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Resource Directory:

Catawba County

**Note:** This resource directory was created by FSN/Hope staff to help you identify resources in your county that can assist you with your child’s needs. Family Support Network/HOPE does not make referrals and we do not endorse these agencies. Any contact you make with these agencies is at your own discretion. This directory may not have all the resources in your county however we try our best and will update this continuously. If you have any additions, questions, or concerns, please contact us at (828) 256-5202 or at vickiedieter@fsnhope.org. Thank you.
A Caring Alternative
301 East Meeting Street
Morganton, NC 28655
Phone: (828) 437-3000
Website: https://www.caringalternative.com/

A Caring Alternative, LLC (ACA) is a well-established comprehensive care agency providing behavioral health and substance use disorder services to adults, adolescents, and children in Western North Carolina. Child, Adolescent and Family services are currently serving in Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba and McDowell Counties. Programs available are Therapy Services (School-based, Individual, Family, Integrated Care, Group therapy, Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Substance Use Disorder Services, Active Parenting of Teens-Families in Action, Psychiatric Care and Medication Management), Intensive In-Home Services, Therapeutic Foster Care, Day Treatment Services (Buncombe and McDowell Counties) and Services only for Burke and Catawba Counties are Hospital Discharge Planning and Assertive Engagement.

Blue Ridge Community Action
800 N Green St
Morganton, NC 28655
Phone: (828) 438-6255
Website: https://www.brcainc.org/

Blue Ridge Community Action, Inc. (BRCA) is a private, non-profit organization founded in 1965 to address problems related to poverty in Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Gaston, Mecklenburg, Rutherford, Stanly and Union Counties. Services they provide are Adult Day Care, Day Care, Weatherization Assistance Program, Home Delivered Meals, Head Start, HARRP (services for those with inadequate or no heating/air conditioning), Congregate Nutrition, Early Head Start, Duke Energy Helping Home Fund, Affordable Rental Units, Foster Grand Parents, and SCSEP (A unique workforce Development program).

Catawba County Department of Social Services
25 Government Drive
Newton, NC 28658
Phone: (828) 465-8200
Website: http://www.catawbacountync.gov/county-services/social-services/
Catawba County Department of Social Service’s mission is to strengthen, with dignity and respect, the quality of life for all citizens through supportive services and advocacy. The agency work to prevent social problems, maintain those unable to care for themselves, help the able-bodied become employed, protect children and adults from abuse and neglect, help children have permanent homes, and give the elderly and disabled a choice to remain in their own homes. Services the Catawba County DSS provides are: Family Support Services (day care assistance, food stamps, family Medicaid and child support), Adult Services (Medicaid, long-term care assistance, special assistance in home, and adult protective services), Senior Nutrition Services (Meals on wheels and Seniors Morning Out), Family & Children Services (child protective services, prevention and child wellbeing programs, counseling and residential services), Foster Care & Adoption (foster family training and licensure, adoptive family services, post adoption services, reunification of adult adoptees) and Transportation services (includes Medicaid transportation services).

Catawba County Partnership for Children
738 4th Street SW
Hickory, NC 28602
Phone: (828) 695-6505
Website: https://catawbakids.com/

The Catawba County Partnership for Children is a local non-profit agency that is focused on ensuring that children enter school healthy and prepared for success. Through the state funded Smart Start initiative, the NC Pre-Kindergarten Program, Imagination Library, and other early childhood related efforts work together to engage local stakeholders in supporting young children and families. Projects and services focus on improving the quality of child care, helping parents afford child care, strengthening families through parent education opportunities, supporting early childhood teachers in improving their education, finding and serving children with identified special needs, promoting early literacy and facilitating a smooth transition to kindergarten.

Catawba County Public Health
25 Government Drive
Newton, NC 28658
Phone: (828) 465-8200
Website: https://www.catawbacountync.gov/county-services/public-health/
Catawba County Public Health’s goal is to promote, protect, and improve the health of the community by assessing and responding to needs, assuring services, developing policies and fostering collaboration. Catawba County Public Health provides health and education services to a diverse array of individuals, families and organizations in the community. Services provided through Catawba County Public Health are: Adult Preventative Health Clinic, Care Coordination for Children, Communicable disease, Early Childhood Support Team, Environmental Health, Health Promotion, Immunization Clinic, Postpartum/Newborn Home Visiting Program, Pregnancy Care Management, Preparedness, Public Health Farmers Market, School Health, and Women Infants and Children (WIC).

Catawba County Transportation
(Western Piedmont Regional Transit Authority)
1515 4th St. S.W.
Conover, NC 28613
Phone: (828) 464-9444 (Demand Response, Flex Route)
(828) 465-7634 (Fixed Route Bus Information)
Website: http://mygreenway.org/

Greenway provides fixed route transportation service in the cities of Conover, Hickory and Newton. Flex route service is available for the Town of Taylorsville and in Burke County (Morganton, Drexel, Valdese, Rutherford College). Demand Response Service in the counties of Alexander, Burke, Caldwell and Catawba.

Catawba Habitat for Humanity
772 4th Street SW
Hickory, NC 28603
Phone: (828) 328-4663
Website: http://habitatcatawbavalley.org/

Founded in 1985, Habitat for Humanity of Catawba Valley is a non-profit, Christian-based community organization dedicated to building, renovating, and repairing safe, decent and affordable housing for hard-working, low-income families in the community. Habitat for Humanity of Catawba Valley build houses through partnerships with diverse segments of the community, churches and temples, businesses and individuals, service clubs and foundations. Thanks to the support from the community, Habitat has built over 165 houses in Catawba County.
Centro Latino – Hickory
Catawba County Hispanic Ministry
2259 12th Ave NE
Hickory, NC 28601
Phone: (828) 330-0477
Website: https://www.centrolatinohickory.com/

Catawba County Hispanic Ministry (Centro Latino) provides a Christian response to the needs of Latinos in the community and seeks to bridge the cultural gap between Spanish and non-Spanish speakers through outreach, advocacy and training. Since 1999, Centro Latino has been helping Hispanic newcomers incorporate successfully into the community. More than 500 students have been successful and overcome both social and language barriers in school. More than 800 families each year are assisted by at least one of the services provided at Centro Latino. Services provided by Centro Latino are: client services, after school programs, immigration, and ESL. Client Services is handled by the Director of Client Services. She handles telephone calls, walk ins and appointments for questions or problems clients have. Services included with client services are: translation, interpretation, notary public, assistance with affordable healthcare, referrals as needed (physicians, dentist, lawyer, social service, government agencies), and police (immigration). Centro Latino offers an after school program call, Opening Doors which functions from 3:00 to 6:00 PM, Monday to Thursday. This program provides homework assistance and literacy instruction for at-risk students in grades K through 8. The program has experienced community tutors from Lenoir-Rhyne University to work one-on-one with students. There is a $25 charge per student, per month. Centro Latino has an accredited representative with the Department of Justice Office of Legal Access Programs that assist with all types of immigration needs including Fiancée Petition, Freedom of Information Act, Alien Card, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, Violence against Women Act Petitions, application for employment authorization, naturalization, application of citizenship certificate, fingerprints, passports and others. Centro Latino has established alliances with local immigration attorneys who can help with legal needs that are beyond the scope of the Centro Latino representative. English as a second language (ESL) gives new immigrants confidence to succeed, improve their grammar and allow them to learn in a comfortable and friendly environment. Centro Latino offers ESL classes to families in the community. Other programs are intermittently available and depends on the availability of staff and interest of clients. These are, Spanish for business, Diversity training, knitting classes, parenting classes and know your rights.

Children’s Advocacy & Protection Center of Catawba County
4360 County Home Rd.
Conover, NC 28613
Phone: (828) 465-9296
The Children’s Advocacy & Protection Center of Catawba County exists to build a community dedicated to the prevention of and the coordinated response to child abuse and neglect. The Children’s Advocacy & Protection Center’s mission is to advocate for the protection of the children of Catawba County by working to: empower individuals through training and education, coordinate a comprehensive team response to abuse and neglect, and reduce victim trauma.

Children’s Resource Center
738 4th St SW
Hickory, NC 28602
Phone: (828) 695-6565
Spanish: (828) 695-6515
Website: https://childrensresourcecenter.org/

The Children’s Resource Center is a Free Resource and Referral Agency. The Children’s Resource Center is a non-profit child care resource and referral agency that has been in operation since 1995. They are funded by Smart Start, the Division of Child Development and Early Education, and other private donations. The agency works to assist, educate, and support parents, child care providers and the community about quality child care and assist with other issues relating to children and families.

ComServ, Inc.
Corporate Office
105 Scroggs Court
Morganton, NC 28680
Phone: (828) 438-6026
Website: https://www.comserv.org/

ComServ, Inc. enhances the lives of persons with disabilities and their families by expanding opportunities of maximum growth and independence; promoting self-determination in inclusive and diverse environments; and providing services/supports for successfully achieving positive desired outcomes through individualized services, natural supports and participation in the community in which they live. ComServ, Inc. services Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, and McDowell County. Services they provide are Personal Assistance which is a State funded service for adults with disabilities 21 years of age and older. This service provides assistance with daily living, skill building, support with activities and therapy. Another service is Respite services funded through Medicaid. Supported Employment
is another service provided and is founded on the belief that anyone can work if they are provided the right supports. This program provides support to help individuals with disabilities find jobs in the community. A Place to Grow (APTG) is a Developmental Day Center in Lincolnton, NC. The Center services children one to five and offers summer programs for children under 18. The Center follows best practice for preschool children and is integrated serving children with special needs typically developing children in all classroom settings. ComServ also provides residential options for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities. It offers them a supportive and safe home to exercise their right to make choices, grown and contribute to their community. Some other options are ICF/IDD which offers intensive 24 hour staffing, Group Living homes with provide 24 hour support and supervision in a home environment, Supervised Living which is typically an apartment which includes room and periodic support care to those who do not need 24 hour support, Family Living/Alternative Family Living (AFL) is a service in which a child or adult resides with an individual or family other than their own.

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**Council on Adolescents of Catawba County**

1120 Fairgrove Church Rd, Suite 22
Hickory, NC 28602
Phone: (828) 322-4591
Website: [https://www.coacatawba.org/](https://www.coacatawba.org/)

Mission Statement: To inspire today’s youth to be physically and emotionally healthy through education, awareness and advocacy. Programs offered through Council on Adolescents are: The Lunch Buddy Program, Smart Moms & Dads, Teen Talk and Healthy Youth Education. The Lunch Buddy Program is a mentoring initiative implemented in middles throughout Catawba County Schools, Hickory Public Schools, and Newton-Conover City Schools. It is designed to help reach students who would benefit from having an additional positive role model. The Lunch Buddy Program helps create healthy attitudes and behaviors in youth, as well as provide skills, resources, and positive experiences that will aid them in becoming successful, productive citizens. Mentors in this program spend one lunch period per week with a middle school student for an entire school year. Recruited volunteers are trained through information and orientation sessions and matched with a child. Background checks for the mentor is required. The Smart Moms & Dads program is designed to provide support to pregnant and parenting teens in Catawba County. The Smart Moms & Dads Coordinator leads this initiative across the county, including Hickory High School and Hickory Career and Arts Magnet School (HCAM). The Teen Talk Program is designed to reduce risky sexual behavior and prevent teen pregnancies in Catawba County. It serves middle school and high school youths, uses evidence-based curriculums, encourages and provides opportunities for parent/child engagement, collaborates with other community groups and offers interactive activities to engage youth. The Council on
Adolescents provides Healthy Youth Education Programs to more than 7,000 youth across Catawba County. In-school programs follow NC’s Healthy Youth Act requirements and Healthful Living Guide Lines. This includes reproductive health and safety education to 7th-9th graders and puberty education to 5th and 6th graders, as well as a booster class for 10th grade students. The Council’s Programs are provided by trained health educators, integrated, sequential, age-appropriate, medically accurate and interactive, and framed to present opportunities for open discussion between parents and their children.

**Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministries**

245 East N Street  
Newton, NC 28658  
Phone: (828) 465-1702  
Website: [https://www.eccm.org/](https://www.eccm.org/)

Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministries programs and services are designed to help life an individual or household from a crisis situation, moving them to self-sufficiency. Services are all encompassing, providing a foundation on which to build. Beginning with income supports and hunger relief, case management focuses on providing the necessary tools and education to each individual and household. Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministries serves all of eastern Catawba County outside of Hickory, Conover, Newton, Vale, Maiden, Claremont, Catawba, Sherrills Ford, Denver and Terrell. They provide emergency financial assistance for mortgage and rent payments, assistance with utility bills, fuel oil and kerosene purchases and life-necessary pharmaceuticals. In addition, ECCCM provides emergency food and clothing to those in need. Typical reasons leading to a crisis include but are not limited to, job layoffs, unemployment, underemployment, unexpected major expenses such as medical emergencies or other crisis situations. Residents are invited to apply for assistance and a personal interview is required with proper documentation.

**Family Care Center**

2875 Highland Ave. N.E.  
Hickory, NC 28601  
Phone: (828) 324-9917  
Website: [https://www.familycare-center.org/](https://www.familycare-center.org/)

Family Care Center of Catawba Valley, Inc. is a 501 c 3 non-profit organization. Family Care Center serves homeless families with dependent children through an emergency and transitional residential program. They offer physical, emotional, social and educational services
to assist families in the transition to becoming self-sufficient. The Family Care Center opened in 1988. Family Care Center has 19 housing units in Catawba Valley serving approximately 70 families with over 100 children per year.

Family, Infant and Preschool Program (FIPP)
Center for the Advanced Study of Excellence (CASE)
300 Enola Road
Morganton, NC 28655
Phone: (828) 433-2661
Website: https://fipp.org/

The Family, Infant and Preschool Program serves in the capacity of a research and training institute as well as an early childhood intervention program for children (ages birth to five years), families, and women who are pregnant. This program is part of the J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center (JIRDC) located in Morganton, NC. FIPP provides direct support to children and their families in Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, and McDowell counties. The mission of the Family, Infant and Preschool Program is to promote the growth and development of young children by supporting and strengthening families and building caring, responsive communities. They provide early intervention services, parent education, pregnancy supports, neonatal intensive care follow-up, and work collaboratively with other community agencies to ensure evidence-based intervention for all young children and families.

Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministries
31 1st Ave SE
Hickory, NC 28602
Phone: (828) 327-0979
Website: https://www.ccmhickory.com/

Since 1969, Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministry (GHCCM) has served as the area’s hub for providing and coordinating services for the uninsured and people and families in crisis, living in poverty and/or experiencing homelessness. GHCCM is a faith-based, volunteer driven organization that provides a wide array of programs, services and solutions. Services GHCCM offers are emergency services (financial assistance with utilities, rent, mortgage), the Wellness Recovery Action Plan which is an individualized plan that deals with life, health and wellness (health problems, substance abuse, physical/emotional abuse, unsafe or substandard living environments, education, housing needs, disability, employment, special needs of children or family members, legal concerns, community and social networks, food insecurity, finances,
mental health, faith and spiritual care. Another program offered through GHCCM is nutrition services. GHCCM’s Nutrition Center provides supplemental groceries for families and individuals, the homeless and those facing a crisis situation. This program can provide eggs, meats, butter, cheese, milk, fresh fruits and vegetables, fresh bread and other perishable items as well as varieties of canned and boxed foods. The NETworX Catawba program is a faith-based initiative that engages the community to help move families out of poverty, children succeed in school and address systemic solutions to poverty. Through a holistic, relational approach, NETworX teaches participants and mentors about overcoming poverty. Programs, tutoring and mentoring are also available for children in this program. The Medical Ministries Clinic provides healthcare and dental services for uninsured adults. These services are supported by area healthcare providers, business, volunteers, along with public and private sponsors. The Medical Ministries Pharmacy offers qualified patients access to low and no-cost medications through patient assistance programs and partnerships with area businesses and wholesalers. GHCCM provides housing services as well. This program is in partnership with Partners Behavioral Health’s Shelter Plus Care Program to qualified individuals. This program assists with obtaining rent assistance and connections with matching supportive services. The program gives clients a housing choice accompanied by a range of supportive service through the agency. Individuals who wish to receive these services must be defined as homeless only if they are literally homeless, fleeing/attempting due to domestic violence, and/or Individuals and family must be living on the streets and be unwilling or unable to access services in emergency shelter. A screening tool and Shelter Plus care supportive housing Referral form which indicates whether the client would qualify for services.

Hickory Public Housing Authority
841 S. Center St.
Hickory, NC 28602
Phone: (828) 328-5373
Website: http://www.hickoryhousing.org

Hickory Public Housing Authority’s mission is to facilitate and support the development and management of affordable housing in communities of opportunity while empowering self-sufficiency through economic empowerment. Programs offered through the Hickory Public Housing Authority are: Conventional Public Housing, Section 8 Voucher Program, Section 8 Elderly Project Based Program, Section 8 Homeownership, and Family Self Sufficiency.

Hickory Soup Kitchen
Hickory Soup Kitchen is the only soup kitchen in Hickory, NC. They serve a hot lunch every weekday to the hungry and homeless and average of 215 people 325 plates of food daily. They also provide other services such as showers. Their new building features private shower stalls similar to local gyms. About 25 people use these facilities each day during business hours. Towels, soap, and other hygiene products for men and women are provided. For families who need a little extra help, they offer a take-home bag of groceries once each month. Contents vary by season and donations, fresh produce, fruit and meats along with easy-to-store items like bread, staples and canned goods are also included. Another service they provide is a library, guests are free to check out books or magazine. The Hickory Soup Kitchen works with other non-profits in the area, sharing food with their partners: Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministry (GHCCM), The Salvation Army, ALFA, Foothills House of Hope Ministries, St. Luke’s UMC Latino Ministry, Catawba County Children’s Advocacy & Protection Center, Foothills Veteran’s Stand Down, Safe Harbor Rescue Mission, Vet’s Helping Vets, Kids at Work Program, and Dining on a Dime (Sponsored by AHA).

J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center (JIRDC) in Morganton, NC is the state operated developmental center for North Carolina’s Western region. Riddle provides services and support to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), complex behavioral challenges and/or medical conditions whose clinical treatment needs exceed the level of care available in the community. Some services they provide are Residential, medical, habilitation (help in developing functional living skills) and training to promote independence, self determination and to support community living. They also provide facility based respite services to provide caregivers temporary relief. All requests for admission must be submitted by a letter of endorsement from the individual’s responsible Local Management Entity/Managed Care organization (LME/MCO).
Olive Hill Community Economic Development Corporation, Inc.
200 C College St.
Morganton, NC 28655
Phone: (828) 475-4620
Website: https://www.facebook.com/OliveHillCEDC

Olive Hill Community Economic Development Corporation (OHCEDC) is a private non-profit corporation founded in 1998 to provide solutions to distressed residents located in Burke, Caldwell, Catawba and McDowell Counties. Their Mission is “To positively impact the social, physical, educational and economic environment of area families and individuals with asset building opportunities.” Efforts of concentration are in Affordable Housing (ownership and retention) programs, micro-enterprise development and business ownership, financial services and other asset building opportunities.

Patrick Beaver Learning Resource Center
926 2nd Street NE Suite 100
Hickory, NC 28601
Phone: (828) 624-2012
Website: https://patrickbeaverlrc.org

The Patrick Beaver Learning Resource Center was incorporated late 1999 to serve children that had specific learning challenges, their families and professionals in the community that interacted with them. Although Patrick Beaver LRC is a small non-profit, they have successfully initiated numerous educational endeavors that have increased the awareness of the needs of children that struggle with learning. These projects include training for teachers and volunteers, education and support for parents of children with learning problems, referral to area and regional resources, community-wide presentations by noted speakers, and one-on-one tutoring for low income children. Programs offered through Patrick Beaver LRC are the Augustine Literacy Program (free, individualized tutoring to low income students who read at least one year below grade level), Orton-Gillingham Classroom Educator Training (the training of 18 teachers in Catawba County using Orto-Gillingham approach), PAVE/Parents as Voices in Education (teaches parents about learning differences to better understand struggles their children experience and better support their children at home), and LIFT/Learning is Fun Together (encourages parents to be involved in their children’s education and promotes reading in the home).
Safe Kids Catawba County
Catawba Valley Medical Center
810 Fairgrove Church Road SE
Hickory, NC 28602
Phone: (828) 326-3000
Website: https://www.catawbavalleyhealth.org/Medical-Center/Health-Wellness/Health-First-Center/Safe-Kids-Catawba-County.aspx

Safe Kids Catawba County is offered through The Health First Center located at Catawba Valley Medical Center. The Health First Center offers a wide variety of health and safety educational programs for children in pre-school through young adult. For Infants & Toddlers, parents can schedule appointments to get child passenger safety seats checked or attend various car seat inspection clinics held across the county. For Pre-School/Kindergarten through 6th grade, safety educational classes are offered to provide information and presentations to schools, daycare facilities and churches upon request. Topics would include: Bicycle safety, water safety, sun safety, pedestrian safety, nutrition, first aid and more. For Pre-Teen/Early Teen/Age 12 and UP, babysitting classes are given and review the basic safety information for new babysitters including stranger danger, fire & cooking, poisons, first aid, CPR and baby care. For Pre-Teen/Teen, the Countdown2Drive program is offered to schools and parents of early teens to open the door for safe driving discussions and expectations for soon to be drivers. Teens/9th through 12th grade, A Distracted Driving awareness program is offered to high schools to educated young drivers on safe driving practices. For Teens/Adults, public CPR and first aid classes are available for certification.

Salvation Army – Greater Hickory/High Country Regional Coordinate
750 Third Ave. Pl, SE
Hickory, NC 28602
Phone: (828) 322-8061
Website: https://www.salvationarmycarolinas.org/hickory/

Mission Statement: The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry motivated by the love of God. It’s mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination. The Hickory Corps offers people of all ages the opportunity to participate in weekly worship services, Christian children and youth programs and other community activities. The Crisis Help center is The Emergency Assistance program that helps with mortgages, rent, utilities, emergency food and donations of clothing and furniture through the offices of Hickory, Morganton, Granite Falls, Taylorsville, Marion, Boone and West Jefferson. Shelter of Hope is a safe and secure place for homeless men, women and children to
stay while their basic human needs are met. Residents receive two meals a day (breakfast and supper) and are provided with clean linens and necessary personal hygiene products. Guidance and direction are given to each client toward transitional and permanent housing opportunities. During Christmas, The Salvation Army uses a kettle to collect funds. Proceeds from the Red Kettle Campaign put gifts under trees and hot food on the table of those less fortunate. The Salvation Army also visits shut-ins and distributes coast to children in need. The Salvation Army of Hickory operates 9 Family Stores in its service area. Each Family Store offers great new and slightly used clothing, household items, and other things. Revenue generated from Family Stores help provide necessary resources to offer individuals in the community. Through the Salvation Army Boy’s & Girl’s Club in Burke and Catawba County, children and youth are provided educational after-school and summer daycare programs. Gang prevention education, sports and recreation and programming which shape them into caring, responsible, productive young people in the community.

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**Sipes Orchard Home**

4431 County Home Rd.

Conover NC, 28613

Phone: (828) 256-5056

Website: [https://www.sipesorchardhome.org/](https://www.sipesorchardhome.org/)

Since the 1940’s, Sipe’s Orchard Home has been a safe and caring place for children. Today, the Orchard serves children through a variety of programs. These programs are NCPK Classrooms, Summer Day Camp and Transitional Living. The North Carolina Pre-Kindergarten (NCPK) classrooms in the Tyndall Center provide a specialized educational program for at-risk-four year-olds, providing extra help, support and attention to ensure kindergarten readiness and success later in school. The NCPK program is a statewide initiative funded through Smart Start. Huckleberry Summer Day Camp takes place on the campus of Sipe’s Orchard Home, located between Hickory and Conover on County Home Road. This program is for children ages 5 to 12. With friends and other children from the community, campers benefit from the safe and nurturing environment Sipe’s has fostered for over 60 years. Breakfast, lunch and snacks are provided (included in the cost). There is a $25 enrollment fee (one time fee to cover pre-camp preparation costs). It costs $125 per week (all-inclusive) and there is a sibling discount of $5 off each sibling’s weekly fee. Activities include: environmental hikes, swimming, field trips, arts & crafts, ice cream making, fishing, science experiments, outdoor games and more. The Transitional Living Program offers a residential program for both male and female youth ages 16-21 who do not have the financial, academic, emotional or behavioral skills necessary for independent living. Cottages have both single and double occupancy rooms arranged in suites. This program is designed to provide residents with the tools and practice needed to gain successful independence. It offers numerous opportunities and resources, including
independent living, vocational training, education advancement, meals, transportation, recreation, computer and internet access, a driving program, support groups and workshops. The Transitional Living Program is licensed by the NC Dept. of Social Services.

Special Olympics of Catawba County
Newton, NC
Phone: (828) 443-2765
Website: http://sonc.net/local-programs/catawba-county/

Special Olympics of Catawba County serves nearly 400 children and adults with intellectual disabilities throughout the county. Training and competition programs are offered in eight sports: basketball, bowling, flag football, golf, softball, soccer, swimming and tennis. Through the power of sport, Special Olympics strives to create a better world by fostering the acceptance and inclusion of all people. Special Olympics gives children and adults with disabilities opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other athletes and the community.

The Corner Table
122 N. Main Street
Newton, NC 28658
Phone: (828) 464-0355
Website: http://www.thecornertable.org/

The Corner Table, Inc. is a non-profit organization in Newton, NC. The Corner Table is a soup kitchen outreach ministry provided by the people of the community for the hungry in the community. The primary purpose is to provide nutritious meals in a comfortable environment for any man, woman, and child who is in need. Lunch is served from 11:30 until 12:30 Monday through Friday, and a bag meal is given to guests at the end of the week to help them over the weekend. The Corner Table is unique in that it serves food with respect, in restaurant style with greeters and waiters. Another service provided through The Corner Table is the Debbie Payseur Packing Program. The packing program was established to honor the memory and work of Debbie Payseur, a woman who always provided for those in need by delivering food to those in the community who were elderly, had no family or chronic health issues. To keep Debbie’s mission alive, this program was created to feed and provide for those in need throughout the community. This program uses donated catered food and daily extras from lunch meals to assemble seal packed meals with a label (package date, list of foods and heating
The meals are in containers that are refrigerator, freezer, oven and microwave safe. Once packed, they are frozen and dispersed throughout the community. Another program offered through The Corner Table is the Backpack Program (Food for students). The Backpack Program serves children in thirty-four local schools who face hunger on the weekends in Catawba County. Each week of the school year over 1,200 children receive a bag full of food. The program is led by volunteers and is completely reliant on the generous hearts of local donors. Buying in bulk allows the program to only average $130 per child to receive food every Friday throughout the school year.

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**Walkin’ Roll Activities League, Inc.**  
4012 Hickory Blvd  
Granite Falls, NC 28630  
Phone: (828) 228-0616  
Website: [http://www.walkinroll.org/](http://www.walkinroll.org/)

The Walkin’ Roll Activities League, Inc. supports and nurtures individuals with developmental disabilities by providing team building opportunities through T-ball, bowling, swimming, dancing and other group activities. The focus of the league is to build self-esteem and confidence in individual performance in a nurturing atmosphere. Organized team sports and activities will provide opportunities for participation. Parental involvement is key to success. The Walkin’ Roll Activities League, Inc. is dedicated to ensure that all players be respected and their skills enhanced and most of all, for everyone to have fun.

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**Western Piedmont Council of Governments**  
1880 2nd Avenue NW  
Hickory, NC 28601  
Phone: (828) 322-9191  
Website: [http://www.wpcog.org/](http://www.wpcog.org/)

Western Piedmont Council of Governments (WPCOG) is a voluntary association of local governments organized in 1968 as a non-profit group to provide long-range planning and technical assistance. This program serves Alexander County, Burke County, Caldwell County and Catawba County. The WPCOG staff is divided into eight work groups: Administrative & Financial Services, Area Agency on Aging (Caregiver Support, Elder Abuse, Fan/Heat Relief, Health Promotion Programs, Home and Community Care Block Grant Services, Counseling, Project C.A.R.E), Community & Economic Development, IT/GIS Services, Regional & Local
Planning/Data Services, Section 8 Housing Program, Transportation, and Workforce Development.

Women’s Resource Center
125 3rd St. NE
Hickory, NC 28603
Phone: (828) 322-6333
Website: https://www.wrchickory.org/

The Women’s Resource Center empowers women through workforce development, advocacy enrichment programs and community partnerships. The WRC offers assistance to women in Alexander, Burke, Caldwell and Catawba Counties. Services provided through WRC include, Women2Work Workforce Development Programs and Support, Transitions4Women and Goal Planning Services, Challenges due to Separation, Domestic Violence, or Divorce, Support groups for Fibromyalgia, Emotional Support Group for Women, Adult Children of Alcoholics, Alcoholism, Substance Abuse & Overeaters. Personal Growth through Educational and Enrichment Programs, and Opportunities to meet and share with other Women.