FAMILY SERVICES THROUGH THE YEARS

THE FIRST HUNDRED YEARS

1905 – Annie Grogan organized the community to help the poor and founds “Associated Charities”
1907 – Cared for TB victims
1918 – Cared for flu-victims
1923 – Established the “Community Chest,” forerunner of the United Way
1932 – Administered “Relief” funds
1943 – Started Adoption and Foster Care Programs
1950s – Began Day Care Association
1951 – United Way established
1960s – Family, Marital and Individual Counseling
1967 – Launched Head Start (War on Poverty)
1978 – Established small domestic violence shelter, first in State of North Carolina
1988 – $1.75 million Campaign to renovate and expand the Battered Women’s Shelter
1992 – $1.85 million Campaign to renovate the Skyland School for Head Start
2000 – Established the Child Advocacy Center
2000 – Launched Ways to Work
2005 – Created Safe on Seven

THE NEXT HUNDRED YEARS

2006 – $4 million Second Century Campaign to construct the Gateway offices, the first “green” building in Forsyth County

2013 – Continued essential community services

FAMILY SOLUTIONS: Family Counseling, School-based Counseling, Ways to Work, Adoption, Strengthening Families
SAFE RELATIONSHIPS: Family Services Shelter, Safe on Seven, Child Advocacy Center, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Victim Advocacy, Community Education, Domestic Violence Community Council
CHILD DEVELOPMENT: Head Start

2015 – Launched first Early Head Start in Forsyth County

2015 – Added focus on community solutions

FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION INITIATIVE: Community engagement for reducing the incidence of family violence
UNIVERSAL PRE-K INITIATIVE: Community initiative to close the opportunity gap
STRONG@HOME: “Virtual collaborative organization” for families with young children

OUR VISION & MISSION

Family Services envisions our community working together to ensure that all children and families are safe, secure, and able to reach their full potential.

Our agency has been a champion of Forsyth County’s families and children since 1905. As a private, non-profit organization, we specialize in three SERVICE GOALS that affirm our commitment to providing essential services upon which the community depends:

1. Provide resources, supports, opportunities for families to nurture their children and achieve self-sufficiency.
2. Support the growth and development of young children.
3. Provide comprehensive services for victims of family violence.

We are also reaching beyond the 8,700 families we serve each year in Forsyth County to pursue two major goals that are essential for the future well-being of our entire community:

1. Making quality early childhood development programs available to every child in Forsyth County.
2. Ensuring that all children and families are free from the threat of family violence.

For more historical details visit: www.familyservicesforsyth.org