



The Kids & Me Local Resource List

for Charlotte/Mecklenburg and Surrounding Counties



This **Local Resource List** is intended to provide Single Moms ideas and leads to find resources but is neither exhaustive nor all inclusive.

The Kids & Me does not endorse or evaluate any products or services named herein. An individual's due diligence including cost analysis is necessary in choosing any supplier.

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[Catawba County Public Health Community Resource Inventory](#)

[Mecklenburg County Public Health - Community Resource Guide](#)

[North Carolina Community Resource Assistance Guides \(all counties\)](#)

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Single Mom Assistance non-profit and governmental assistance programs for single mothers

NC https://www.singlemomassistance.org/state/north_carolina

Charlotte <https://www.singlemomassistance.org/city/nc-charlotte>

SC https://www.singlemomassistance.org/state/south_carolina

EMERGENCY: Addiction Recovery

Charlotte Rescue Mission/ Dove's Nest | 704-333-HOPE (4673)

<https://charlotterescuemission.org/recovery-programs/doves-nest/>

2855 West Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28208

EMERGENCY: Food

The Bulb fresh produce for folks who are food insecure | 704-347-0278

<https://www.thebulbgallery.org/> Mobile Market in Charlotte & Concord

Camino Food Farmacy food pantry | info@caminohealthcenter.com

<https://caminohealthcenter.com/pantry/>

729 S Main St Kannapolis 28081 | 133 Stetson Dr Charlotte 28262

Cooperative Christian Ministry list of resources | 704-786-4709

<https://cooperativeministry.com/need-assistance/food/>

246 Country Club Dr NE, Concord, NC 28025

Hearts and Hands Food Pantry Our services are available to anyone facing food insecurity in our community. There are no income or eligibility requirements for our pickup service. There are eligibility requirements for our delivery service. |

Call 980.292.0357 Text 980.292.0010 heartsandhandsfoodpantry.com/get-help

4040 Chesapeake Drive Charlotte, NC 28216

Lasagna Love Sign up for a volunteer to bring your family a meal.
<https://lasagnalove.org/>

NC211 multiple food resources listed: search “food” | 2-1-1 or 1-888-892-1162
<https://nc211.org/>

NCDHHS maps of food access | 1-800-662-7030
<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/child-and-family-well-being/food-and-nutrition-services-food-stamps/north-carolina-state-nutrition-action-coalition/food-access-maps>

Nourish Up multiple food resources listed | 704-523.4333
<https://nourishup.org/groceries/>
901 Carrier Drive, Charlotte, NC 28216

Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina maps of food access | 704-376-1785
<https://www.secondharvestmetrolina.org/need-food/get-food-assistance>
500-B Spratt Street, Charlotte, NC 28206

Urban Ministry Center soup kitchen- lunch every day | 704-347-0278
<https://www.urbanministrycenter.org/>
945 North College St., Charlotte, NC 28206

Iredell County: **Iredell Christian Ministries Food Pantry and Crisis Center** food pantry, financial assistance, referrals, counseling, healthy cooking classes
752 Old Salisbury Rd
Statesville, NC 28677
704-924-6700
<http://www.iredellcm.org/>

EMERGENCY: Housing

Ada Jenkins Center | 704-896-0471
<https://www.adajenkins.org/>

The Ada Jenkins Center has limited funding to provide economic support to families facing financial hardship. Our Financial Assistance Program is available to residents of **Cornelius, Davidson, and Huntersville**. Eligibility is determined based on household income and program requirements. Assistance is provided for rent, mortgage, utilities, and childcare.

Charlotte Family Housing | 704-335-5488

<https://charlottefamilyhousing.org/program-eligibility/>

Charlotte, NC 28299-9373

Temporary comprehensive emergency shelter for homeless families and single women.

Transitional and follow-up services to residents.

Licensed day care for children birth to 12 years of age.

Coordinated Entry Threat of homelessness assistance in North Carolina

<https://ncceh.org/resources-referrals/>

Coordinated Entry is the first step to connect to homeless services and homelessness prevention resources for people at risk of or currently experiencing homelessness. It is an evidence-based strategy that focuses on local housing and service coordination designed to link people to the most appropriate housing solution based on their needs.

DreamKey Partners | 704-342-0933 info@dkp.org

<https://www.dreamkeypartners.org/>

4601 Charlotte Park Drive, Suite 350

Charlotte, North Carolina 28217

COVID-19 Rent and Mortgage Relief

Gracious Hands | 704-962.6147

<https://www.gracioushandshousing.org/>

Charlotte, NC 28216

Gracious Hands is a holistic transitional program and is not intended for permanent housing. The program will cap assistance at twelve months. Within twelve months the families will receive help with job training, job readiness, assistance with seeking and maintaining employment, childcare assistance, permanent housing assistance and financial counseling. Applicants are screened to assess current needs, future needs, and for prior displacement history.

Homeowner Assistance Fund |

<https://www.ncsha.org/homeowner-assistance-fund/>

The Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) is a new federal program to help homeowners impacted by COVID-19 catch up on mortgage and utility bills and pay other housing costs.

NC 2-1-1 | 888-892-1162

<https://nc211.org/> [search your zipcode and “shelters”]

Salvation Army Center of Hope Shelter | 704-348-2560

<https://www.salvationarmycarolinas.org/charlotte/get-help/center-of-hope>

534 Spratt Street, Charlotte, NC 28206

Women's Shelters Search by zipcode

<https://www.womenshelters.org/>

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Homeless assistance

<https://www.hud.gov/helping-americans>

EMERGENCY: Psychiatric/ Mental Health

Behavioral Health Charlotte (Atrium Health) | 704-444-2400

<https://atriumhealth.org/locations/detail/atrium-health-behavioral-health>

501 Billingsley Road, Charlotte, NC 28211

EMERGENCY: Safety

National Domestic Violence Hotline | 1-800-799-7233 | TTY: 1-800-787-3224

<https://www.thehotline.org/>

This hotline aids victims of domestic violence 24 hours a day. Hotline advocates assist victims, and anyone calling on their behalf, by providing crisis intervention, safety planning and referrals to local service providers.

North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence | 980-771-4673

directory of local assistance

<https://nccadv.org/get-help>

Mecklenburg County:

Safe Alliance – The Shelter for Battered Women

601 East Fifth Street, Suite 400 | Charlotte NC 28202

Office: 704-944-0169 | Crisis: 704-332-2513

<http://www.safealliance.org/>

EMERGENCY: Utility Bills

Crisis Assistance Ministry (Mecklenburg County) | 704-371-3001 ext. 260

<https://www.crisisassistance.org/programs/basic-needs/emergency-financial-assistance/>

500-A Spratt St., Charlotte, NC 28206

Crisis Intervention Program |

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/crisis-intervention-program>

Find your NC county:

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/social-services/local-dss-directory>

Duke Energy Customer Assistance Programs |

<https://www.duke-energy.com/community/customer-assistance-programs>

Find your location:

<https://www.duke-energy.com/home/billing/special-assistance/need-help>

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<https://www.ncsha.org/homeowner-assistance-fund/>

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Low Income Energy Assistance

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/social-services/energy-assistance/low-income-energy-assistance-lieap>

Find your county:

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/media/2368/open>

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) |

803.734.0662

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/social-services/energy-assistance/low-income-household-water-assistance-program-lihwap>

Office of Economic Opportunity (South Carolina) | 1.855.723.7283

<http://oeo.sc.gov/index.html>

Share the Warmth/ Piedmont Natural Gas |

<https://www.piedmontng.com/our-company/about-piedmont/our-community/share-the-warmth>

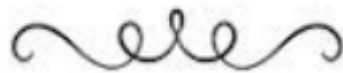
EMERGENCY: Food, Finances, Housing and Programs

Cabarrus & Rowan Counties: **Cooperative Christian Ministry** | [704-786-4709](https://cooperativeministry.com/)
<https://cooperativeministry.com/>
Concord, NC 28026

Community Action Agencies

rent, housing, repairs to conserve energy and reduce utility bills, repair/ replace inefficient heating, furnaces and cooling systems

https://www.needhelppayingbills.com/html/north_carolina_community_actio.html



BABY on-the-WAY



Bright Blessings

<https://www.brightblessingsusa.org/bless-a-baby2>

1150-C Crews Road, Matthews, NC 28105 |
704-846-2329

Every baby deserves a positive start to life. Our Bless-A-Baby program brings help and hope to homeless and impoverished babies by providing for

their emergent health and well-being. Every Blessing Basket that we prepare and deliver is tailored to the needs of each individual child and provides all of the new basics that baby needs. Soft blankets, fresh clothing, diapers and wipes, critical healthcare items, feeding supplies, educational materials and more—these gifts of love and support fill each and every basket.

Help Pregnancy Center

<https://monroehelp.com/en/home/>

480 Help Street, Monroe, NC 28110 | 704-289-5133 | info@monroehelp.com

319 A Unionville-Indian Trail Rd | 704-839-0071 indiantrailhelp@monroehelp.com

10004 New Town Rd, Waxhaw 28173 | 704-627-4015 | marvinhelp@monroehelp.com

For over 31 Years the HELP Pregnancy Center in Monroe NC has been helping women and saving babies in the local community and surrounding areas. Our heart is to let every woman know that she has a friend and advocate when faced with the decision of an unplanned pregnancy. Call us today to schedule a free pregnancy test & ultrasound. Come talk with a friend and find out the options you have.

BIRTHDAYS

Bright Blessings

<https://www.brightblessingsusa.org/bless-a-birthday>

1150-C Crews Road, Matthews, NC
28105 | 704-846-2329



At shelters and housing programs, this program offers all the traditional birthday fun, plus educational and enrichment activities. Our parties include meals, cupcakes, treat bags and lots of love and attention for the kids! Many of these children have never experienced a birthday party or received new presents, but being in the spotlight and feeling a positive sense of self are oftentimes the gifts that mean the most. (con'd)

For transient homeless students, our birthday and care packages are delivered anonymously to local schools. Elementary age students receive birthday treats to share with classmates, giving them a chance to feel confident and a sense of normalcy among peers. Middle and high school students receive a birthday bag with supplies and special sweets to take 'home' and celebrate with family. All students served also receive new presents, books and academic supplies, healthy snacks, as well as a care & comfort set.

BURIAL ASSISTANCE



Catholic Ministries

<https://www.ccdoc.org/en/services/burial-assistance>

1123 S. Church Street Charlotte, NC
28203 | 704-370-3262

Catholic Charities assists families with limited resources in making arrangements and final plans for a family member.

CAR CARE

AAA discount parts and auto repair located throughout the city

<https://www.aaa.com/autorepair/>

Asiaworks began business in 1997 with the vision of providing customers who needed maintenance and repair on their **Honda or Acura** vehicles with honesty, competence and good value.

<http://asia-works.us/>

10715-B Park Road Extension, Pineville, NC 28210 | 704-542-8731

200 Scaleybark Rd, Charlotte, NC | 704-527-9433

6932 N. Tryon St, Charlotte, NC | 704-509-6099

★ **Auto Repair Mom** | Bailey Holston Discount available to Single Moms. Mention 'The Kids & Me.' Always get a full quote before beginning any work.

<https://autorepairmom.com/>

226 Marvin Road,
Suite 400 Ft. Mill, SC 29707 | 803-228-0250

CHILD CARE

Assistance in Paying for Child Care

North Carolina Division of Child Development and Early Education

<https://ncchildcare.ncdhhs.gov/Services/Financial-Assistance>

North Carolina's Division of Child Development uses a combination of state and federal funds to provide subsidized child care services to eligible families through a locally administered state-supervised voucher system.

Childcare Providers

Bethlehem Center

www.bethlehemcenter.org

2705 Baltimore Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28203 | 704- 375-1417

A faith based ministry founded by the women of the United Methodist Church. Our mission is to provide educational opportunities for low income children and families to improve the quality of their lives.

Services:

Youth Development: After School and Summer Camp

Health & Wellness Clinic

Emergency Services Missions and Church Agency Relations

Head Start

Substance Abuse Prevention & Education

Boys and Girls Club of Charlotte

<https://www.bgca.org/get-involved/find-a-club?amenities=&lat=35.2270869&lng=-80.84312669999997&address=Charlotte,%20NC,%20USA>

940 Marsh Road, Charlotte, NC 28209 | 704-714-4738

901 Belmont Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28205

2901 Milton Road, Charlotte, NC 28215

1720 Vilma Street, Charlotte, NC 28208

2600 North Pine Street, Charlotte, NC 28206

Central Church of God Preschool

<https://www.centralnc.org/locations/charlotte-campus/weekday-preschool/>

5301 Sardis Road , Charlotte, NC 28270 | 704-364-5003

Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools After School Enrichment Program

<https://www.wearecms.com/apps/pages/registerforasep>

Email: asep@cms.k12.nc.us

1600 Tyvola Road, Charlotte, NC 28210 | 980-343-5567

Child Care Resources Inc.

www.childcareresourcesinc.org

Child care search <https://stage.worklifesystems.com/parent/27>

4601 Park Rd., Suite 500, Charlotte, NC 28209 | 704-376-6697

Christ Our Shepherd Ministries

<https://coskidsmatthews.org/>

226 West John Street, Matthews, NC 28105 | 704-845-4673

Directory of Family Services in Charlotte-Mecklenburg

http://manage.cha-nc.org/public/content/resources/Family_Resources.pdf

Division of Child Development and Early Education

<https://ncchildcare.ncdhhs.gov/childcaresearch>

Search for a Child Care Facility

704-336-3000

Free Preschools

<https://www.freepreschools.org/county/nc-mecklenburg>

Nationwide directory of free preschools and prekindergarten programs and schools in the US. We also provide information and reviews on the schools and programs provided.

contact form: <https://www.freepreschools.org/info/about.html>

The Learning Collaborative (Pre-School)

<https://www.tlccharlotte.org/index.php/about>

3241 Sam Drenan Road, Charlotte, NC 28205 | 704-377-8076

Our vision is that children and parents working together can overcome at-risk beginnings through an early educational intervention, paving the way for success in kindergarten and beyond, inspiring a love of learning, confidence in themselves and hope for their futures.

Summer Camps

<http://www.charlotteparent.com/CLT/Camp-Listings/>

Vacation Bible School

Google: "Vacation Bible School Charlotte NC"

YWCA Afterschool Programs

<https://www.ymcacharlotte.org/programs/childcare-education/afterschool>
704.716.6200

CLOTHING

A Closet Full consignment

2041 South Boulevard, Charlotte, NC 28209 | 704-372-5522

Butterflies and Bullfrogs children's consignment

5820 Us Hwy 74, W Indian Trail, NC 28079 | 704-421-2239

Crisis Assistance Ministry clothing, household goods, school uniforms

<https://www.crisisassistance.org/donate/donate-clothing-household-goods/>
500-A Spratt St., Charlotte, NC 28206 | 704-371-3001

Goodwill Thrift Stores

https://goodwillsp.org/shop/goodwill-locations/?mpfy_search=charlotte

Great Things Thrift Store women's clothing

<https://shopgreatthings.org/>
1914 Beatties Ford Rd, Charlotte, NC 28216 | 704-394-9292

Matthews H.E.L.P. Center

<http://www.matthewshelpcenter.org/thriftshop.html>

Monday – Saturday: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

119 N Ames Street, Matthews, NC 28105 | 704-847-8383

New Hope Clothes Closet- Hope 4 Families | 704-608-1910

7841 Idlewild Road, Charlotte, NC 28212-5845

New Hope Clothes Closet is lovingly called Hope 4 Families (H4F) which has been operational since 2015. The clothes closet provides free clothing, shoes, and accessories all donated by local businesses, and personal contributions. H4F is open on the first and third Saturday of each month from 10 am to 1 pm (see our calendar). The clothes closet is supported by area churches, and volunteers personally assist clients meet their clothing needs.

clothescloset@newhopecharlotte.org

<http://newhopecharlotte.org/ministries>

Once Upon a Child

<https://onceuponachild.com/>

[8700 Pineville-Matthews Road, Charlotte, NC 28226](#) | [704-541-5144](#)

[9623-J East Independence Blvd, Matthews, NC 28105](#) | [704-847-6337](#)

[2930 E Franklin Blvd., Suite 18 Gastonia, NC 28056](#) | [980-320-8816](#)

[2349 Cherry Road, Rock Hill, SC 29732](#) | [803-324-0017](#)

[349-O Copperfield Blvd., Concord, NC 28025](#) | [980-255-8581](#)

Plato's Closet buys and sells gently used name brand clothing

<https://www.platoscloset.com/locations/list/NC#us>

[9623 E Independence Blvd. Matthews, NC 28105](#) | [704-844-6744](#)

[9519 South Blvd, Ste. A South Charlotte, NC 28273](#) | [704-817-9099](#)

[10215 University City Blvd. Charlotte, NC 28213](#) | [704-717-2972](#)

Salvation Army Thrift Stores

<https://www.salvationarmycarolinas.org/charlotte/locations?command=7,62>

Sweet Repeats Upscale Consignment Boutique

<https://sweetrepeatsboutique.com/>

[300 East Blvd Suite 2, Charlotte, NC 28203](#) | [704-372-0002](#)

Very Terry Consignment women's clothing

[310-4 East Blvd., Charlotte, NC](#) | [704-375-0655](#)



Shopper's Tip: For greatly reduced prices on quality merchandise, shop *end of season sales* at department stores like Belk's or Macy's.
for summer clothes - shop in early October
for winter clothes – shop in early January

COACHES AND MENTORS

YoungLives YoungLives clubs are regular gatherings with parenting teenagers and mentors with the support of childcare workers and various community help. Clubs meet around the world offering fun, laughter, encouragement and an inspirational message. Other YoungLives activities may include Bible study, group outings and life skill instruction.

<https://younglives.younglife.org/>

SCORE

<https://charlotte.score.org/>

Our Mentors are experienced entrepreneurs, corporate managers, and executives with a diverse set of industries and specialties who volunteer their experience and knowledge to help small business professionals start, develop, and grow businesses. We offer free and confidential mentoring along with low-cost or no-cost business training, and numerous templates and tools.

COVERING COLLEGE COSTS FOR KIDS

FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>

Single application for all federal student scholarships, grants, and loans;
critical date: October 1 of the year prior to the school year

CFNC Helping you plan, apply for, and pay for college.

<https://www.cfnc.org/index.jsp>

866-866-2362

Wayfind Have a student at East Union or Monroe Middle School? Check out this mentoring program for 8th graders which can lead to a full scholarship at Wingate University!

<https://www.wingate.edu/wayfind>

t.myers@wingate.edu

COMPUTER REPAIR

Geek Squad of Best Buy: Total Tech Support

<https://www.bestbuy.com/site/total-tech-support/computer-tablets/pcmcat1523037526026.c?id=pcmcat1523037526026>

1-888-237-8289

Annual contract for unlimited repairs and 24/7 access for \$199.00.
Premise and home repair calls for an extra \$49.00 per call.

COUNSELING/ THERAPY

Access Counseling and NeuroTherapy Individual, Pre-Marital, Marriage, and Anxiety Therapy through Christian Counseling.

<https://accesscm.org/>

10030 Park Cedar Dr./ Suite 200, Charlotte, North Carolina 28210

Phone: 704-751-7775

Corban Counseling Individual, Family, and Couples Therapy.

<https://corbancounseling.com/>

11503 Sir Francis Drake Drive, Charlotte, NC 28277 | (704) 562-7919

Concord Counseling Associates and Natalie Atwell Counseling We provide professional counseling services to families, couples and individuals of all ages (children & adults). Our theoretical approaches and therapeutic techniques include, but are not limited to, cognitive-behavioral therapy, gestalt therapy, solution-focused, reality therapy and person-centered.

<http://concord-nacounseling.com/>

170 Davidson Highway/ Suite 201, Concord, NC 28027 | 980.209.6328

Kannapolis Counseling Group Individual, Family, Couples, & Group Therapy and Equine Assisted Psychotherapy. Experience healing and life change through faith-centered therapy.

<http://kannapoliscounseling.com/>

1811 S. Main St., Kannapolis, NC 28081 | 980-553-1083

Called to Peace Called to Peace Ministries exists to provide a compassionate, comprehensive, and Christ-centered response to those impacted to those impacted by domestic abuse. Domestic abuse can happen to any one of any race, age, sexual orientation, religion, or gender. It can happen to couples who are married, living together, or who are dating. It affects people of all socioeconomic backgrounds and education levels. Unfortunately, statistics are no better for women within the church.

<https://www.calledtopeace.org/who-we-help/individuals/>

Wake Forest, NC 27588 | 919-374-0778



COUPONS

The Coupon Mom Use CouponMom.com to get dramatic savings without having to spend an extreme amount of time figuring out the best coupon deals.

<https://www.couponmom.com/>

DENTAL

Agape Dental Agape Dental Ministry provides free dental care to the under-served residents of Mecklenburg County. Because of our gratitude to the men and women who serve our country, we also see all military veterans and their spouses regardless of income or residency.

<http://www.agapedentalministry.org/>

Dental Clinic Resource List

<https://www.mecknc.gov/HealthDepartment/Documents/DentalResourcesPamphletOctober2016.pdf>

EDUCATION

High School Credentials

Central Piedmont Community College | 704.330.6129

Adult High School Diploma, General Educational Development (GED) Instruction & Testing, and High School Equivalency (HSE) Instruction & Testing

<http://catalog.cpcc.edu/programsofstudy/collegeandcareerreadiness/>

Local College & University

Central Piedmont Community College

<https://www.cpcc.edu/>

Harper Campus 315 W. Hebron Street, Charlotte, NC 28273 | [704.330.4400](tel:704.330.4400)

Harris Campus 3210 CPCC Harris Campus Dr., Charlotte, NC 28208 |

[704.330.4601](tel:704.330.4601) (continued)

Levine Campus 2800 Campus Ridge Road Matthews, NC 28105 | [704.330.4200](tel:704.330.4200)

Merancas Campus 11930 Verhoeff Drive Huntersville, NC 28078 | [704.330.4100](tel:704.330.4100)

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

<https://www.uncc.edu/>

9201 University City Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28223 | [704-687-8622](tel:704-687-8622)

Hands-On Education

Community Culinary School of Charlotte

Workforce development through the culinary arts

<https://communityculinary.org/>

9315-D Monroe Road Charlotte, NC 28270-1427 | [704-375-4500](tel:704-375-4500)

Empire Beauty Schools cosmetology training

<https://www.empire.edu/cosmetology-schools>

4901-B North Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28213 | [704-597-5503](tel:704-597-5503)

8700 Pineville-Matthews Road, Pineville, NC 28226 | [704-544-5601](tel:704-544-5601)

Paul Mitchell Schools cosmetology training

<https://paulmitchell.edu/charlotte>

1516 Elizabeth Avenue, Charlotte NC 28204 | [704-335-0060](tel:704-335-0060)

Southeastern Institute

<https://www.southeasterninstitute.edu>

5250 77 Center Dr Suite 100, Charlotte, NC 28217 | [704-527-4979](tel:704-527-4979)

Programs include electronic medical billing and coding specialist, hospitality certificate, medical assisting certificate, pharmacy technology, phlebotomy, professional clinical massage therapy

Therapeutic Massage Training Institute

<https://massagetraining.com/>

726 East Boulevard, Charlotte, NC 28203 | [704-338-9660](tel:704-338-9660)



Job Hunt Tip: Google “paid on the job training” for a listing of employers who will pay you while you learn.

ENTERTAINMENT

Free Things To Do

Charlotte on the Cheap list updated frequently

<https://www.charlotteonthecheap.com/freethingstodo/>

Charlotte on the Cheap

Lists of activities to do with kids:

<https://www.charlotteonthecheap.com/free-cheap-events-kids/>

<https://www.charlotteonthecheap.com/category/charlotte-kids/>

Library

Imaginon story time, free Wi-Fi, outdoor seating, media check-out with PLCMC library card

<https://www.cmlibrary.org/branch/imaginon-joe-joan-martin-center>

300 East Seventh Street, Charlotte, NC 28202 | [704-416-4600](tel:704-416-4600)

Winter Break Enrichment Activities at the Library for Children & Adults

https://www.cmlibrary.org/blog/bored-over-winter-break-not-chance-library?utm_source=email&utm_medium=monthly-email&utm_campaign=2019-dec-email&utm_term=mc&utm_content=link-to-winter-break-blog

Discount Movies



Parenting Tip: Reading movie reviews is a great way to manage your child's entertainment.

Focus on the Family's *Plugged In*

<https://www.pluggedin.com/movie-reviews/>

Movie reviews that address positive elements, spiritual content, sexual content, violent content, drug & alcohol content, crude and profane language

Ayrsley Grand Cinema 14 \$5 Tuesdays – verify restrictions

<http://www.ayrsleycinemas.com/>

9110 Kings Parade Boulevard, Charlotte, NC 28273

Movie Times: 980-AYRSLEY

Theater: 980-297-7540

Cinemark Movie Bistro Charlotte \$5.75 Tuesdays –verify restrictions

<https://www.cinemark.com/north-carolina/cinemark-movie-bistro-charlotte>

9630 Monroe Road, Charlotte NC 28270 | 704-847-2031

Matthews 10 Cinemark Cinema \$3.25 for most movies

<https://www.cinemark.com/north-carolina/cinemark-movies-10>

9508 Northeast Court, Matthews NC 28105 | 704-847-5245

Museums

Discovery Place science exploration, exhibits, STEM classes

<https://www.discoveryplace.org/>

301 N Tryon St, Charlotte, NC 28202 | 704.372.6261

Nature Museum science exploration, traveling exhibits, live shows

<https://nature.discoveryplace.org>

1658 Sterling Road, Charlotte, NC 28209 | 704.372.6261

Outdoors

Charlotte Greenways

<https://www.charlotteagenda.com/92571/complete-guide-charlottes-greenways/>

Mecklenburg Parks and Recreation

https://apm.activecommunities.com/mecklenburgparks/Activity_Search

YMCA Camp Thunderbird

<https://www.ymcacharlotte.org/camps/camp-thunderbird>

1 Thunderbird Ln, Lake Wylie, SC 29710 | 800-732-3855

Whitewater Center free to visit; pay per activity

<https://usnwc.org/>

5000 Whitewater Center Parkway, Charlotte, NC 28214 | 704.391.3900

Swimming

Ray's Splash Planet indoor water park; free swimming lessons

<https://www.mecknc.gov/ParkandRec/Aquatics/Pages/default.aspx>

215 North Sycamore Street, Charlotte, NC 28202 | 980-314-4729

YMCA rate based upon income level

<https://www.ymcacharlotte.org/membership>

704-716-6200

Theatre

Children's Theatre of Charlotte

www.ctcharlotte.org

704-973-2828

Eagles' Wings Studio

<https://www.eagleswingsstudio.com/shows>

10058 E Independence Blvd, Matthews, NC 28105 | 704-890-4799

NarrowWay original Broadway-style shows

<https://narrowway.net/>

3327 Hwy. 51 N, Fort Mill SC 29715 | 803.802.2300

Spirit Square free open mic every other month

<https://www.blumenthalarts.org/spirit-square>

<https://www.blumenthalarts.org/education/community-programs/open-mic>

345 N. College St., Charlotte, NC 28202

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Dave Ramsey Financial Planning free downloads (Get out of debt, Learn to budget, Save for Retirement, Find the right Insurance, Buy a Home, Sell a Home) and paid classes

<https://www.daveramsey.com/get-started>

WIFE [Women's Institute for Financial Education] the oldest, most established non-profit organization dedicated to providing an unbiased, financial education to women in their quest for financial independence

<https://www.wife.org/>

WISER [Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement] The Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement (WISER) is dedicated to improving the long-term financial security of all women through education and advocacy.

<https://www.wiserwomen.org/> | 202.393.5452

Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America (NACA)

<https://www.naca.com/about/about-naca/>

5500 Executive Center Drive Suite 105, Charlotte, NC 28212 | 704-536-7676

The Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America ("NACA") is a non-profit, community advocacy and homeownership organization. NACA's primary goal is to build strong, healthy neighborhoods in urban and rural areas nationwide through affordable homeownership. NACA has made the dream of homeownership a reality for thousands of working people by counseling them honestly and effectively,

enabling even those with poor credit to purchase a home or modify their predatory loan with far better terms than those provided even in the prime market.

National Foundation for Credit Counseling

<https://www.nfcc.org/>

800-388-2227

NFCC Certified Financial Counselors are also trained to address serious repayment issues involving credit card debt, home-related debt and student loans. Working with a **nonprofit NFCC member agency**, you may be eligible for a **Debt Management Plan** that provides affordable payment terms and, in some cases, an extended payment timeline

VITA

<https://www.irs.gov/individuals/free-tax-return-preparation-for-you-by-volunteers>

800-906-9887

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax help to people who generally make \$56,000 or less, persons with disabilities and limited English speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals.

FOOD

NCDHHS Food and Nutrition Services is a federal food assistance program that provides low-income families the food they need for a nutritionally adequate diet. Benefits are issued via Electronic Benefit Transfer cards (EBT cards).

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/assistance/low-income-services/food-nutrition-services-food-stamps>

1-866-719-0141

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Free & reduced school meals for students

<https://www.wearecms.com/apps/pages/applyforfreeorreducedmeals>

980-343-3000

WIC-local site

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/assistance/childrens-services/wic-special-supplemental-nutrition-program>

2845 Beatties Ford Rd.

Charlotte, NC 28216

Appointments: 704-336-6500

Information: 980-314-9410

Other counties: <https://www.nutritionnc.com/wic/directory.htm>

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (up to 5 years) that provides healthy food and health care support via Mecklenburg County Health Department

Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry

<https://loavesandfishes.org/food-pantries/>

704-523-4333

Located at various churches throughout the city.

Must have referral to qualify for services:

<http://loavesandfishes.org/get-help/>

Second Harvest Food Bank

<https://www.secondharvestmetrolina.org/need-food/get-food-assistance>

704-376-1785

Map with locations across Charlotte for pantry, soup kitchen, and/or shelter. Hours vary.

Matthews Help Center

<http://www.matthewshelpcenter.org/assistance.html>

119 N. Ames St., Matthews, NC 28105 | 704-847-8383

One week family supply of food and toiletries.

Financial crisis help for rent and utilities.

Free thrift boutique.

Must bring proof of qualifications listed at website to receive services.

Financial planner appointments available.

FURNITURE & APPLIANCES

See **CLOTHING** for thrift store and consignment store leads.

Sign up for *The Kids & Me* Support Network to receive the *Give & Take* listing.

Beds for Kids <https://bedsforkids.org/> 980-422-1192

Refurbished bedding and furniture for free.

HOME REPAIR

NC 2-1-1

Home Repair

<https://www.nc211.org/housing-help>

888-892-1162 or 211

HOUSING

Charlotte Housing Authority

<http://cha-nc.org/>

1301 South Boulevard, Charlotte, NC 28203 | 704-336-5183

Income based housing, workforce housing, market-rate housing & mixed income housing

Community Link

<https://communitylinknc.org/>

704.943.9490

Community Link's mission is to enable individuals and families to obtain and sustain safe, decent and affordable housing.

Family Self-Sufficiency Program of the Charlotte Housing Authority

<http://manage.cha-nc.org/public/content/resources/Non-HOPE%20FSS%20Brochure.pdf>

326 Benjamin Street , Charlotte NC 28203 | 704-336-5317

Habitat for Humanity

<https://www.habitatcharlotte.org/>

3815 Latrobe Drive, Charlotte, NC 28211 | 704-376-2054

Home Ownership with no down payment and no interest loans based on income, class attendance and sweat equity.

Helping Low Income

<https://helpinglowincome.com/category/housing-assistance/>

online resource

HUD Public Housing | 1-800-955-2232

<https://www.benefits.gov/benefit/863>

information for your state:

<https://www.hud.gov/states>

Public housing is limited to low-income families and individuals and eligibility is based on annual gross income and U.S. citizenship or eligible immigration status. If you are eligible, a public housing agency will check your references to make sure you and your family will be good tenants. Any applicant whose habits and practices may be expected to have a detrimental effect on other tenants or on the project's environment will be denied.

NC 2-1-1

<https://www.nc211.org/housing-help>

888-892-1162 or 211

Housing and Shelter Assistance

Low Cost Housing

Housing Expense Help

NC Home Protection Program and Loan Fund

https://www.needhelppayingbills.com/html/north_carolina_home_protection.html

800-393-0988

This program is destined for homeowners and single moms who have lost their job. A zero percent interest loan of up to \$24,000 to help pay for your mortgage can be offered that doesn't need to be repaid for up to 15 years.

NC Housing Finance Agency

<https://www.nchfa.com/>

919-877-5700

Mission is to create affordable housing opportunities for North Carolinians whose needs are not met by the market.

Movement Mortgage | 888-589-4416

<https://movement.com/>

8024 Calvin Hall Road, Indian Land, SC 29707 Movement Mortgage, LLC

Home loans processed in 7 days. Our goal is to have a long-term impact on the individual lives of those underserved in our communities. Our mission to love and value people drives everything we do.

State Home Foreclosure Prevention Project

<http://financialpaths.org/foreclosure-prevention/state-home-foreclosure-prevention-program-shfpp/>

7820 North Point Blvd. Suite 100 | Winston-Salem, NC 27106

PHONE: 336-896-1191 | TOLL FREE: 1-888-474-8015

The State Home Foreclosure Prevention Project (SHFPP) is a partnership of government agencies, HUD-approved housing counseling agencies, legal assistance organizations, mortgage servicers and community organizations. SHFPP provides homeowners with referrals to free resources through partner housing counseling agencies that may be able to help them avoid foreclosure. Help is offered to any N.C. homeowner who has received a 45-day pre-foreclosure notice via a “Foreclosure Help” letter from the N.C. Housing Finance Agency, giving a toll free number to call.

As a HUD-approved counseling agency and SHFPP partner, Financial Pathways can review clients’ situations with them, identify options to avoid foreclosure, link low-income clients to legal assistance, and help clients work with their mortgage servicers. Counseling is available over the phone and face-to-face.

JOB PLACEMENT

PLCMC Career Center

<https://www.cmlibrary.org/services/job-help>

The Job Help Center is ready to assist you in your job search. We offer extended computer sessions (timed for three hours) and experienced staff to assist with formatting resumes and searching for jobs. We also offer books on careers, online guides to resume writing, computer classes, scanners and fax service, regular programs of interest to job seekers, and an online job board that is updated daily. Job Help Centers are available at Main Library, Beatties Ford Road, Steele Creek Library and Sugar Creek Library.

<https://digitalbranch.cmlibrary.org/college-career-prep/jobs/>

United States Postal Service

<https://about.usps.com/careers/>

USA Jobs

<https://www.usajobs.gov/>

Work First Family Assistance/ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Work First provides parents with short-term training and other services to help them become employed and move toward self-sufficiency. Counties also provide services such as

transportation, child care, financial counseling, short-term training and child and family enrichment services.

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/social-services/work-first-family-assistance>

Find your North Carolina county:

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/social-services/local-dss-directory>

For South Carolina

<https://dss.sc.gov/assistance-programs/tanf/>

Find your South Carolina county:

<https://dss.sc.gov/contact/>

Workforce/ Job Training in Mecklenburg County

<https://www.thekidsandme.org/post/workforce--job-training-in-mecklenburg-county>



Job Search Tip: Google "paid on the job training" to see a listing of employers willing to pay you while you learn

LEGAL SERVICES

Children's Law Center

<http://www.childrenslawcenternc.org/>

102 W. 3rd St, Suite 470, Winston-Salem, NC 27101 | **336-831-1909**

Mainly Forsyth county – may do home visits in other counties. Try to have quick turn-around for chapter 50b case but don't work on a team effort – 1 person per case. Works with Wake Forest Law Center (same stipulations as NCCU). Cases are not referred from legal aid only court appointment or requested in court. Family Justice Center. Have a representative at the center to take protective order cases (Only 50b) cases

Council for Children's Rights – Information and Resource Line

<http://www.cfcrights.org/what-we-do-2/community-resources/>

704-943-9609

Guardian Ad Litem

<https://www.nccourts.gov/programs/guardian-ad-litem>

301 Billingsley Road, Charlotte, NC 28211 | 704-336-3150

Legal Aid of North Carolina

<http://www.legalaidnc.org/>

1-866-219-LANC (5262)

Legal Aid of North Carolina is a statewide, nonprofit law firm that provides free legal services in civil matters to low-income people in order to ensure equal access to justice and to remove legal barriers to economic opportunity.

McDowell Street Center for Family Law

www.lawhelpnc.org/organization/mcdowell-st-center-for-family-law?ref=4Yilx

101 N. McDowell Street, Suite 100

Charlotte, North Carolina 28204

(704) 331-4774 Fax: (704) 331-4778

A Non-Profit Law Firm specializing in

Divorce

Child Custody/Visitation

Child Support

Safe Alliance/ United Family Services

<http://www.safealliance.org/about-us/>

980-771-4673

Cornelius NC

704.655.8745

Free, confidential 24/7 hotline for Mecklenburg County residents who need assistance with parenting issues, domestic violence, or sexual assault.

LITERACY FOR CHILDREN

Bright Blessings

<https://www.brightblessingsusa.org/gift-of-literacy>

In partnership with First Book Charlotte, and thanks to the generosity of local donors, our Gift of Literacy program distributes more than 6,000 new books each year to the children we serve. Our library shelves at the Giving Village are filled with books for children of all ages. From board books and first readers to chapter series, classics and award-winning titles, we are committed to providing the wondrous gift of reading to kids who have few, if any, new books of their own.

Imagination Library

<https://imaginationlibrary.com/>

111 Dollywood LN, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863 | 865-428-9606

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a book gifting program that mails free books to children from birth to age five in participating communities

Jeremiah Program

<https://jeremiahprogram.org/early-childhood-education-resources/>

Extensive early childhood resource for moms of infants to preschoolers.

Matthews Christian Library

<https://coskidsmatthews.org/library.html>

library@coskidsmatthews.org

116 N Ames St, Matthews, NC 28105 | 980-245-3687

Our mission at Matthews Christian Library is to provide resources to strengthen your family and faith. All the materials on our shelves are carefully selected to reflect the truth found in God's Word.

We offer a wide variety of materials which are available for our patrons to check out: Bible reference materials; adult Christian fiction and classic fiction such as Charles Dickens; resources for homeschool families; level readers; DVDs for children and families; great audio resources for children and adults, including all the Adventures in Odyssey, Jonathan Park, and Your Story Hour; as well as current magazines for adults and children.

We also have resources from a Christian perspective that address many relevant issues facing individuals and families, including educational choices, money management, separation and divorce, single parenting, and death.

There are quiet work areas, computer work stations, and reading nooks for research, study, or relaxing with a good book.

Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County

<https://www.cmlibrary.org/>

Main Branch

704-416-0100

story time, teen services, job help, free library card, makerspace, computer access, free wi-fi

MEDICAL PROVIDERS

Camino Clinic Camino Clinic provides affordable, high-quality health care in a bilingual, and multicultural manner. Our services include Primary Care and Pediatric Care, Chronic Disease Management, Ultrasounds, and Vaccinations. Our trusted, dedicated and experienced staff members work hard to provide you with the highest quality care possible. <https://caminohealthcenter.com/clinic/>
201 Stetson Dr Charlotte 28262 | 729 S Main St Kannapolis 28081 704.596.5606

Medical Clinic Resource Lists

https://www.freeclinics.com/sta/north_carolina search by zip code

<https://www.mecknc.gov/HealthDepartment/Documents/FreeLowCostClinics.pdf>

<https://www.freeclinics.com/cit/nc-charlotte>

<https://www.freeclinics.com/cit/nc-pineville>

Smith Family Wellness Center

<http://www.smithfamilywellnesscenter.com/medical.html>

3622 Central Ave, Charlotte, NC 28205 | [704-910-5810](tel:704-910-5810)

To be seen at the Smith Family Wellness Center, you must:

1. Live in Mecklenburg or surrounding counties
2. Be uninsured or underinsured
3. Provide proof of income
4. Please call (704) 910-5810 for the next new patient screening date and time.

RESTAURANTS

CPCC Culinary School's Greenway Restaurant

3 course meal for \$12; reservations required

<https://www.cpcc.edu/student-experience/campus-dining-and-vending/student-prepared-dining>

Kids Eat Free Nights

List compiled by *Charlotte on the Cheap*

<https://www.charlotteonthecheap.com/charlottes-kids-eat-free-deals/>

SPORTS EQUIPMENT/ BICYCLES

Play It Again Sports Buys and sells used gear

<https://www.playitagainsports.com/home>

8500 Pineville-Matthews Road, Charlotte, NC 28226 | [704-540-6339](tel:704-540-6339)

Re-Cyclery/ Trips for Kids Sells refurbished bicycles and provides outdoor programming

<https://www.tripsforkidscharlotte.org/re-cyclery>

1132 N. Caldwell St., Charlotte, NC 28206 | [704-910-3970](tel:704-910-3970)

Trips for Kids Charlotte is a chapter of Trips for Kids, a national 501c3 nonprofit youth development and education umbrella organization. Trips for Kids' mission is to give every kid in every community the opportunity to know the joy of riding a bike and the freedom to explore the natural world on two wheels.

Programs include: Discovery Rides, Adventure Clubs, Mobile Bike Clinics, Earn-a-Bike Workshops and Youth@Work programs that help youth to be more active, experience natural places, gain environmental and STEM-based knowledge, build confidence and develop job readiness skills.

We also run the Charlotte Re-Cyclery, where we refurbish donated “dusty not rusty” bicycles for use in EAB and to sell to the public. Proceeds from the Charlotte Re-Cyclery help support our programs.

TRANSPORTATION

Helping Low Income

Online resource to find free car programs

<https://helpinglowincome.com/free-cars-for-single-moms/>

TRAVEL

Trip Advisor what to do when you get there - advice through peer reviews about hotels, restaurants, flights, vacation rentals, things to do

<https://www.tripadvisor.com/>

Vacation Rent by Owner Find space to suit your budget and your style wherever you go. (Because VRBO are rented by individuals to individuals, one must exercise necessary caution in selection of appropriate spaces and consider safety.)

<https://www.vrbo.com/>

UNEXPECTED PREGNANCY

For Every Woman Search engine for social services, mental health support, parenting resources, pregnancy tests and ultrasounds, women’s health care, adoption & foster care. STD testing, and birth control services by zip code:

<https://foreverywoman.org/>

GATE Pregnancy Resource Center

<https://gateprc.org/free-services>

3824 Hwy 49 South
Harrisburg, NC 28075
280 Concord Pkwy, Suite 110-C
Concord, NC 28027
[704-455-5200](tel:704-455-5200)

Free and confidential pregnancy testing, STD/STI information, adoption referrals, medical referrals, educational classes, infant boutique

HELP Pregnancy Center Free pregnancy tests, Limited ultrasounds, Confidential peer counseling, and Pregnancy, Parenting & Bible study classes,
<http://monroehelp.com/en/home/>
480 HELP Street, Monroe NC, 28110 | [704.289.5133](tel:704.289.5133)

Hope Pregnancy Resource Center Free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds, information about abortion, adoption, and parenting, Counseling, Information and support for men in relation to pregnancy issues, Abstinence counseling, Post-abortive support services. The PRC provides all offered assistance free of charge.

The HOPE Chest is a clothing ministry for young children and women. We have free clothes up through size 4T. Clients can come once every three weeks to receive clothing. By appointment only, call (704-690-6689) or email (hope.prc.anson@gmail.com) to create an appointment.

<http://hprc-anson.org/>
148 East Morgan St., Wadesboro, NC 28170 | [704.690.6689](tel:704.690.6689)

Pregnancy Care Center of Catawba Valley
<https://www.pcchickory.com/>
421 Main Ave. SW, Hickory, NC 28602 | [828.322.4272](tel:828.322.4272)

Offering the following services free and confidential: pregnancy testing, ultrasound, pregnancy options education, male client advocates & men's group, educational classes, maternity and infant clothing and baby supplies, abstinence education, support for mother placing for adoption, pregnancy loss support, post abortion for women "Forgiven and Set Free", post abortion for me "Healing the Father's Heart"

Embrace Grace

<https://embracegrace.com/get-support>
817-755-8484

Has your life been impacted by a surprise pregnancy? No matter your past or what you are going through, whether you choose to parent or place for adoption, we want to walk with you. When you join this support group, you will: meet weekly for 12 weeks, be encouraged by women who have walked in your shoes, make new friends and receive a baby shower in your honor.

Safe Surrender for Newborns

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/assistance/pregnancy-services/safe-surrender>

Social Services directory:

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/social-services/local-dss-directory>

North Carolina's Safe Surrender Law allows a parent to surrender a newborn up to seven days old to *a responsible adult* without the parent providing his or her name. Safe Surrender is legal and aims to prevent newborns from being hurt or abandoned. Do your best to make sure that the baby is healthy, warm and clean. Then find a responsible adult who will assist you with the surrender of your newborn. Your best options for a Safe Surrender contact include: health care provider, law enforcement officer, social services worker, emergency medical personnel.