

The future of our community really does begin with family.
That is our blessing and our challenge.



A Community of Solutions

The educational, physical, social and economic needs of families are great.

- In Forsyth County, 37% of children under the age of five live below the poverty threshold, including 56% of those living in female-headed, single-parent households.
- In the 2013–14 school year, 54% of children who entered kindergarten in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County schools were at risk of falling behind in reading.
- Forsyth County ranks next to last of all of the counties in the US in economic mobility among children.
- Twenty-eight percent of white children entering kindergarten are at risk of falling behind. This percentage is almost doubled among children of other races and ethnicities: 43% (Black); 47% (Hispanic with English proficiency); and 74% (Hispanic with limited English proficiency).
- In America, one in four women will be a victim of domestic violence at some point in her life.
- It is estimated that more than 157,000 adults in North Carolina are victims of domestic violence.
- Based on research by the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, the impact of domestic violence on Forsyth County's economy is \$11.6 million.
- Of the Family Services' \$7.7 million operating budget (2014), only 2% is provided by individuals, corporations, churches and foundations.

Family Services is widening its reach and targeting solutions.

- In 2014, 8,750 people in Forsyth County received family-supportive services.
- Families, individuals, children and the community benefit from more than 60 solutions-focused programs that are offered each month.
- Family Services directs 87% of its resources to programming.
- New partnerships extended the Head Start program into seven community childcare centers that serve more than 200 children.
- Children who have suffered severe trauma can now receive treatment from a team of five therapists who provide trauma-focused cognitive behavior therapy, an evidence-based approach for treatment.
- In 2014, 1,055 victims of domestic violence obtained protective orders with help from Safe on Seven.
- Family Services has launched the Forsyth County School Readiness Project (FCSRPP), a research project, funded by a grant from the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust, that is intended to improve young children's emotional and behavioral development by enhancing teachers' classroom management skills and providing mental health services when needed.
- In partnership with Financial Pathways of the Piedmont, a grant from the Women's Fund is helping Family Services to implement a financial literacy and self-sufficiency program for victims of domestic violence.

The future starts here.
Help us build a better one.

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