Mecklenburg County
Department of Social Services
Youth and Family Services Division

Additional Criteria for Foster Parents

- We are in need of families that will assist and support Shared Parenting (working with birth families).

- You must be a resident of Mecklenburg County for at least 6 months.

- Must be willing to take children based on agency needs and family structure.

- Must not be receiving government public assistance, i.e. food stamps, public housing, and TANF.

- You must have identified support services to assist with emergencies that occur with the children placed in your home, i.e. picking up a sick child from school or day care during business hours.

- Identified support must have criminal record checks and understand YFS' discipline policy.

- Capacity guidelines for Youth and Family Services:
  No more than 2 children under the age of 2
  No more than 3 children under the age of 5
  No more than 5 children under the age of 12
  (No more than 5 children total in the home)

- You must be willing to transport children to all appointments, i.e. medical, therapy, and visitation appointments.

- You must be aware that any person with an extensive criminal history including crimes against children, drugs, and any felony can be screened out by the agency.

- Anyone age 21 and older has to meet all criteria and maybe required to meet complete the required training for the home to be licensed.

- Home must pass Pre Fire Inspection and Environmental Check.

- If you a have a swimming pool or trampoline, you must be willing to secure it.

- You must be employed, unless you receive retirement benefits or disability.

- Pet restrictions may apply.

- No licensed daycare in your home or dual license.