

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES
ADOLESCENT PARENTING PROGRAM
300 N. Duke St.
560-8124

PURPOSE

This program provides supportive services to first-time pregnant and parenting teens 17 and under with special emphasis on delaying the second pregnancy and completion of high school. In addition, the program seeks to strengthen parenting and life management skills and stabilize the current family system.

SERVICES

- Family counseling and crisis intervention
- Parenting, life skills & self development workshops
- Mentoring services

ELIGIBILITY

First time adolescent mothers, age 17 and under, who are Durham County residents and Medicaid recipients. The mother must be enrolled in high school or planning to attend high school.

APPLICATION

Referrals come from community agencies including Lincoln Community Health Center, other DSS staff, Public Schools and the Health Department. Other agencies can refer students by way of the APP referral form or by telephone contact. Self-referrals are also accepted at 300 North Duke Street. Normal business hours are 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM, Monday through Friday. The intake form takes approximately 30 minutes to complete.

REFERRALS

We make referrals to many agencies. The most frequent referrals are made to:

Planned Parenthood

The Durham Center

Community Guidance Center

Durham County Dept. of Public Health

Other DSS staff

Duke University Medical Center

CONTACT INFORMATION

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APP Program 560-8125

RELATED TOPICS: Family and Children's Medicaid/NCHC

**COMMUNITY INITIATIVES
SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM**

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PURPOSE

The major focus is to provide remedial services to address crisis resolution and problem solving needed and to provide preventive services that address the development and strengthening of coping skills.

- Remedial services includes immediate intervention to reduce stress for individuals and groups in the school, home and community; case work, group work or community intervention services, information and referral; consultation and collaboration.
- Preventive services include early identification of populations at risk; needs assessment; program development; implementation, and evaluation; in-service, parent and community education; collaboration with school and community resources, advocacy, and socio-educational services to various individuals and groups in school, home and community.

SERVICES

- Home visits to help the school better understand the child and to help the family better understand the school.
- Collaboration with students, parents, staff and community agencies to reduce truancy and attendance problems.
- Preparation of social developmental histories on students evaluated for exceptional children's services.
- Collaboration with members of the Student Assistance Program, Critical Response Team and other school-based committees in assessing students' needs and designing strategies to help individual students.
- Consultations with parents, teachers and staff to help students overcome barriers to school achievement.
- Information for parents about resources available within the school and the community.
- Participate in school conferences with parents, students and teachers.
- Individual and group counseling for parents and students.
- Encouraging parents to visit the school for conferences and/or school activities.
- Consultation with other agencies in the community and make referrals when appropriate.

The social workers conduct a special summer camp with high-risk students. The goal is to improve behavior to reduce suspensions and disciplinary actions. Anger management is a major focus.

ELIGIBILITY

Students in elementary, middle and high schools that DSS staff are assigned to.

APPLICATION

Teachers, counselors or principals refer students at the school during regular school hours. That person must complete a referral form. There is no application process, nothing additional is required and there is no time required to process the referral.

REFERRALS

Referrals are made to many agencies. The most frequent referrals are made to:

Durham Center

Community Guidance Center

Other DSS staff

The Court System

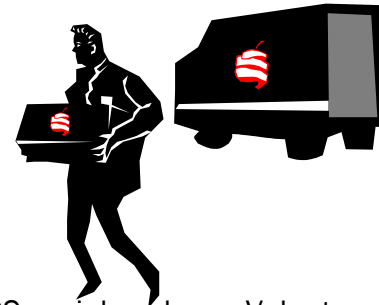
Durham Housing Authority

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**COMMUNITY INITIATIVES
VOLUNTEER SERVICES**

300 N. Duke St.
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PURPOSE

Volunteer Services provide volunteers to clients of the agency referred by the DSS social workers. Volunteers are recruited, screened, trained and matched with families to work with agency clients and also to provide supportive services within the agency.

SERVICES

Recruit, screen, train and match volunteers with requests. Volunteer services include:

- Big Sibs program
- Mentors
- Office Assistants
- Shopping Aides
- Tutors
- Family Aides
- Friendly Visitors

This program is involved every year with the Share Your Christmas Program, a coordinated effort between the Volunteer Center, the Herald Sun and Department of Social Services

ELIGIBILITY

Services are provided to clients of DSS and to agency staff. Clients of DSS must be referred by a social worker.

APPLICATION

Clients of DSS are referred by their social worker. Volunteers can apply directly at the Volunteer Center at 136 E. Chapel Hill Street. Usual business hours are 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM. The length of the matching process depends on the availability of volunteers.

REFERRALS

We do not usually make referrals to other agencies.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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**COMMUNITY INITIATIVES
YOUTH SERVICES INITIATIVE**

300 N. Duke St.
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PURPOSE

The purpose is to provide services to youth ages 14 to 18 who are having difficulty in school.

SERVICES

Coordinate community services

Provide supportive services to enrollees including:

- Enhancement of basic skills
- Coordination of employment opportunities
- Coordination of training opportunities
- Provide opportunities for involvement in activities related to leadership development, decision making, citizenship, and community services

ELIGIBILITY

Youth between the ages of 14-21; low-income individuals who have been assessed as one of the following:

Deficient in basic literacy skills

A school dropout

Homeless

a runaway

Or a foster child

Pregnant or a parent

An offender

Requires additional assistance to complete an educational program, or secure and hold employment.

APPLICATION

Youth are referred by Durham Public Schools, Office of Juvenile Justice, Job Link Center, Lincoln Community Health Center and/or other agencies that work directly with the Partners in this project. Normal business hours are 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM at 300 N. Duke St.

Nothing needed initially. Income information may be needed later.

Intake could take from 1 hour to 1½ hours

REFERRALS

We make referrals to many agencies. The most frequent referrals are made to:

Center for Employment and Training (CET)

Criminal Justice Resource Center

Durham Center

Durham Companions

Durham Cooperative Extension

Durham County Dept. of Public Health

Durham County Library

Durham Literacy Center

Public Schools

P.R.O.U.D. Inc.

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