

Graham County Agency Program Information

Job Skills and Education

<p>Graham County Center</p> <p>39 South Main Street Smith Howell Building Robbinsville, NC 28771— Map</p> <p>(828) 479-7979 (828) 479-2000 fax Office Hours: 8-4:30 Mon-Fri</p>	<p>Our Mission: North Carolina Cooperative Extension partners with communities to deliver education and technology that enrich the lives, land and economy of North Carolinians. NC Cooperative Extension has an important role to play in the future of Graham County. Through Extension efforts to impact economic development, preserve natural resources, and address health and social issues, agents can help citizens find solutions to community problems and empower people in the decision-making process. As a result, people can become stronger, healthier, more resilient, more productive, and more involved citizens. In conclusion, empowering people to be good citizens, workers and leaders; helping build strong, healthy and resilient families; and strengthening the local economy through workforce development and agriculture will be the goals of Graham County Cooperative Extension in 2013.</p>
<p>EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN'S ASSISTANCE CENTER</p> <p><u>Main Office</u> <i>Address:</i> 907 Barra Row, Suites 102/103 Davidson, NC 28036 <i>Phone:</i> 704-892-1321 <i>Fax:</i> 704-892-5028</p> <p><u>ECAC's Western Office</u> 70 Woodfin Place Asheville, NC 28801 828-255-1972 828-255-2627 fax 866-545-5299 toll free ecacwest@ecacmail.org</p> <p>Parent Info Line: 1-800-962-6817 Email: ecac@ecacmail.org</p>	<p>Mission</p> <p>ECAC is a private non-profit parent organization committed to improving the lives and education of ALL children through a special emphasis on children with disabilities. ECAC affirms the right of all individuals, from all backgrounds and cultures, with or without disabilities, to an appropriate education and other needed services. We seek to make that right a reality by providing information, education, outreach, and support to and for families with children across the state of North Carolina.</p> <p>Notes on Agency:</p> <p>Today, as one of the oldest federally funded parent training and information centers in the country, ecac has a network of collaborative partners at the national, state and local levels. The organization offers parent training, information and support to North Carolina families of children with disabilities and continues to believe in the importance of parent training and in the power of parents.</p> <p>Tool Provided Online:</p> <p>Care NOTEBOOK for Parents- is an organizational tool for parents and caregivers to compile medical information on their child with special health care needs into one place.</p> <p>English:</p> <p>Download the Care Notebook (pdf)</p>

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<p>Contact: Mary LaCorte : Assistant Director and PTI Program Director Email: mlacorte@ecacmail.org</p> <p>Program Name: NCPIRC (NC Parent Info Resource Center), Family to Family Health Information Center, NC Deaf and Blind Project</p> <p>Target Group: Children with emphasis placed upon those with disabilities</p>	<p>Download the Care Notebook Presentation (pdf) Download the Care Notebook 2 (pdf) Download the Care Notebook Evaluation (pdf) *Available in Spanish</p>
<p>Industrial Opportunities INC.</p> <p>2586 Business HWY 19 Andrews, NC 28901</p> <p>Phone: (828)-321-4754</p> <p>Criteria: Admissions criteria includes being at least 16 or 18 years old, a resident of Cherokee, Clay or Graham Counties, vocationally disabled by physical, emotional or mental limitations and able to benefit from the programs.</p>	<p>Services: Evaluation, Training, Placement</p> <p>Programs: *Adult Developmental Vocational Program *Vocational Evaluation *Work Adjustment *Work Adjustment Job Coach Services *Extended Employment *Supported Employment *Supported Employment Long Term Follow Along Support (LTFS) *School Transition- 16 years and older *Innovations Wavier Program *Private Insurance</p>
<p>Tri- County Community College</p> <p>(Graham County Campus) 145 Moose Branch Rd, Robbinsville, NC 28771</p> <p>http://www.tccc.cc.nc.us/aboutTCCC...</p> <p>(828) 479-9256</p> <p>MAIN CAMPUS 21 Campus Circle Murphy, NC 28906</p>	<p>The mission of Tri-County Community College is to help students succeed and to enrich the communities we serve. To accomplish its mission, the College must and will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide an environment that is accessible and equitable to all students, and is effective in promoting personal development and the acquisition of essential career knowledge and skills. 2. Foster academic excellence through effective teaching and academic assessment, faculty development, and ongoing evaluation of program effectiveness in helping students succeed. 3. Maintain a positive work environment characterized by collegial governance, academic freedom, just compensation, fair treatment, and an unqualified willingness to innovate. 4. Support all academic and community service programs with the resources and technology needed to achieve intended learning outcomes, promote client satisfaction and efficiency, and adhere to generally accepted professional norms and/or academic standards. 5. Expand opportunities for cultural, intellectual, and economic development for all segments of the Colleges three-county service area.

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<p>(828) 837-6810</p> <p>Division of Davidson Homes LINCS</p> <p>6 Byas Lane Swannanoa, NC 28778 Phone: (828)-775-1616 or 776-6766</p>	<p>6. Partner with the public schools, public and private senior institutions of higher learning, businesses, government, industry, and service agencies to strengthen the local economy and enhance the prosperity of the people.</p> <p>7. Develop and update regularly a three-year strategic plan, and use it systematically as a basis for assessing overall organization performance and making corrections if needed.</p> <p>LINCS: A day program in Swannanoa providing a wide range of activities and experiences including educational and work experiences (Supported Employment). There are 35 consumers in regular attendance.</p>
<p>Talent Search</p> <p>The US department of Education http://www2.ed.gov/programs/triotalent/index.html</p>	<p>Program Description</p> <p>The Talent Search program identifies and assists individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds who have the potential to succeed in higher education. The program provides academic, career, and financial counseling to its participants and encourages them to graduate from high school and continue on to and complete their postsecondary education. The goal of Talent Search is to increase the number of youth from disadvantaged backgrounds who complete high school and enroll in and complete their postsecondary education.</p> <p>Types of Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tutorial services, • career exploration, • aptitude assessments, • counseling, • mentoring programs, • workshops, • information on postsecondary institutions; • education or counseling services designed to improve the financial and economic literacy of students; • guidance on and assistance in secondary school reentry, alternative education programs for secondary school dropouts, entry into general educational development programs or postsecondary education; • Specially designed for students, who are limited English proficient, students from groups that are traditionally underrepresented in postsecondary education, students with disabilities, students who are homeless children and youths, students who are in foster care or are aging out of the foster care system or other disconnected students.

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<p>Lifespan Inc.</p> <p>627 N Main St # 1, Waynesville, NC 28786</p> <p>(828) 452-1720</p> <p>www.lifespanservices.org</p> <p>Counties Served: Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, McDowell, Swain, Watauga **Closest Location is Waynesville**</p>	<p>Mission: LIFESPAN empowers children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities by providing education, employment, and enrichment opportunities to live, work, and play in their communities.</p> <p>Services Provided: Adult day health, ADVP, Alternative Family Living (AFL), Comm. Activity & Employment Services, Comm. Alternative Program, Day Activity, Day Supports, Enhanced Respite/Personal Care, In-home skill building, innovation services, long term vocational supports, personal assistance, residential supports, supported Employment, traumatic brain injury (INJ), private pay, ICF/MR, development day, respite, personal care.</p>
<h3 style="margin: 0;">Transportation</h3>	
<p>Graham County Transit – 74 S Main Street PO Box 1725 Robbinsville, NC 28771 Hours: Monday-Friday 7a.m-5p.m For Reservations Call: (828)-479-4129 http://www.grahamcounty.org Contact: Juanita Colvard or Tracy Jenkins</p> <p>Equipment: *5 mini vans, 3 high top handicap accessible vans and one 20 seat bus.</p>	<p>Purpose: *Primary provider of human service/general public transportation in Graham County. *Anyone requiring non-emergency transportation is eligible to ride Graham County Transit.</p> <p>Requests: *Seat availability basis, made no less than 24-hours for local transportation and 48-hours in advance for out-of-town transportation.</p> <p>Services: *Non-emergency medical appointments, shopping, Senior Center, and employment. *schedules include routes to Andrews, Marble, and Cherokee. Scheduled trips are available to Asheville, Bryson City, Sylva, Waynesville, Murphy and Hayesville.</p>
<h3 style="margin: 0;">Health and Home Care</h3>	
<p>Graham County DSS</p> <p>196 Knight Street Robbinsville, NC 28771</p> <p>(828)-479-7911 Contact: Director, Kay Fields www.ncdhs.gov/dss/local/index.htm</p>	<p>Services:</p> <p>*Counseling Services, Adoption Services, Adult Day Care, Adult In-Home Services, Child and Adult Protective Services, Financial and Medical Assistance to Low Income Families, Emergency Assistance with Utility Bills and Rent, Food Distribution, Information about Food Stamps, Custody Studies, Foster Care Placement, Job Training and Opportunity to AFDC Recipients, Information about Medicaid, Parenting Skills Services, Information and Referral. Fees and eligibility requirements vary based on program, please call for more information.</p>

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<p>Appalachian Community Services</p> <p>217 S Main St, Robbinsville, NC 28771</p> <p>(828) 479-6466 http://www.acswnc.com/</p>	<p>Serves: Mental Health, Developmental Disability or Substance Abuse Services *Therapeutic Foster Care. *Intergraded Care</p> <p>Provides: Services to individuals, families, and communities within the seven western counties of North Carolina.</p> <p>Mission: Promote the emotional and physical well-being of consumers in a safe and respectful environment. Committed to providing a wide continuum of services to effectively meet the changing needs within the community.</p>
<p>Smoky Mountain Center</p> <p>Western Regions: 44 Bonnie Lane Sylva, NC 28779</p> <p>www.smokymountaincenter.com</p> <p>828-586-5501</p>	<p>Slogan: Meeting Community needs...one person at a time</p> <p>Purpose: Serving individuals with mental health, developmental disability and substance abuse issues in Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Caldwell, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes and Yancey Counties</p> <p>**Generalized website that provides great information about consumers & families, service providers, community partners, community resource guide, specific providers by county**</p>
<p>Haywood Regional</p> <p>Behavioral Health Services</p> <p>262 Leroy George Drive Clyde, NC 28721</p> <p>(828)-456-7311</p> <p>Contact: Deb Bennett Inpatient: 828-452-8651 outpatient: 828-452-8923</p> <p>Counties Served: Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, McDowell, Swain</p> <p>http://www.medwesthealth.org/</p>	<p>Adult Unit: Psychiatric <i>inpatient</i> program at Med West-Haywood. The BHU is places where individuals can come who are experiencing emotional or behavioral problems that have built to a crisis level and are in need of inpatient care and support. The BHU utilizes the Recovery Model which encourages wellness, symptom management, and empowerment. Patients are engaged as partners in their recovery process. The Behavioral Health Unit has 16 beds, with the average length of stay being seven days.</p>

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<p>Meridian Behavioral Health Services</p> <p>PO Box 130 27 Bona Vista Marble, NC 28905-8646</p> <p>(828)-837-7466</p> <p>www.meridianbhs.org Contact: (828)-837-7466 Erin Galloway</p>	<p>Services provided at this center: Psycho-Social Rehabilitation Center, Assertive Community Treatment Team</p> <p>Behavioral Health Services. Recovery Education Center Hope. Heal. Recover</p>
<p>Family Preservation Community</p> <p>(828)-255-8225</p> <p>Contact: Cathy Isaacs cisaacs@fpscorp.com</p> <p>http://site.fpsccorp.com/fpcs_beta/NorthCarolina</p>	<p>Counties Served: Cherokee, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Swain</p> <p>Provides: Therapeutic and family foster care for children * receive specialized training from our experienced staff to work with children exhibiting special needs * Therapeutic Foster Parents provided with training before child is placed in their home.</p> <p>*Individual training</p>
<p>Independent Living</p>	
<p>Davidson Homes, INC.</p> <p><i>Swannanoa Office:</i> 2084 US Hwy 70 Swannanoa, NC 28778 Phone: (828)-299-1720</p> <p>Counties Served: Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain</p> <p>Phone: (828)-321-9074</p> <p>http://www.davidsonhomes.org</p>	<p>Mission: Assist individuals with developmental disabilities in the pursuit of independent living and reaching potential goals while maintaining a person centered philosophy. **Provides Uninsured/Medicaid Services**</p> <p>Services: Residential Support, Day supports, Respite (on the decline), personal care, and Home & Community Support.</p> <p>Programs: *Deep Creek *Alternate Family Living (AFL): Matches consumer to provider. *Family Support Services: Relief for families *LINCS: Day program. Emotional/Work experience. *Community Networking *Personal Care</p>
<p>Division of Davidson Homes</p> <p>Deep Creek</p>	<p>Program: Deep Creek Homes is a very unique residential program that serves individuals that are a high-risk to the community and themselves. They require close monitoring; many have vast medical needs and specialized</p>

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<p>99D Robbinsville Rd Andrews, NC 28901 Phone: (828)321-4111</p> <p>Willow Home Ran By Davidson Homes (828)-321-2174</p>	<p>dietary needs as well as challenging behaviors. These individuals have not had a stable placement until finding the Deep Creek Program. Deep Creek combines a structured residential environment and as well as a day program.</p> <p>Notes on Agency: 3 beds run by Davidson Homes, DD Adults</p> <p>Category: Housing Sub-Categories: Disability Specific</p>
<p>Liberty Living</p> <p>Liberty Living, Inc. 142 Downey Lake Road</p> <p>(704) 922-9130 or (336) 838-5575</p> <p>http://www.libertyliving.org/</p> <p>Counties Served: Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Caldwell, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, McDowell, Swain, Watauga, Wilkes</p>	<p>Human Service Organization:</p> <p>*Home and community based supports to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities that have been approved to receive funding from the North Carolina Innovations Medicaid waiver Program</p> <p>*Provides resources to help locate other supports and services needed for individuals to have a meaningful life of their choice in the community</p> <p>Provides:</p> <p>*personal care, community networking, respite, natural supports and education, supported employment, in home skill building, intensive in home supports, residential supports, first aid training.</p>
<p>Mountain Projects Incorporated (MPI)</p> <p>(828) 452-1447</p> <p>www.mountainprojects.org Contact: Patsy Dowling pdowling@mountainprojects.org</p> <p>Counties Served: Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain</p>	<p>Purpose: Community based non-profit organization, Community Action Agency that provides vital services to the elderly, disadvantaged and general public in Western North Carolina.</p> <p>Goals:</p> <p>*To do such things as are necessary or desirable for advancing the general welfare of the people of Haywood and Jackson Counties (and surrounding area thereof).</p> <p>*To develop and implement comprehensive programs which will be designed to improve the social, economic, educational, health, emotional and environmental aspects of the lives of the families and individuals eligible to participate in programs in Haywood and Jackson Counties.</p> <p>*To involve disadvantaged people in planning and carrying out all programs that deal with their problems.</p> <p>*To develop new types of services and innovative approaches in attacking causes of poverty.</p> <p>*Better organization of a range of services related to the needs of the community.</p>
<p>The Bair Foundation</p> <p>The Bair Foundation of Asheville &</p>	<p>Services: Kinship, adoption, foster care, family services, behavioral health, independent living</p>

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<p>Smoky Mountains, NC</p> <p>Executive Park Building 1, Suite 108 Asheville, NC 28801</p> <p>(828)-350-5197: Director, Sara Spotila</p> <p>http://www.bair.org/en-us/home.aspx</p> <p>Counties Served: Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Caldwell, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, McDowell, Swain, Watauga, Wilkes</p> <p>**Closest Location is in Asheville**</p>	<p>Mission: The Bair Foundation will provide Christ-centered quality care and services dedicated to the treatment, restoration, and empowerment of children, youth and families.</p> <p>Vision: The vision of the Bair Foundation is to be the most sought after, Christ-centered social services ministry for children, youth and families in North America.</p>
<p>Hope For Families Of Graham County</p> <p>PO Box 2298 Robbinsville, NC 28771</p> <p>Contact: Virginia McClure</p> <p>24-hour Crisis Line: (828)-479-4332 Admin Office: (828)479-4612 Hope Thrift Store: (828)479-4450</p> <p>http://hope-families.webs.com/</p> <p>grahamsafe@dnet.net</p>	<p>Services Provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24- Hour Crisis Line (828) 479-4332 • Assistance with Orders of Protection • Court Advocacy/ Accompaniment • Hospital Accompaniment • Weekly Support Group for Women • Individual Counseling • Thrift Store • Emergency Shelter <p>Mission Statement: To end interpersonal violence in our community by offering advocacy and shelter to the victims and to provide education on the issue.</p>
<h3>Recreation and Leisure</h3>	

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<p>GRAHAM COUNTY RECREATION</p> <p>Jason Sawyer - Director jason.sawyer@grahamcounty.org</p> <p>12 North Main Street Robbinsville, NC 28771</p> <p>Office: (828) 479-7681 Cell: (828) 735-2704 Fax: (828) 479-7988</p> <p>Office Hours: M-F 8:30 – 5:00 /closed 12:00-1:00(Lunch)</p>	<p>Current Recreation Programs and Special Events</p> <p>The recreation department relies a lot on a strong volunteer base to help provide the programs we offer. The GCRD hopes to eventually expand the programs offered to better serve the community.</p> <p>Here is a list of current programs offered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Basketball: Ages 7-15 October-February • Youth Little League/T-Ball/Softball: Ages 5-16 March/April-June • Youth Football: Ages 6-13 August-October • Adult Softball: Age 17 Snowbird June-August • Soccer: Ages 3-17 Fall Season Pending • Youth Cheering: Ages 5-13 August-October • Youth Volleyball (Girls only): Ages 7-13 August-September • Annual Heritage Festival: Week of July 4th
<p>Graham County Swimming Pool and Tennis Courts</p> <p>147 County Road 1117 Robbinsville, NC (828) 479-1425</p>	<p>Provides swimming lessons and summer fun. Home to the Graham County Orcas, swimming team</p>
<p>Whisper Mountain Youth Camp</p> <p>2240 Long Creek Rd Robbinsville, NC (828) 479-2993</p>	<p>Provides Christian Summer camp</p>

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Cheoah Ranger District

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Robbinsville, NC 28771
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- Tsali Recreation Area,
- Cable Cove Recreation Area,
- Cheoah Point Recreation Area, Horse Cove Recreation Area
- Rattler Ford Group Campground
- Joyce Kilmer/Slickrock Wilderness
- Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest

Snowbird Recreation Area

•Directions: From the ranger station near Robbinsville, turn left (west) onto NC 143. After 2.3 miles turn right onto SR 1127. Travel slightly more than 2 miles and bear left at a fork onto SR 1115. After 2 miles the road turns sharply to the left. After another mile, cross a bridge and turn right (and cross another bridge) onto SR 1120. The road dead-ends after 6 miles (4 miles of which is gravel) at the trailheads.

Picnicking - There are 5 small developed picnic areas: Snowbird, Joyce Kilmer, Cheoah Point, Cable Cove and Tsali Recreation Areas. Snowbird is on Kilmer Road (State Road 1127) on the route to Horse Cove. Joyce Kilmer is located at the parking area off the Joyce Kilmer Memorial trail. The picnic area at Cheoah Point is off Highway 129, approximately 6 miles north of Robbinsville.

5 campgrounds (4 family camp- grounds and 1 group campground). Facilities common to all areas are:

- Approved drinking water
- Central refuse containers
- Toilet facilities
- Camping unit, which includes tent pad, fireplace, picnic table, and parking.

23 Hiking Trails

This area of some 10,000 acres encompasses the headwaters of Big Snowbird Creek. Trout fishing, hunting, hiking and primitive camping are favorites of visitors to this area.