Specialized Programs

Our community, our kids – this can resonate with everyone. Buncombe County Health and Human Services (BCHHS) is recruiting foster families for two new programs. HIP and Lifeline are foster home programs designed to meet the needs of children in foster care and keep them placed in their home county.

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Bring Our Children Back Home

Buncombe County DHHS
High Intensity Placements (HIP):

HIP foster parents are level 1 foster parents with the desire and enhanced skills to ride out the tough initial placement of a child/children and continue to offer them support here in Buncombe County.

Lifeline Placements:

Lifeline serves a purpose to ensure the child is able to reside somewhere safe and nurturing while social services work to find a more long-term solution, either with a relative, foster care or other placement facility.

The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why.

-Mark Twain

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**Foster parent expectations:**

- Must be licensed through BCDHHS
- Must have at least 1 year of fostering or 5 years of experience working with children or parenting.
- Additional program specific

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**our supports**

- free trainings
- 24/7 support
- financial incentives
- connection to fast and quality mental health services and assessments
- case management services
- respite as needed
- mileage reimbursements for child's educational travel
- child care referrals for working parents
- clothing vouchers for qualifying children
- foster parent clothing closet