

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES
ADOLESCENT PARENTING PROGRAM

414 E. Main Street

PURPOSE

This program provides supportive services to first-time pregnant and parenting teens 17 and under with special emphasis on delaying the second pregnancy and completion of high school. In addition, the program seeks to strengthen parenting, life management skills and stabilize the current family system.

SERVICES

- Family counseling and crisis intervention
- Parenting, life skills & self development workshops
- Mentoring services

ELIGIBILITY

First time adolescent mothers, age 17 and under, who are Durham County residents and Medicaid recipients. The teen must be enrolled in high school or planning to attend high school.

APPLICATION

Referrals come from community agencies including Lincoln Community Health Center, other DSS staff, Public Schools and the Health Department.

REFERRALS

The most frequent referrals are made to:

Planned Parenthood

Alliance Behavioral Health Care

Durham County Health Care

Durham County Health Department

Other DSS staff

Duke University Medical Center

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**COMMUNITY INITIATIVES
SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM**

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PURPOSE

The major focus is to provide services to address crisis resolution and problem solving needed and to provide services that address the development and strengthening of coping skills.

- Services include immediate intervention to reduce stress for individuals and groups in the school, home and community; case work, group work or community intervention services, information and referral; consultation and collaboration.
- Service include early identification of populations at risk; needs assessment; program development; implementation, and evaluation; in-service, parent and community education; collaboration with school and community resources, advocacy, and socio educational services to various individuals and groups in school, home and community.

SERVICES

- Home visits to help the school better understand the child and to help the family better understand the school.
- Collaboration with students, parents, staff and community agencies to reduce truancy and attendance problems.
- Preparation of social development histories on students evaluated for exceptional children's services.
- Consultations with parents, teachers and staff to help students overcome barriers to school achievement.
- Information for parents about resources available within the school and the community.
- Encouraging parents to visit and participate in school for conferences and/or school activities.

ELIGIBILITY

Students enrolled in Durham Public Schools

APPLICATION

N/A

REFERRALS

The most frequent referrals are made to:
Alliance Behavior Health Care
Other DSS staff
The Court System

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VOLUNTEER SERVICES (Contract Service with the volunteer Center of Durham)

PURPOSE

The Volunteer Center provides volunteers to clients of DSS referred by the DSS social workers. Volunteers are recruited, screened, trained and matched with families to work with DSS clients and also to provide supportive services within the agency.

SERVICES

Recruit, screen, train and match volunteers with requests. Volunteer services include:

- Big Sibs program
- Mentors
- Friendly Visitors

Backpack for Kids (June-August)

Thanksgiving Dinners

Share Your Christmas Program

ELIGIBILITY

Services are provided to low income families of DSS referred by their DSS Social Worker.

APPLICATION

N/A

REFERRALS

Clients of DSS are referred by their DSS Social Workers. October-December.

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**COMMUNITY INITIATIVES
YOUTH SERVICES INITIATIVE**

414 E. Main Street

PURPOSE

The purpose is to provide services to youth ages 14 to 18 who are having difficulty in school.

SERVICES

Coordinate community services

Provide supportive services to enrollees including:

- Enhancement of basic life skills
- Coordination of employment/training opportunities
- Provide opportunities for involvement in activities related to leadership development, decision making, citizenship, and community services.

ELIGIBILITY

Youth between the ages of 14-18; low-income individuals who have been assessed as one of the following;

Deficient in basic literacy skills

A school dropout

Requires additional assistance to complete an educational program, or secure and hold employment.

APPLICATION

N/A

REFERRALS

The most frequent referrals are made to:
Center for Employment and Training (CET)
Criminal Justice Resource Center
Durham Cooperative Extension
Durham Literacy Center
P.R.O.U.D Inc.

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