115 W. Main Street, Lincolnton, NC
A fully coordinated, public transportation system that operates for DSS, elderly, disabled, and the general public of Lincoln County.

- Medicaid covered appointments -
Authorization and approval for services 704-732-0738.
To schedule transportation services 704-732-3471
- Elderly or Disabled Services covered appointments
Authorization and approval for services 704-736-8492.
To schedule transportation services 704-736-2030
- Services for the Blind covered appointments
Authorization and approval for services 704-732-9024.
To schedule transportation services 704-736-2030
- Veterans Services covered appointments
Authorization and approval for services 704-736-8506
To schedule transportation 704-736-2030

Social Security Administration

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION 1-866-331-2193
609 COTTON BLOSSOM CIR, GASTONIA, NC 28054
For Gaston and Lincoln Counties

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION 1-704-480-6202
707 SCHENCK ST., SHELBY, NC 28150
For Cleveland County

No need to go to your local office and wait. Apply online for almost everything

- Apply for Social Security retirement or spouse's benefits.
- Apply for Social Security disability benefits (includes the Adult Disability / SSDI)
- Begin or continue the Adult Disability Report.
When you apply for any type of disability benefits, we need information about your medical, work, & education history to help us decide if you are disabled.
- Apply for help with your Medicare prescription drug costs.
- Apply for Medicare benefits.
- Check your application status for SSDI or Social Security Benefits. (Not available for SSI.)
- Request a *Social Security Statement* online sent by mail
Get your personal earnings report & benefit estimates.
- Appeal our recent medical decision about your disability claim or continue the appeal you already started.
- Change your address or telephone number.
Note: This is not available to persons *receiving SSI*.
- Get a replacement Medicare Card.
- Request a Proof of Income letter.
(Get a letter that verifies your Social Security benefit information, Medicare or SSI)
- Get a Form 1099/1042S -- Social Security Benefit Statement. (Not available for SSI).
- Select or change the way you receive information from Social Security if you are blind or visually impaired.
Request a Proof of Income letter. If you receive disability
- Apply for Medicare
- Apply to Retire

How to apply for Disability:

- Go online & fill out a application for SSDI (This is for those that have a work history)
<https://secure.ssa.gov/apps6z/iClaim/dib>
- Fill out a Adult Disability Report
<https://secure.ssa.gov/apps6z/radr/radr-fe>
- At the end of your report, print out & sign SSA-827 Authorization to Disclose Information to SSA
- Mail or hand deliver to your local office SSA 827 & any medical records or information given to you by your doctor verifying your condition.
- Stay in touch with DDS (Disability Determination Service) An application with claimant cooperation can be approved in 90 days.

What if I am denied?

- Go online & file an appeal. Maybe SSA doesn't have all your information. Did your doctor send the records? Did you sign everything? An Appeal can turn into a **YES**.
<https://secure.ssa.gov/apps6z/iAppeals/ap001.jsp>

How do I apply for SSI?

- A SSI application can not be done online. Make an appointment with your local office or a phone interview. Explain what it is like to be you.

Example: Yes I can clean my house. BUT do you keep having to sit down? Do you have trouble sweeping reaching or holding objects?

Yes, I can dress myself. BUT Can you bend over to tie your own shoes? Do you have to sit down on the bed to put your pants on?

The point is, What could you do before that you have trouble doing now? This is not the time to let your pride get in the way. Really think... How has this disability affected my life.

Don't let disability get the best of you. Often you can become frustrated or even depressed. When answering these questions be honest with the SSA & yourself.

Need More Info Go to www.ssa.gov

Permanent Rentals

Subsidized rental housing for the Elderly & Disabled

A.R.P. Manor 2900 Union Rd., Gastonia, NC 28054	704-861-0954
Kinross Place	704-861-0954
Shelby Manor 1176 Wyke Rd, Shelby, NC Provides older persons with assisted living & personal assistance	704-482-0000
Catherine Booth Garden Apartments 1435 Union Rd., Gastonia, NC 28054	704-868-9122
Colonial Oaks Apartments 400 W. Academy St., Cherryville, NC 28021	704-435-9347
McLurd Manor 111 McLurd Manor Dr., Stanley, NC 28164	704-263-1699
Cleveland County Council on Aging Sr. Ctr. 408 E Marion St, Shelby, NC Provides housing counseling, info, referrals and placement .	704-482-3488
Belmont Housing Authority 51 Flowers Ct., Belmont, NC 28012	9 AM- 5 PM 704-825-9376
• Myrtle Terrace Apartments 35 W. Myrtle St., Belmont, NC 28012	704-825-2446
Village Square Apartments 1400 Paige Ct., Gastonia, NC 28054	704-865-9507
Woodridge Homes 165 Houston St., Mt. Holly, NC 28120	704-822-6107
Mary Lee Cottages Kings Mtn. , NC	704-734-0055
Gastonia Housing Authority 340 W. Long Ave., Gastonia, NC 28052	9 AM-4:30 PM 704-864-6771
• Linwood Terrace 1612 Conrad Street, Gastonia, NC	704-864-7323
LIVE 1268 Fallston Rd., Shelby, NC Assist frail elderly & the disabled in maintaining a safe & independent lifestyle.	704-484-5483
Madison Place 4200 Forbes Rd., Gastonia, NC	877-221-7218

Home Ownership Programs & Assistance

City Of Gastonia Community Development	704-866-6758
• Health & Safety Repairs	
• Home Energy Saver Program	
• Handicap Accessibility Program	
• Water & Sewer Assist Program	

Homeownership Incentive Program 704-869-1938

HUD Housing Coalition 336-547-4000 x 2047
1500 Pincroft Rd, Greensboro, NC 336- 691-9521

Linked Economic Development & Affordable Housing
123 N. Main St., Belmont, NC 28012 704-825-8868

Gaston Community Action 704-480-0722
827 S. Washington St, Shelby, NC
Home weatherization

Habitat for Humanity of Gaston County
P.O. Box 1584, Gastonia, NC 28053 704-864-6536
Building houses in partnership with people in need.

USDA Rural Development 8 AM- 5 PM
844 Wallace Grove Rd, Shelby, NC 28150 704-471-0235
Provide subsidized loans for home ownership to eligible, qualified low-income households.



SOUP KITCHENS

Free Meals for the homeless & low income

The Salvation Army
107 N Broad Street, Gastonia, NC
7 days a week 5:30 -6:30pm

Bethesda Mission
255 E. Main Ave., Gastonia, NC
6pm

Shelby Presbyterian
226 E Graham St, Shelby, NC
Mon & Thurs. 12:00 -1:00

Hopper's Chapel
200 E Marion St., Shelby, NC
Tues. 11:45 – 12:30

First Baptist Church
120 N Lafayette St., Shelby, NC
Friday 12:30 -1:30 pm

Permanent Rentals

Subsidized rental housing for single adults, families & disabled individuals

Reinvestment in Communities 704-866-6766
Permanent supportive housing for disabled & homeless persons.

- The Willows** 704-960-1112
512 B Willow St., Gastonia, NC
- Cherokee Street Apts.** 704-675-5310
413 S Cherokee St., Kings Mtn., NC

Gastonia Housing Authority 9AM - 4:30 PM
340 W. Long Ave., Gastonia, NC 28052 704-864-6771
1, 2, 3 bedroom low-income rental-housing units

- Mountain View Apartments** 704-867-7733
425 Edwin St., Gastonia, NC 28052
- Cameron Court Apt.** 704-864-0885
1305 Weldon Street, Gastonia, NC

Belmont Housing Authority 9 AM- 5 PM

- Flowers Ct. Apts.**
51 Flowers Ct., Belmont, NC 28012 704-825-9376

 2, 3, 4 bedroom low-income rental housing units.

Mt. Holly Housing Authority 8 AM- 4:30 PM
635 Noles Dr., Mt. Holly, NC 28120 704-827-9025
1, 2, 3 bedroom low-income rental housing units

Cherrywood Apartments
106 Sullivan Dr., Cherryville, NC 28021 704-435-5772

NC Housing Foundation 336-725-3568
8 W. 3rd. Ave. Ste. 565, Winston Salem, NC
A non-profit property development company

- The Landings** 877-221-7218
224 Hudson Landings Dr.

Church Hill
411 N. Pine St., Cherryville, NC 28021 704-435-2114

Hoffman Homes
2263 Cordoba St., Gastonia, NC 28054 704-865-1945

Kings Mtn. Housing Authority 704-739-2816
201 McGill St, Kings Mtn., NC
1, 2, 3 bedroom housing for low income families

Shelby Housing Authority 704-484-6830
801 Logan St., Shelby, NC

- Section 8 Assistance Program** 704-487-0476
127 W Graham St, Shelby, NC

Kendrick Square
800 W. Charlotte Ave., Mt. Holly, NC 28120 704-827-7171

Lincoln Terrace Apartments
366 Armstrong Circle, High Shoals, NC 28077 704-732-0969

Oak Forest Apartments
117A Oak Forest Lane, Dallas, NC 28034 704-922-4811

Park Terrace Apartments
309 Park Terrace Dr., Bessemer City, NC 28016 704-629-5121

Rollins Apartments
311 S. Hawthorne St., Mt. Holly, NC 28120 704-827-9025

Stanley Square
814 N. Buckoak St., Stanley, NC 28164 704-263-1000

Stoncroft Village Apartments
1001 Farewell Dr., Gastonia, NC 28054 704-861-0793

City of Gastonia Bus Route Information

Linked below is the City of Gastonia Bus Map:

http://www.cityofgastonia.com/city_serv/file_et/_pdf%20files/32x24brochureMap.pdf

Fares for City of Gastonia Transit

Regular Bus Fare	\$1.00
Regular Transfer	FREE
Elderly (65+)	\$.50
Disabled & Handicapped	\$.50
Elderly & Disabled Transfer	FREE

Route Schedules

[Route 1 - Franklin Blvd](#)

[Route 2 - S New Hope](#)

[Route 3 - S Marietta](#)

[Route 4 - S York](#)

[Route 5 - Edgewood](#)

[Route 6 - Bessemer City Rd](#)

[Route 7 - Highland](#)

[Route 8 - Hospital/Westfield](#)

Cleveland County Transit - Shelby Circulator - Public Transportation Route

Fare: \$1.25 each time you board the vehicle

EXACT FARE ONLY. DRIVERS DO NOT HAVE CHANGE

Sto	Location	1	2	3	4	5	
1	Buffalo St. / Julius St	7:15 AM	8:50 AM	10:36 AM	12:10 PM	1:45PM	3:2
2	Buffalo St. / Lineberger St.	7:16 AM	8:51 AM	10:37 AM	12:11 PM	1:46PM	3:2
3	Carolina Ave. / Airline Ave.	7:18 AM	8:53 AM	10:39 AM	12:13 PM	1:48PM	3:2
4	Washington St. / Marion St.	7:21 AM	8:56 AM	10:40 AM	12:14 PM	1:49PM	3:2
5	Marion St. / Patton Dr. / ESC	7:23 AM	8:58 AM	10:42 AM	12:16 PM	1:51PM	3:2
6	Marion St. / Cline St.	7:24 AM	8:59 AM	10:43 AM	12:17 PM	1:52PM	3:2
7	Marion St. / Lineberger St.	7:25 AM	9:00 AM	10:44 AM	12:18 PM	1:53PM	3:2
8	Marion St.-Highland Festival Shopping Center	7:28 AM	9:03 AM	10:47 AM	12:21 PM	1:56PM	3:3
9	Wyke Rd. / Hwy 150 / YMCA / Baptist Association	7:33 AM	9:08 AM	10:52 AM	12:26 PM	2:01PM	3:3
10	Cleveland Co. DSS / S. Post Rd.	7:40 AM	9:15 AM	10:59 AM	12:33 PM	2:08PM	3:4
11	Cleveland Community College / Fairgrounds	7:43 AM	9:18 AM	11:02 AM	12:36 PM	2:11PM	3:4
12	Marion St. / Kings Rd.	7:45 AM	9:20 AM	11:04 AM	12:38 PM	2:13PM	3:4
13	Cleveland Mall-Front Entrance / Hwy 74	7:48 AM	9:23 AM	11:07 AM	12:41 PM	2:16PM	3:5
14	Big Lots Shopping Center / Hwy 74	7:54 AM	9:29 AM	11:13 AM	12:47 PM	2:22PM	3:5
15	Wal-Mart-Front Entrance / Hwy 74	7:59 AM	9:34 AM	11:18 AM	12:52 PM	2:27PM	4:0
16	K-Mart-Front Entrance / Hwy 74	8:02 AM	9:37 AM	11:21 AM	12:55 PM	2:30PM	4:0
17	Colonial Manor Apts. / Earl Rd.	8:05 AM	9:40 AM	11:24 AM	12:58 PM	2:33PM	4:0
18	Lowes / Goodwill / Aidi / Walk-In Clinic	8:09 AM	9:44 AM	11:28 AM	1:02 PM	2:37PM	4:1
19	Interchange St. / Lafayette St.	8:13 AM	9:48 AM	11:32 AM	1:06 PM	2:41PM	4:1
20	Lafayette St. / Family Car Wash	8:15 AM	9:50 AM	11:34 AM	1:08 PM	2:43PM	4:1
21	Lafayette St. / Ramblewood / Thrift Store	8:17 AM	9:52 AM	11:36 PM	1:10 PM	2:45PM	4:2
22	Dellinger Rd. / Charles Rd. / Charles Place Apts.	8:20 AM	9:55 AM	11:39 AM	1:13 PM	2:48PM	4:2
23	Warren St. / Charles Rd. / Kenmond Apts.	8:24 AM	9:59 AM	11:43 AM	1:17 PM	2:53PM	4:2
24	W. Warren St. / Philbeck St. / West Warren Manor	8:25 AM	10:00 AM	11:44 AM	1:18 PM	2:54PM	4:2
25	Howie Dr. / Cleveland Co. Library / Shelby Park	8:27 AM	10:02 AM	11:46 AM	1:20 PM	2:56PM	4:3
26	Sumter / Clyde	8:29 AM	10:04 AM	11:48 AM	1:22 PM	2:58PM	4:3
27	Morgan St. / Lions Sr. Village	8:30 AM	10:05 AM	11:49 AM	1:23 PM	2:59PM	4:3
28	Morgan St. / Lee St.	8:32 AM	10:07 AM	11:51 AM	1:25 PM	3:01PM	4:3
29	Washington St. / Hospital Emergency Room	8:35 AM	10:10 AM	11:54 AM	1:28 PM	3:04PM	4:3
30	First St. / Crawford St. / Cleveland Center	8:36 AM	10:11 AM	11:55 AM	1:29 PM	3:05PM	4:4
31	Fredrick St. / Piedmont Ave.	8:38AM	10:13AM	11:57AM	1:31PM	3:07PM	4:4
32	Tom Dedmon / Lithia Springs Rd.	8:40AM	10:15AM	11:59AM	1:33PM	3:09PM	4:4
33	T.R. Harris Dr. / Hwy 18 N. / Forest Glen / Senior Center	8:42AM	10:17AM	12:01PM	1:35PM	3:11PM	4:4

Bringing a Community Connection to Generations!

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- 16 K-Mart-Front Entrance/Earl Rd.
- 17 Colonial Manor Apts./Earl Rd.
- 18 Lowes/Aidi/Goodwill/Walk-In Clinic
- 19 Interchange St./Lafayette St.
- 20 Lafayette St./Family Car Wash
- 21 Lafayette St./Cornwell/Ramblewood
- 22 Charles Place Apt./Charles Rd./Dellinger Rd.
- 23 Warren St./Charles Rd./Kenmond Apts.
- 24 W. Warren St./Philbeck St./West Warren Manor

- 25 Cleveland Co Library/Shelby Park/Howie Dr.
- 26 Sumter/Clyde
- 27 Morgan St./Lions Sr. Village
- 28 Morgan St./Lee St.
- 29 Washington St./Hospital Emergency Room
- 30 First St./Crawford/Cleveland Center
- 31 Fredrick St./Piedmont Ave.
- 32 Tom Dedmon/Lithia Springs Rd.
- 33 T.R. Harris Dr./Forest Glen/Senior Center

For Information Call
704-482-2311

See Route Time Schedule enclosed



Emergency Housing

Temporary alternative to unsafe inhabitable living conditions until permanent housing is reached

- Cleveland Co. Abuse Prevention Council 704-481-0043
PO Box 2589, Shelby, NC 28151
- Lighthouse Shelter - homeless women & children.
 - Beacon Shelter - homeless men

South Mountain Children's Home 828-584-1105
7330 Myrtle Dr, Nebo, NC
Offers care for abused, neglected & dependent children.

Alternative Community Penalties 704-481-9913
100 Justice Place, Shelby, NC
Working with offenders assigned to the court & ex offenders with residential placement

Grace of God Rescue Mission 828-245-9532
529 W main St, Forest City, NC
Temporary shelter for men and women

Gaston County

The Salvation Army 24 hours/7 days
107 S. Broad Street, Gastonia, NC 28052 704-867-6145
Emergency shelter for men, women and families.

With Friends Youth Shelter. 24 hours/7 days
2098 Keith Drive, Gastonia, NC 28053 704-866-7774

Lincoln County

Hessed House of Hope
116 E. Main Street (Gazdek building) Lincolnton, NC 28092
Intake hrs. 5:30 - 6:15 PM 7 days week Nov. - April only
New Shelter opening in Fall

Mecklenburg County

Charlotte Emergency Housing
2410 The Plz, Charlotte, NC (704)335-5488

Uptown Day Shelter (704)334-3187
1210 North Tryon St., Charlotte, NC

Relatives Crisis Youth Shelter (704) 377-0602
1100 East Blvd # 460, Charlotte, NC

Shelter For Battered Women (704) 332-2513
Charlotte, NC 28222

Emergency Men's Winter Shelter (704) 333-2608
3410 Statesville Ave, Charlotte, NC

Men's Shelter of Charlotte (704) 334-3187
1210 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC

Charlotte Rescue Mission (For Men) (704) 566-9984
6321 Albemarle Rd, Charlotte, NC

The Salvation Army Center of Hope for Women & Children
534 Spratt Street, Charlotte, NC

Transitional Housing

Temporary Housing with services to help persons & families reach permanent housing

Adams's House 704-865-4563
2098 Keith Drive, Gastonia, NC 28053
Residential program for men 18-21 years.
Offsite care management for women and men 18-21 also available

Catherine's House, Inc. 24 hours / 7 days
PO Box 1633, Belmont, NC 28012 704-825-9599
Three month residential program for single women & women with children only. Screening Required

Gastonia's Potters House 24 hours/ 7 days
PO Box 322, Lowell, NC 28098 704-824-3698
Residential program for single women with substance abuse.

Family Promise 704-854-9880
PO Box 67, Gastonia, NC 28053
Homeless Married couples or single parents with children

Oxford House 919-520-5793
315 3rd St., Gastonia, NC 28052
For men in recovery from substance abuse. Individual should be in recovery at least 3 months & have some form of income. An Oxford House describes a democratically run, self-supporting and drug free home. Each House represents a remarkably effective and low cost

Off The Streets 704-214-3331
1114 W. Rankin St., Gastonia, NC
Program geared for women struggling with additions to learn to live without drugs & become responsible members of society

Florence Crittenton Services 704-372-4663
1300 Blythe Blvd., Charlotte, NC
For women while they are pregnant

Effective 7/1/2008

First--and most important--thing you can do to help the homeless is to realize that the tired old stereotypes concerning them just are not true.

Myth: They want to be homeless.

Fact: Less than six percent of the homeless are that way by choice.

Myth: They're to blame for being homeless.

Fact: Most homeless are victims. Some have suffered from child abuse or violence. Nearly one quarter are children. Many have lost their jobs. All have lost their homes.

Myth: They don't work.

Fact: Many homeless people are among the working poor. A person earning a minimum wage can't earn enough to support a family of three or pay inner-city rent.

Myth: They are mentally ill.

Fact: About 25 percent of the homeless are estimated to be emotionally disturbed. One percent may need long-term hospitalization; the others can become self-sufficient with help.

Myth: They are heavy drug users.

Fact: Some homeless are substance abusers; research suggests one in four. Many of these are included in the 25 percent who suffer from mental illness.

Myth: They are dangerous.

Fact: Sometimes an encounter with the homeless may end in tragedy. It is extremely rare, though. In general, the homeless are among the least threatening group in our society. If anything, they are the victims of crimes, not the perpetrators

Most homeless people are not drunks or drug abusers or former mental patients. Most are able or willing to work. They are not the perpetual social problem many people believe they are. So who are they?

One quarter of the homeless are war veterans, most of them from the Vietnam conflict. Some vets end up on our streets, some of them disabled, others mentally traumatized by their war experiences, others simply unable to find work.

One out of four homeless people is a child. The fastest growing homeless group in the United States is families with children. Their number nearly doubled between 1984 and 1989.

Even more appalling, many homeless children are alone. They may be runaways who left home because there is no money for food, because they are victims of rape, incest, or violence or because one or both of their parents is in emotional turmoil. Some are "throwaways" whose parents tell them to leave home, or won't allow them to return once they leave.

Elderly people on fixed incomes don't fit the traditional image of homeless folk. But the fact is that a senior citizen who receives \$450 a month in benefits and pays \$350 for rent can't survive in any U.S. city.

However, Social Security, Medicare, and other senior-oriented programs provide a safety net for many of the elderly, making their numbers disproportionately less among the homeless than other minorities. Although the elderly are not as likely to be found in shelters, it is true that some are afraid to go to shelters, or even a soup kitchen. Others are living in poverty, not homeless, but often homebound and without proper heating, water, or other amenities.

Thirty-two thousand people with AIDS and their dependents were homeless in 1989. By 1995 over 100,000 AIDS related sufferers are projected to join their ranks.

*The number who are homeless for at least one night during the year is probably over three million.

*The majority of homeless are male; the largest proportion are single men.

*Illegal immigrants are swelling the ranks of the homeless.

* One child in five lives below the poverty line, making children the poorest age group in the United States, which accounts for the growing percentage of children who are homeless.

*Many homeless people have completed high school; some have attended college and even graduate school.

*The homeless are found not only in cities, but in small towns, rural areas, and affluent suburbs.

* Millions are among the hidden homeless--people who are one crisis away from losing their homes. They may be doubled or tripled up in housing or 48 hours from eviction or about to leave a hospital with nowhere to go.



Tri- County Resource Guide

Gaston, Lincoln & Cleveland Counties



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