



Children's Home Society
OF NORTH CAROLINA

Child-Focused Recruitment

Working together to help youth find their forever families.



Child-Focused Recruitment at Children's Home Society (CHS) is a **uniquely designed program that serves all 100 counties** across North Carolina at no cost to department of social service agencies. Our services are designed to assist county agencies in meeting the needs of youth ages 9-20. **Every child needs a permanent, safe, and loving family**, and our goal is to help youth achieve that goal through Child Focused Recruitment (CFR).

Child-Focused Recruitment services are delivered in accordance with the **Wendy's Wonderful Kids Model**. It is **child-focused and results-oriented!** Research shows that those youth referred to the program are **3 times more likely to achieve permanency!**

CHILD-FOCUSED RECRUITMENT

Implements practices such as

- File review to find extended family and individuals known to the child
- Exploring past and current connections
- Build trusting relationships
- Identify and advocates the youth's desires
- Engage youth in Lifebook activities
- Plan to recruit adoptive families to meet the needs of the youth

Refer today all youth who are

- 9-20 years of age
 - Youth under the age of 9 may be served if they are part of a sibling group or have been identified as medically fragile
- In the legal and physical custody of DSS
- Legally free or Legal Risk
- Have a current or concurrent case plan of adoption, guardianship or APPLA

CHS has developed an innovative Family Education and Support program that pairs **Certified Parent Educators** with caregivers to develop and implement an **individualized training plan** based on the caregivers' unique learning needs. This training and educational support help set up families for success and sustain placements.

Specialists are available to staff cases.

Please contact Donna Henderson or LaTosha Owens at 1-800-632-1400.



To make a referral, please download this form:

www.chsnc.org/referral.

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