

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 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.