Children's Home Society of NC provides a continuum of care for children and families in transition through education, foster care, and adoption services, creating strong, healthy families and communities.

MISSION

To promote the right of every child to a permanent, safe, and loving family.

VISION

To be a leader in transforming families and communities so children can thrive.

CORE VALUES

Compassion.

Integrity.

Excellence.

Innovation.



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ONE REFERRAL, ONE PROGRAM, ONE RELATIONSHIP, ONE OUTCOME

The Intensive Permanency Services at Children's Home Society is a uniquely designed program that serves all 100 counties across North Carolina. We have streamlined our services to efficiently meet the needs of our partners. Our services assist county agencies in meeting the needs of youth ages 9-20. Every child needs a permanent, safe, and loving family, and our goal is to help youth exit care with the most direct route to permanency.

Child-Focused Recruitment uses a defined approach, the Wendy's Wonderful Kids model developed by the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, that focuses on identifying a forever family for the longest waiting children in foster care. The program connects youth with extended family sharing genetic, legal, or social relationships, or an adoptive family that is uniquely suited for the youth. Children served through this model are three times more likely to be adopted.

Child-Focused Recruitment

- · Review the child's case file
- Extensively search for relatives
- Explore past connections
- Engage family by sharing genetic, legal, or social relationships
- Build trusting relationships with community partners, extended family, and, most importantly, the child
- · Identify child's desires for their future
- Establish a plan to recruit the family that best meets the child's needs
- Prepare the child for future family relationships

"It's never too late to get adopted. You can be 22 and get adopted. Adoption is important because we need someone to help us grow up to be somebody."