

Central Area

FAMILY SERVICES

Baptist Children's Homes (BCH) provides residential services for children at Mills Home in Thomasville. Children and families encounter loving, caring staff members and participate in a program that is individualized, structured and goal focused.



Through locations throughout the state, BCH provides quality services through highly-trained, highly-qualified staff members.

It is a goal to leave a distinguishing, positive influence on the lives of the individuals that we serve. It is our hope that

lives are changed everyday as we fulfill BCH's mission of "helping hurting children...healing broken families."

What we do: Since 1885, men and women of Baptist Children's Homes have lived a daily ministry, helping to create a haven of hope for children and their families. This work is possible because of our belief in goodness, our faith in God, and our conviction and experience that lives can be changed. Mills Home, the oldest facility operated by BCH, offers residential services for school aged boys and girls.

Emergency Care: During a family crisis, safe and immediate care is provided for the child while the family is helped to de-escalate the crisis and develop an immediate plan. The maximum length of stay is 60 days.

Residential Care: Caring staff members help families to understand and define their immediate relationships

enabling them to make decisions concerning their futures. Children and their families learn communication and problem-solving skills. Based on a young person's age, maturity and projected plan following residential service, preparation for adult living is incorporated in the plan of service.

We Offer...

- Family and individual sessions with highly trained Clinicians.
- Preparation for adult living
- Comprehensive recreational programming
- Spiritual growth opportunities
- Structured residential care
- Parenting education classes
- Life Skill training for residents

Education: We offer specialized tutoring on campus. However, students attend Thomasville City Schools and must be public school eligible.

After Care: This service is provided to each child and custodian following each residential service. The purpose is to help the family make a smooth transition from residential care back to living together as a family unit or to the appropriate permanent plan.

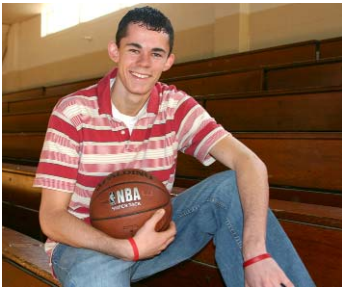
Referrals: Referrals to Baptist Children's Homes can be made by anyone and can be as simple as an email or





a phone call from the individual, departments of social services, pastors, educators, juvenile services, or other family members. However, the legal custodian must be a part of the process and must reside in North Carolina.

Service Area: Central Area Family Services provides emergency care, clarification/value change, continuing care, transitional living, teen mother/baby parent education residential program, and after care services for the following counties: Alamance, Alexander, Alleghany,



Ashe, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Caswell, Catawba, Cleveland, Chatham, Davidson, Davie, Durham, Forsyth, Gaston, Guilford, Iredell, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Moore,

Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, Stokes, Surry, Union, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin.

Intake Process: A BCH Intake Worker and the entire family hold initial inquiry interviews. Then a strength-based assessment is conducted with the family. The decision to provide service is made by the area providing the service. A plan of service is prepared stating the purpose of the service based on the family's issues, including goals and strategies necessary to help the child and family. (Legal custodians retain custody.)

Cost: Cost of service is based on a sliding fee scale for parent or relative custodians. DSS and other social service custodians will pay based on a pre-established purchase of service charge.

To correspond, mail to:
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Lynn Garner
Regional Director
Central Area Family Services

To inquire about Mills Home's services or to make a referral, contact:
Phone: 336-474-1200
Fax: 336-465-4110

To learn more, see more photos and read Mills Home's online journal, go to:

www.bchfamily.org/centralarea

