



FAMILY AND CHILD SUPPORT GROUPS

Family Support Network (FSN)

<http://www.missionchildrens.org/family-support-network.php>

Sign up for newsletters <http://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/d.jsp?llr=8upr4jjab&p=oi&m=1109510373019>

Support group meetings are the 1st Tuesday of each month from 5:30pm at Mission Reuter Children's Outpatient Center, 11 Vanderbilt Park Drive Asheville, NC 28803 Dinner and childcare are provide <http://www.fsnc.org/findlocal> Statewide Family Support Network Directory.

NC START (Systematic, Therapeutic, Assessment, Respite and Treatment)

<http://www.ncdhhs.gov/mhddsas/services/crisisservices/ncstart.htm>

NC START provides prevention and intervention services to adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD) and complex behavioral health needs. The first priority of NC START services is to provide person centered supports that enable you to remain in your home or community placement during and after a crisis. The program strives to provide effective and comprehensive crisis prevention and intervention services within the community.

Children with Special Health Care Needs Help Line

<https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dph/wch/families/helplines.htm>

Children with Special Health Care Needs Help Line 1-800-737-3028 or [Email:CYSHCN.Helpline@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:CYSHCN.Helpline@dhhs.nc.gov).

The Sparc Network

<http://thesparcnetwork.net/about/>

The SPARC Network is designed to enhance personal and professional lives while keeping people in their home community. We accomplish this goal utilizing three unique yet integrated strategies. [Our Programs](#) are designed in collaboration with community partners such as Managed Care Organizations, the Department of Health and Human Services, Juvenile Justice, Law Enforcement and non-profits in order to fill gaps in services. Our [Administrative Support](#) provides credentialing, billing and audit support to small therapeutic practices. And our [Staffing Division](#) links job seekers with quality companies. Our unique culture has historically set us apart from other agencies. We promote a positive, mission-based culture designed to develop strong professionals. Our team culture provides support and accountability to each member, and we commit to focusing on Quality Outcomes.

Buncome Partnership for Children

<http://buncombepfc.org/about-us/>

We invest in the First 2,000 Days of a child's life – in children ages 0-5 and their families by partnering with local organizations to provide programs that: 1. improve the quality of early childhood education; 2. increase access to affordable, high quality early care; 3. expand early literacy opportunities; and 4. provide family support

Adverse Childhood Experiences

Experiences in Childhood Shape Our Lives

<http://buncombeaces.org/>

ACE stands for Adverse Childhood Experiences which occur prior to your 18th birthday. Examples of adverse childhood experiences are physical, sexual and emotional abuse, as well as physical and emotional neglect. They also include, having a parent who is mentally ill, an alcoholic or substance abuser, in jail, or a victim of domestic violence, as well as the absence of a parent through divorce, death or abandonment. These are all ACEs.



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Western North Carolina Down Syndrome Alliance

<http://wncdsa.org/a/>

The mission of the Western North Carolina Down Syndrome Alliance is to help create a community that will be educated, supportive and inclusive of individuals with Down Syndrome. Which 17 counties does the Western North Carolina Down Syndrome Alliance cover? Avery, Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania and Yancey.

Caring 4 Children

<http://caring4children.org/our-programsrespice/respice/>

A grant funded program for respite care for children and their families in Buncombe County

FIRST Parent Center

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

FIRST provides persons with disabilities and their families with programs and advocacy to support and foster healthy, inclusive and self-determined lives. FIRST provides a variety of training and support. They are free with food and childcare included.

Exceptional Children's Assistance Center

<http://www.ecac-parentcenter.org/Default.aspx>

ECAC is a private non-profit organization that is operated by and staffed primarily with parents of children with disabilities and special health care needs. We have an extremely diverse staff and strive to bring multiple perspectives to our work. I hope our information reflects our commitment to ALL parents and ALL children and collaboration intended to improve the education and lives of our children.

Autism Society of North Carolina (ASNC)

<http://www.autismsociety-nc.org/>

Our local chapter meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30pm at Carolina Pediatric Therapies at FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ASHEVILLE Classrooms 221 and 222 5 OAK STREET ASHEVILLE NC 28801 (828) 252-4781

Facebook group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/buncombechapterasnc/>

Arms Around ASD

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

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Paws on ASD is an Asheville resource center providing therapies for families who have a child on the autism spectrum. The mission of Paws on ASD is to facilitate the growth and healing of the family as a whole. We are currently offering four types of therapies on a limited basis. With sufficient funding we will open a resource center and provide a wider range of services for more clients.