

Children's Home Society (CHS) is dedicated to providing top-quality, evidence-based programs and services to children and families throughout North Carolina. Through our work we educate and preserve families, support children and families through transitions, and create new families. We believe in the importance of family, not only in the life of a child but also in the foundation of our communities.

Mission

To promote the right of every child to a permanent, safe, and loving family.

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Vision

Every family is supported by trusted resources that lead to equitable opportunities for enduring family success.

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Core Values

- Compassion
- Integrity
- Excellence
- Innovation



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Child-Focused Recruitment



One Referral, One Program, One Relationship, One Outcome.



Refer Today! *Eligible Youth Are:*

- 9-20 years of age
- Youth under the age of 9 may also be served if they are part of a sibling group, have a severe behavioral diagnosis 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

Child-Focused Recruitment at Children's Home Society is a uniquely designed program serving all 100 counties across North Carolina. We have streamlined our services to efficiently meet the needs of our partners. Our services 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 exit care with the most direct route to permanency.

Child-Focused Recruitment seeks permanency through:

- Reviewing the youth's case file.
- Extensive searching for appropriate relatives and people in the youth's network.
- Exploring past connections.
- Building trusting relationships with community partners, extended family, and the youth.
- Identifying youth's desires for their future.
- Establishing a plan to identify the family that best meets the needs of the youth.
- Preparing the youth for future family relationships.

Child-Focused Recruitment uses a defined approach: The Wendy's Wonderful Kids® model developed by the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, focuses on identifying a forever family for the longest-waiting children in foster care. The program connects youth with extended family sharing genetic, legal, or social relationships, or an adoptive family that is uniquely suited for the youth. **Children served through this model are three times more likely to be adopted.**

Child Focused Recruitment is under the Permanency Innovation Initiative through partnership with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services.

To Find Out More, Contact Us Today:

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