



Mills Home

THOMASVILLE AREA FAMILY SERVICES

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina (BCH) provides residential services for children and single mothers and their children at **Mills Home in Thomasville**. Children and families encounter loving, caring staff members and participate in a program that is individualized, structured and goal focused.



Since 1885, men and women of Baptist Children's Homes have lived a daily ministry, helping to create a haven of hope for children and their families. This work is possible because of our belief in goodness, our faith in

God, and our conviction and experience that lives can be changed. **Mills Home**, the oldest facility operated by BCH, offers residential services for school aged boys and girls.

Model of Care: Baptist Children's Homes uses the **CARE Model developed by Cornell University**. Children And Residential Experiences (CARE): Creating Conditions for Change is designed to support safe environments, strong programmatic elements and a wide-variety of treatment programs and interventions that are trauma-sensitive and developmentally appropriate. It is designed with the child's best interests in mind. **CARE is based on the following six principles:**

- 1) Developmentally focused, 2) Family involved, 3) Relationship based, 4) Competence centered, 5) Trauma informed, 6) Ecologically oriented.

Emergency Care: During a family crisis, safe and immediate care is provided for the child while the family is helped to de-escalate the crisis and develop an immediate plan. The maximum length of stay is 60 days.

Residential Care: Caring staff members help families to understand and define their immediate relationships enabling them to make decisions concerning their futures. Children and their families learn communication and problem-solving skills. Based on a young person's age, maturity and projected plan following residential service, preparation for adult living is incorporated in the plan of service.

We Offer...

- Family and individual sessions with highly trained Case Managers
- Preparation for adult living
- Recreational facilities
- Spiritual growth opportunities
- Structured residential care
- Parenting education classes
- Life Skill training for residents

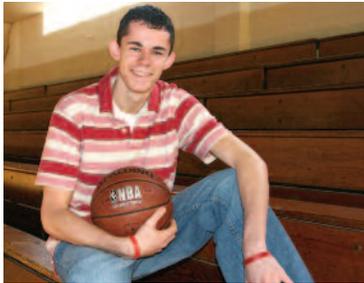
Transitional Living Program: Mills Home offers a transitional residential program to help girls age 17-21 become prepared for independence. The transitional living program is designed to assist youth as they transition from dependent, out-of-home care to self-sufficient independence. Strategies to accomplish these goals will be clear and measurable. The length of placement is determined by the time it takes the young person to accomplish her goals.





Family Care: We offer two Family Care cottages for single mothers and their children. The transitional program provides a goal-focused living environment within a cottage setting. Family Care is specifically structured to help mothers transition to a successful, independent living situation.

Foster Care: We are a licensed foster care provider. Foster Care is a service providing substitute residential care for a child over a planned period when his/her family or legal custodian cannot provide care. A family foster home is a facility licensed for care and a place of residence for a family who receives as many as one, but no more than five



children, for 24-hour care. **Visit www.bchfostercare.org**

Education: We offer specialized tutoring on campus. However, students attend Thomasville City Schools and must be public school eligible.

After Care: This service is provided to each child and custodian following each residential service. The purpose is to help the family make a smooth transition from residential care back to living together as a family unit or to the appropriate permanent plan.

Referrals: Referrals to Baptist Children's Homes can be made by anyone and can be as simple as an email or a phone call from the individual, departments of social services, pastors, educators, juvenile services, or other family members. However, the legal custodian must be involved in the referral process and reside in North Carolina.

Service Area: The Thomasville Area Family Services provides emergency care, clarification/value change, continuing care, transitional living, family care and after care services for the following counties: Alamance, Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Caswell, Catawba, Cleveland, Chatham, Davidson, Davie, Durham, Forsyth, Gaston, Guilford, Iredell, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Moore, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, Stokes, Surry, Union, Watauga, Wilkes and Yadkin. Other counties will be considered based upon need.

Intake Process: A BCH Intake Worker and the entire family hold initial inquiry interviews. Then a strength-based assessment is conducted with the family. The decision to provide service is made by the area providing the service. A plan of service is prepared stating the purpose of the service based on the family's issues, including goals and strategies necessary to help the child and family. (Legal custodians retain custody.)

Cost of Services

Cost of service for Mills Home is based on a sliding fee scale for parent or relative custodians. DSS and other social service custodians will pay based on a pre-established purchase of service charge.

Information and Referrals

To inquire about admission, call the intake or emergency care social worker at **336-474-1200/1.800.476.3669** or go to

www.bchfamily.org/referral

Fax: **336-475-4110**

Website: **www.bchfamily.org/thomasvillearea**

Correspond by Mail

Thomasville Area Family Services/Mills Home

P.O. Box 338, Thomasville, NC 27361

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Accredited by the Council on Accreditation for Children & Family Services. In 2011, Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina received a perfect review scoring the highest possible rating on all 667 standards.