Last updated: 03/2022



https://www.fsnhope.org/

Resource Directory: Catawba County

<u>Note</u>: 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 <u>vickiedieter@fsnhope.org</u>. 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.

AIDS Leadership Foothills Area Alliance (ALFA)

Phone: (828) 322-1447 1120 Fairgrove Church Rd Hickory, NC 28602

Website: http://www.alfainfo.org

Assists people who are HIV positive and their families with support groups, emergency financial assistance, case management, and transportation. Also provides community education.

Autism Society of NC*

Phone: (800) 442-2762 or (828) 256-1566 (Vickie Dieter) 5121 Kingdom Way, Suite 100 Raleigh, NC 27602

Website: https://www.autismsociety-nc.org/

Provides services for NC residents with autism and related developmental disabilities. For a local contact refer to the listing for Family Support Network/HOPE.

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, Stanley and Union Counties.

Care Coordination for Children (CCAC)

Phone: (828) 695-5800

Catawba County Public Health

3070 11th Avenue Drive SE, Hickory, NC 28602

 $\label{lem:website:https://www.catawbacountync.gov/county-services/public-health/service-areas/care-coordination-for-children/$

CCAC care managers help with locating a medical home for your child, help locating childcare, and provide information about family-oriented resources to help ensure that children reach their developmental potential, are raised in healthy, safe environments, and are able to connect with programs, services, and resources the family needs.

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 works to prevent social problems, maintain those unable to care for themselves, help the ablebodied 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.

Child Protective Services (with Department of Social Services) (828) 324-9111 or 911

24- hour hotline to make a report of suspected abuse and/or neglect.

Catawba County Partnership for Children/Children's Resource Center

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.

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.

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 County Schools

2285 North Anderson Avenue Newton, NC 28658 Phone: (828) 464- 8333

Website: www.catawbaschools.net

Public school system serving Pre-K to 12th grade students in Catawba County

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.

Centro Latino – Hickory

St. Stephens Lutheran ECLA 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.

Christian Community Outreach Ministry

870 8th Street NE Hickory, NC 28601 Phone: (828) 328-1803

Website: http://ccomhickory.org

Financial and Biblical counseling for those who are poor, needy and in distress.

Children's Developmental Services Agency (CDSA)

1985 Tate Blvd. SE – 4th Floor Hickory, NC 28602 Phone: (828) 267-6464

Website: www.beearly.nc.gov

Through a team approach from several professionals, this agency provides an in- depth evaluation of a child's medical, psychological, educational, physical, and speech/language needs. Early Intervention service coordinators assist families in locating services and therapies (such as speech, occupational or physical) as well as other support resources.

Children's Neurotherapy Services (CNS)

1087 13th St SE Hickory, NC 28602

Phone: (828) 267-1688 (Hickory) / (828) 212-0256 (Granite office)

Website: www.cnsclinic.com

Our mission is to help our patients and families reach for maximum potential for their individuals needs and abilities. Services provided include: Occupational therapy, Physical therapy, Speech/language therapy, Community Based Rehabilitation Services (CBRS) injury prevention, sports rehab, and pain management.

Children's Advocacy & Protection Center of Catawba County

4360 County Home Rd. Conover, NC 28613 Phone: (828) 465-9296

Website: http://catawbacountycapc.org/capc/

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 childcare resource and referral agency that has been in operation since 1995. The agency works to assist, educated, and support parents, childcare providers and the community about quality childcare 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.comserve.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.

Conover School

108 7th St Place SW Conover, NC 28613 Phone: (828) 464-9532

Website: https://con.newton-conover.org

Conover School is a separate school setting for children ages 3-21 years with significant intellectual/and or developmental disabilities. Also includes Future Ready Academy (pre-kindergarten classrooms.

Council on Adolescents of Catawba County

1120 Fairgrove Church Rd, Suite 22 Hickory, NC 28602 Phone: (828) 322-4591

Website: 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.

Early Head Start of Catawba County

Sweetwater Early Childhood Education Center 2110 Main Avenue SE, Hickory, NC 28602 Phone: (828) 327-3689 ext. 204

Website: https://www.catawbaschools.net/academics/early-childhood

Early Head Start provides services for low-income families with young children, beginning during pregnancy and continuing up to age 3.

Early Learning Sensory Support for Visually Impaired and Hearing Impaired

Website: https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/classroom-resources/exceptional-children/resources-unique-needs/early-learning-sensory-support-program

Children ages birth to 5 years (and their families) who are visually and/or hearing impaired may receive support services through these state funded programs. Services are provided in the child's natural environment, which may include their homes, child- care centers and schools.

Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministries

245 East N Street Newton, NC 28658 Phone: (828) 465-1702

Website: https://www.ecccm.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.

Exceptional Children's Assistance Center (ECAC)

907 Barra Row, Suites 102/103 Davidson, NC 28036 Phone: (704) 892-1321 or (800) 962-6817

Website: www.ecac-parentcenter.org

Parent training and information center offering parents of children with disabilities information, assistance and workshops on laws, Individual Education Plans (IEPs) etc.

Family Builders of Catawba County

3050 11th Avenue Drive SE Hickory, NC 28601 Phone: (828) 465-8901

Website: https://www.catawbacountync.gov/county-services/social-services/family-builders/

Provides adoption placement, counseling and support, plus the Model Approach to Parenting class for foster and adoptive parents.

Family Care Center

2875 Highland Ave. N.E. Hickory, NC 28601 Phone: (828) 324-9917

Website: 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 Guidance Center

17 Highway 70 SE Hickory, NC 28602 Phone: (828) 322-1400

Website:www.fgcservices.com

A multi services agency with specialized services for children and families, including: Counseling for adults, couples, children, adolescents, and families to address a wide variety of needs and issues. First Step Domestic Violence services for victims of domestic violence and their children, 24-hour crisis assistance and support and counseling, court advocacy, victim support groups, Mate Abuse Treatment group and community education. Credit counseling services: confidential financial counseling to reduce the stress of credit problems and regain financial stability. Rape crisis services: 24- hour crisis assistance, support and counseling, court advocacy, hospital support and advocacy for rape victims.

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.ncdhhs.gov/

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.

Family Net

Family Services Center 3050 11th Avenue Drive SE Hickory, NC 28602 Phone: (828) 695-6500

Website: www.catawbacountync.gov/dss/familynet

Family NET of Catawba County provides mental health and behavioral health services to children and adolescents, Family NET offers an array of services and has expertise in meeting the specific needs of children and adolescents.

Family Support Network/HOPE Network

PO Box 11395 Hickory, NC 28603 Phone: (828) 256-5202 (English)/ (704) 803-7082 (Spanish)/ (828) 403-1286 (Hmong)

Website: www.fsnnc.org

Family Support Network/Hope provides support, information, and training to assist families in promoting the education, development, and quality of life for their children of all ages and with all types of special needs: and partners with parents and professionals on community, state and national levels for expand opportunities and generate resources in order to advance positive participation of people with disabilities in all aspects of society.

Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministries

31 1st Ave SE Hickory, NC 28602 Phone: (828) 327-0979

Website: https://ccmhickory.org/

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.

Greenway Public Transportation

1515 4th Street SW Conover, NC 28613

Phone: (828) 464-9444 or (828) 465-7634

Website: www.mygreenway.org

Safe, high quality, environmentally friendly transportation services for the citizens of Catawba and surrounding counties. Fixed route and flex services are available. Also provides specialized services for disabled customers. Information available inf Spanish via phone or website.

Habitat for Humanity of Catawba Valley

772 4th Street SW Hickory, NC 28602 Phone: (828) 328-4663

Website: www.habitatcatawbavalley.org

Builds homes in partnership with Catawba County residents in need of a simple, decent place to live. The Habitat ReStore is available for donations and purchases.

Head Start/I-Care, Inc.

249 East N Street Newton, NC 28658 Phone: (828) 464-1108

Website: https://www.icare-inc.org/

A federally funded child development program serving low-income preschool children and families in Catawba County. Limited bus transportation is available. Children participate in a variety of activities that follow an educational curriculum and allow learning through play and in a safe environment. Services and therapy are offered on site for children with disabilities. Medical and dental assistance is also available. Participation is contingent upon space and enrollment.

Hickory City Schools

432 4th Avenue SW Hickory, NC 28602 Phone: (828) 322-2855

Website: www.hickoryschools.net

Public school system serving pre-kindergarten through 12th grade students in the Hickory City District.

Highways & Hedges Ministry

3675 Herman Sipe Road Conover, NC 28613 Phone: (828) 781-8095

Highways and Hedges is a program offering assistance to the homeless and needy in Catawba County, North Carolina. We provide a hot meal, a time of Bible study and prayer, food, clothing, toiletries and other supplies to those in need each Monday night. If you have needs but no transportation, please call us for assistance.

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

110 2nd Street PI SE Hickory, NC 28602 Phone: (828) 327-4828

Website: https://hickorysoupkitchen.org/

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.

J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center

300 Enola Rd. Morganton, NC 28655 Phone: (828) 433-2731

Website: https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/dsohf/j-iverson-riddle-developmental-center

J. Iverson Riddle Development 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.

Imagination Library

(a project of Catawba County Partnership for Children)
738 4th St SW
Hickory, NC 28602
Phone: (828) 695-6505

Website: www.imaginationlibrary.com

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program sends all enrolled children one free age-appropriate book each month until their fifth birthday. Program promotes literacy and the importance of parents reading to their children. SMART START funded.

Little Angels Therapy

2121 12th Ave NE Hickory, NC 28601 Phone: (828) 578-6028

Website: https://www.latclinic.com/

Our mission is to provide the best therapeutic intervention that includes: Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy and Community Based Rehabilitation Services (CBRS) and to create individual plans of care with Parent and Child feedback and involvement. We work alongside families to develop routines and activities that can be carried over into daily living.

Macroni Kids

Website: https://hickory.macaronikid.com/

Macaroni Kids is a website that provides up-to-date information about kid-friendly events and activities in Hickory, Lenoir, Newton-Conover, Morganton, Taylorsville and surrounding areas of western North Carolina.

March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation

Carolina Foothills Division 1220 Commerce Street, Suite G Conover, NC 28613 Phone: (828) 464-8905

Website: www.marchofdimes.com

Community services to address maternal and infant needs, advocacy for programs and policies to improve the health of mothers and babies.

Muscular Dystrophy Association

2-8 Regency Exec Park, Suite 170 Charlotte, NC 28217 Phone: (704) 567-2912

Website: https://www.mda.org

Diagnostic testing, clinical services, physical and occupational therapies, summer camps and public education.

My Refuge City

(828) 449-7441

Website: www.myrefugecity.org

My Refuge City is a non-profit organization specializing in helping victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation; they provide a place of refuge for anyone who is lonely, desperate for help, or who has fallen through the cracks and loopholes of other organizations. Services include emergency interventions, case management, job placement, drug treatment, medical treatment, food/clothing and others. The phone number is manned 24/7, and it is encouraged to call any time.

NC Mental Health Consumers' Organization

916 Richardson Drive Raleigh, NC 27603

Phone: (919) 832-2285 or (800) 326-3842 Website: https://www.facebook.com/ncmhco/

Promotes mutual help, advocacy, insight, support, socialization, and empowerment for people living with mental illness. Offer an annual conference, suicide prevention resources and a warmline (800) 326-3842

NC School for the Deaf (voice TTY)/(NCSD)

517 West Fleming Drive Morganton, NC 28655 Phone: (828) 432-5200

Website: www.ncsd.net

NCSD is a free, accredited public school offering day and residential programs for students who are deaf and hard of hearing. Visit the website or contact your local school system's Exceptional Children's Director to discuss your child's specific needs.

Newton-Conover City Schools

605 North Ashe Avenue Newton, NC 28658 Phone: (828) 464-8333

Website: https://www.newton-conover.org/

Public school system serving prekindergarten-12th grade students in the cities of Newton and Conover.

Olson Huff- Mission Children's Hospital Specialists

11 Vanderbilt Park Dr. – 1st Floor Asheville, NC 28803 Phone: (828) 213-1780

Website: https://missionhealth.org/services-treatments/pediatrics

At the Olson Huff Center, we provide diagnostic services, medical treatments, therapy and behavioral services for infants, children and adolescents who have difficulties with development, behaviors and learning. We also provide support and guidance for families and caregivers of children with special needs.

Olive Hill Community Economic Development Corporation, Inc.

200 C College St. Morganton, NC 28655 Phone: (828) 475-4620

Website: https://www.ohcedc.org/

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."

OUTRight Youth of Catawba County

748 4th Street SW Hickory, NC 28602 Phone: (828) 320-1937

Website: www.outrightyouthcv.com

OUTRight Youth is a center for LGBTQ youth and their allies, serving the Catawba Valley. We provide bi-weekly meeting for youth ages 12-21. We provide support for local GSA (Gay Straight Alliance) clubs and trainings for schools and community members. Our mission is to create a safe community for all youth.

Parents As Teachers

Phone: (828) 695-6511

Catawba County's Parents As Teachers program offers home visits focusing on parenting child development using literacy-based curriculum. Also available are group meetings, developmental screenings, and referrals to additional services. Services are available in in English and Spanish. Administered by Hickory Public Schools. SMART START FUNDED.

Partners Behavioral Health Management

1985 Tate Blvd. SE Hickory, NC 28602 Phone: (88) 235-4673 (HOPE)

Website: www.partnersbhm.org

Need help with a mental health, substance abuse or developmental disability issue? Start by calling Access to Care. Staff are available 24/7 and are ready to access your needs and concerns, offer a choice of mental health service providers in the community, help with emergency situations, schedule appointments, or provide information about community resources.

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.

Pediatric Therapy Network

1040 Southgate Corporate Park SW Hickory, NC 28602 Phone: (828) 358-3115

Website: https://www.ptnnc.com/

Pediatric Therapy Network (PTN) is committed to provide the best treatment plans to children and their families with developmental, functional, and physical disorders. Our services include: physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, equipment evaluations, birth to 21 and Early Intervention services for birth to age 3. Our motto is leading the way in helping children.

Postpartum/Prenatal Support-Postpartum Support International

Phone: (800) 944-4773/ (503) 894-9453 Website: www.postpartum.net

Free telephone support for expectant or new mothers and families who are experiencing prenatal or postpartum sadness, depression. or anxiety.

Pregnancy Care Center

421 Main Avenue SW Hickory, NC 28602 Phone: (828) 322-4272

Website: www.pcchickory.com

Free and confidential services to women experiencing an unexpected pregnancy. Offers compassionate care, counseling options, free pregnancy tests, and other services.

Public School Preschool Programs

Public schools provide services for children ages 3-5 with disabilities. Call your school system if you suspect your 3-5 year old may have trouble with hearing, speech, learning or other skills.

Catawba County Schools Preschool – (828) 327-3689 Newton-Conover City Schools Preschool – (828) 464-9355 Hickory City Preschool- (828) 322-5860 (ask for Early Start Program

Safe Harbor Rescue Mission

210 Second Street SE Hickory, NC 28602 Phone: (828) 326-7233

Website: https://safeharbornc.org/

Safe Harbor provides safety, shelter, and positive programming during daytime hours for homeless women and children, along with transitional housing and other support programs.

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.

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/home

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 is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name. 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.

Sipes Orchard Home

4431 County Home Rd. Conover NC, 28613 Phone: (828) 256-5056

Website: 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.

Smart Moms and Dads (A program of Council on Adolescents)

1120 Fairgrove Church Rd SE, Suite 22 Hickory, NC 28602 Phone: (828) 322-4591

Website: www.coacatawba.org

A state of North Carolina grant-funded program which services 15 pregnant and parenting students at Hickory High School and Hickory Career and Arts Magnet School and Newton-Conover High School. The goal of the program is to help young parents graduate high school and to prevent subsequent pregnancies.

Smart Start-Catawba County Partnership for Children

738 4th Street SW Hickory, NC 28602 Phone: (828) 695-6505

Website: www.catawbakids.com

Smart Start is a North Carolina state funded early childhood initiative focused on ensuring that children enter school healthy and prepared for lifelong success. Our local Smart Start grant is administered by the Catawba County Partnership for Children, a nonprofit agency that is responsible for providing the most critical services for children age birth to five and their families. In Catawba County, Smart Start funds are primarily utilized to improve the quality of childcare, provide child care subsidy scholarships, provide information and referrals to families, and support parenting education. Call our office for more information or details.

Social Security Administration

1501 US 321 Hickory, NC 28601 Phone: 1-(888) 877-1615

Website: www.socialsecurityoffices.info

The Social Security office determines eligibility and pay benefits to those entitled to survivor services, entitled legally blind, and entitled disabled.

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.

Tadpole Lending Library

Phone: (919) 575-3093

Lends and delivers low tech assistive technology devices and toys free to families and professionals who work with individuals with special needs. Free shipping.

TEACCH Autism Program

Phone: (704) 563-4103 5701 Executive Drive, Suite 108 Charlotte, NC 28212

Website: www.teacch.com

The TEACCH Charlotte Center serves individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Services include diagnostic evaluations, treatment planning and implementation, education, consultation, supported employment assistance, training opportunities and research.

Teen Talk

(a program of Council on Adolescents)

1120 Fairgrove Church Rd SE, Suite 22 Hickory, NC 28602 Phone: (828) 322-4591

Website: www.coacatawba.org

A State of North Carolina grant-funded program in which our staff provides a Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative (TPPI) to at-risk adolescents across the community.

Therapy Source

1225 Commerce St SW Conover, NC 28613 Phone: (828) 322-7826

Website: https://www.therapysourcenc.com/

Skilled in infant, toddler and pediatric treatment services.

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.

Triple P (Positive Parenting Program)

Early Childhood Resource Center 738 4th Street SW Hickory, NC 28602 Phone: (828) 695-6590

Website: https://catawbakids.com/early-childhood-services/

Triple P provide a toolbox of ideas to help you manage the big and small parenting challenges in your life and offers practical methods to help meet your family's individual needs. You can participate in group opportunities as well as one-on-one consultations, so we will help you decide which structure works best for you and your family.

Vocational Rehabilitation Services

1261 10th Avenue Lane SE Hickory, NC 28602 Phone: (828) 322-2921

Website: https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/vocational-rehabilitation-services

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services provides counseling, trainings, education, transportation, job placement, assistive technology and other support services to people with disabilities.

Walkin' Roll Activities League, Inc.

Albert Parkhurst Municipal Complex 202 South Center Street Hildebran, NC 28637 Phone: (828) 228-0616

Website: 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, game nights, 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 based on abilities not disabilities.

Western Piedmont Council of Governments

1880 2nd Avenue NW Hickory, NC 28601 Phone: (828) 322-9191

Website: 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://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.

YMCA of Catawba Valley

Hickory Branch: 702 1st Street, NW Hickory, NC 28601 Shuford Branch: 1104 Conover Blvd E, Conover, NC 28613 Phone: (828) 324-2858 (Hickory), (828) 464-6130 (Shuford)

Website: www.ymcacv.org

Putting Christian principles into practice through programs to build strong kids, families and communities. Offers recreation facilities, sports programs, and childcare facilities throughout Catawba County. Call or visit our website for more details and locations.