

Eastern Area

FAMILY SERVICES

Baptist Children's Homes (BCH) provides residential services for children in eastern North Carolina at Kennedy Home in Kinston.

Kennedy Home was once a large plantation owned by William Lafayette Kennedy. The 1400-acre facility is locat-



ed eight miles west of Kinston. Unique to BCH facilities, it includes a fifty-acre residential campus, farmland, woodlands, wetlands, and creeks. The Neuse River runs through the property. On the property there are outdoor camping sites, a low and high ropes course, nature trails, indoor and outdoor recreational facilities, a petting barn, and a greenhouse.

At Kennedy Home, school-age children are given an opportunity to overcome personal and family problems while staff works to preserve or reunify families. Length of placement is determined by the time necessary for the resident and his/her family to achieve their goals.

Service Area: BCH's Eastern Area Family Services provides these residential and placement services: emergency care,

clarification/value change, continuing care and after care services. The Eastern Area serves the following North Carolina counties: Anson, Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Brunswick, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Currituck, Dare, Duplin, Edgecombe, Franklin, Gates, Granville, Greene, Halifax, Harnett, Hertford, Hoke, Hyde, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, New Hanover, Northampton, Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Pitt, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland, Tyrrell, Vance, Wake, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Wilson.



Emergency Care: Emergency care is available during a family crisis. Safe, immediate care is provided for a child while an immediate plan is developed. The maximum length of stay is 60 days.

Clarification/Value Change: Clarification service helps families define and understand their immediate relationships. Value Change occurs as family relationships are clarified and the family works to solve problems.



Continuing Care: Continuing care is provided to a child when it is determined their needs

are best met through long-term residential care.

After Care: After care is provided to child and custodian following each residential service placement.

Campus Enrichment: Children are provided enrichment opportunities through Spiritual Development Program, and Therapeutic Recreational Program. Enrichment provides opportunities for children to grow and develop mind, spirit, and body.

Kennedy Home offers a GED program in partnership



with the Lenoir County Community College system and is dedicated to the educational needs and challenges of boys and girls. The children in the continuing care program attend schools in the community.

The Spiritual Development Program consists of daily devotions, weekly vespers, discipleship classes, and Sunday worship services. Each of Kennedy Homes eight cottages have Sunday school class on Sunday mornings before worship service. Kennedy Home offers a Christian environment and encourages families to worship and pray together.

The Therapeutic Recreational Program, through its variety of on-campus facilities including a gym, pool, camping areas, outdoor fields, and therapeutic ropes courses, provides for the development of the child's own physical body. There are opportunities to gain self-esteem while learning self-reliance, teamwork, and a sense of fair play.



Location: Kennedy Home is located just off NC Hwy 70 eight miles west of Kinston.

To correspond, mail to:
Kennedy Home
2557 Cedar Dell Lane
Kinston, NC 28504
Sandy Perry
Regional Director
Eastern Area Family Services

To inquire about Kennedy Home's services or to make a referral, contact:

Phone: 252-522-0811
Fax: 252-527-4422

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

www.bchfamily.org/easternarea

Campus Support Services: The Kennedy Home Work Program helps youth experience a variety of vocational positions such as painting, landscaping, food services, car-



penry, and recreational support. The campus green house, nature trail, farm land and campus landscaping projects offer children experiences in horticulture.

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.

Information and Referrals: To inquire about admission, call the intake or emergency care social worker at: 252-522-0811

