



# **Lincoln County Resource Guide**

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## Emergency Phone Numbers

Sheriff..... Lincoln County.....	911/(704) 736-8443
Police..... Lincoln County.....	911/(704) 736-8900
Fire ..... Lincoln County.....	(704) 736-8920
Rescue Squad ..... Gaston/Lincoln County.....	911
Ambulance ..... Lincoln County.....	(704) 748-1320
Hospital ..... Lincoln County.....	911/(980) 212-2000
Poison Control Mercy Hospital.....	(704) 379-5827
Mental Health 24 Hour Crisis ..... Gaston County .....	(704) 867-4357
Mental Health Lincoln ..... Same as Gaston County .....	(704) 867-4357
Rape Crisis Line..... Gaston/Lincoln County 24 Hour .....	(704) 864-0060
Battered Spouse Shelter ..... Gaston County .....	(704) 866-3613
NC Center for Missing Children.....	1-800-522-5437
United Way Information & Referral .....	(704) 864-5788
State Highway Patrol.....	1-800-445-1779

**Agency: Lincoln County Parks and Recreation**

**Address:** PO Box 25  
800 S. Madison St.  
Lincolnton, NC 28092

**Phone:** (704) 735-2671

**Fax:** (704) 732-9060

**Hours:** 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday (office)

**Services:** Youth Basketball ..... Grades 2 – 9  
Youth Baseball ..... Ages 6 – 15  
Swimming Classes ..... All Ages  
Youth Soccer ..... Ages 5 – 13  
Clinics ..... Ages 8 – 17  
Summer Playground Program.. Grades K – 6  
Gymnastics ..... Grades K – 6  
Youth Tennis..... Ages 8 – 17

**Eligibility:** Open to all youth. Registration fees, dates, and times may change without further notice due to unforeseen circumstances. Registration begins May 1<sup>st</sup>. Pre-Registration is recommended.

**Contact Person:** Karen Leonhardt, or the Recreation Department  
Shelter Reservations are recommended for the Shelter at Betty G. Ross Park. Please Call for Reservations

**Agency: Lincoln County Health Department**

**Address:** 151 Sigmon Rd.  
Lincolnton, NC 28092

**Phone:** (704) 735-3001

**Fax:** (704) 732-9060

**Hours:** 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday

**Services:** The Lincoln County Health Department provides an array of medical services and related services to families and individuals as listed below.

**General Clinic:**  
Immunizations  
Serology Blood Test  
TB Skin Test  
Pregnancy Test  
Head Lice

**Chronic Disease:**  
Diabetes (Monitoring and Education)  
Blood Pressure Checks (Monitoring and Education)

**Child Health:**

Screening, evaluation, and health supervision including periodic physical examinations, immunizations, developmental screenings, lab services counseling and referrals.

**Adult Health:**

Screening for both male and female age 18 years and up. Includes breast exam, Pap smear, lab work, prostate and testicles screenings, an cholesterol screening.

**Family Planning:**

Counseling and education regarding family planning and safe birth control methods, administration of birth control methods.

**Prenatal Care:**

Medical services for Medicaid and/or indigent pregnant women provided to promote the birth of healthy infants.

**WIC:**

(704) 736-8639

Provides nutritional education and food supplements to low income, pregnant, breast feeding and post-partum women, infant and preschool children identified as nutritionally at risk.

**Other Health Department Services and Referral contacts:**

Baby Love Program .....	(704) 736-8633
Depart. Of Social Ser. (Adoption/Counseling) .....	(704) 732-9017
Florence Crittenton .....	1-800-448-0024
Helpline (24 Hours).....	(704) 735-4357
N.C. Children’s Home (Adoption/Counseling).....	1-800-632-1400
	(704) 334-2854
The Shelter (All Numbers are Confidential).....	(704) 866-3679 (day)
(Victim of Domestic Violence) .....	(704) 735-4357 (night)
Planned Parenthood.....	(704) 866-4119
Lincoln County Hospital.....	(980) 212-2000
Contact Lisa Wooten/Heather Upton Lamaze classes	
Contact Gwen McMee - diabetic classes	
Contact Tina Schweback - nutrition classes	
Contact Joyce Estes - weight control classes	

**Miscellaneous:**

AIDS Counseling/information .....	1-800-342-2437
Child Services Coordinator (CSC) .....	(704) 736-8510
Lincoln County Dental.....	(704) 736-8621

**Agency: American Red Cross**

**Address:** 527 N. Aspen St.  
PO Box 1838

Lincolnton, NC 28093

**Website:**

*www.redcross.org*

**Phone:**

(704) 735-3500

**Fax:**

(704) 735-4959

**Hours:**

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Services:**

The Lincoln County Chapter of the American Red Cross provides service to the residents of Lincoln County.

**Disaster Services:**

The American Red Cross is prepared to help victims of disaster, whether it is a single-family fire, or a National disaster such as a hurricane.

**Military Support:**

The American Red Cross is a quick and reliable communications link between military personnel and their families.

**Health & Safety:**

Courses in CPR, first aid, water safety, lifeguard, child care and HIV/AIDS education are offered by the American Red Cross.

**Blood Collection:**

The Lincoln County Chapter of the American Red Cross averages four or five bloodmobiles per month. These mobiles are scheduled so that there will be one in a certain part of the county every eight weeks.

**Contact Person:**

Lou Ann Freshour or Ricky Schoy (e-mail) at [icredcross](mailto:icredcross)

**Agency: Lincoln County Companions Program**

**Address:**

151 Sigmon Road  
Lincolnton, NC 28092

**Phone:**

(704) 736-8679

**Fax:**

(704) 732-9060

**Hours:**

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Monday – Friday

**Director:**

Nancy B. Melson, Coordinator

**Services:**

Matching an adult volunteer who is a good role model with a troubled youth which will help the youth with difficulties in his or her life and decrease delinquency in the community.

Some funds are available for the youth to receive recommended therapy. Some funds are available for the youth's parents to receive recommended therapy.

**Eligibility:**

Resident of Lincoln County; Youth ages 7 – 17; meeting one of the following categories:

**Referral:**

Referrals may come from Juvenile Court Counselors, Mental Health, Social Services, Law Enforcement, Schools, Ministers, or other Community Agencies.

**Agency: Arts Council**

**Address:** Citizens Center  
403 E. Main St.  
PO Box 45  
Lincolnton, NC 28093

**Phone:** (704) 732-9044  
(704) 732-9000

**Hours:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Director:** Mary K. Howard

**Services:** Active arts in the schools program ranging from art competition to special touring, presentations in opera, theater, Arts Round the Square Festival and the Flo Robinson Literary Competition. Senior art, art shows for special needs children and art camp for ages 5 – 12 years old.

**Contact Person:** Kay Wright

**Agency: Department of Social Services**

**Address:** P.O. Box 130  
Lincolnton, NC 28093-0130

**Phone:** (704) 732-0738

**Services:** The Department of Social Services (DSS) offers array of psychosocial services to meet the needs of children, adults, and families.

**Services Include:**

**Protective Services:**  
The agency has the legal mandate to investigate all allegations of abuse and neglect of children and some categories of adult abuse and neglect.

**Foster Care:**  
The agency secures, license and monitors foster homes to care for children when a child can not remain in their homes.

**Adoption Services:**  
The Department of Social Services is a licensed adoption agency linking adoptive parents and children together.

**Counseling Services:**  
Individuals can also voluntarily request a Social Worker to help them deal with problems or pressures in their homes or with their children.

**Public Assistance:**  
Social Services provide public assistance through Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), Food Stamps, and Crisis Assistance. There are certain income and resource limits, which a caseworker can explain.

**AFDC Requirements:** (704) 736-8590  
AFDC for pregnant women, woman must be six months pregnant to meet

eligibility requirements.

**State Maturity Funds:**

(704) 732-9017

Contact Pat Hovis or Sandy Kennedy

**Medical Assistance:**

Medical Assistance (Medicaid) is a program that helps families with medical bills such as doctor fees, prescription drugs, etc. There are several different types of Medicaid. All have income and resource limits.

**Agency: Parents and Children Together**

**Address:**

1808 N. Aspen St.  
Lincolnton, NC 28092

**Phone:**

(704) 735-5623

**Fax:**

(704) 735-1924

**Director:**

Elizabeth Kiser

**Services:**

Parents and Children Together (PACT) Program is an early intervention, home based program that provides services to families and children from birth to three years of age, who are at risk for developmental delays, or those who are diagnosed as developmentally delayed. Services are also provided for children with atypical behavior up to five years of age. In addition, PACT is also able to provide in-service training to day care staff on appropriate intervention strategies to be used with these children.

**Agency: A Place to Grow**

**Address:**

410 N. Poplar St.  
Lincolnton, NC 28092

**Phone:**

(704) 732-1745

**Fax:**

(704) 732-3916

**Director:**

Sheila Jerrett Drum

**Hours:**

Regular School Hours

**Services:**

A Place to Grow is a center-based program for children and adolescents who reside in Lincoln County. The children and adolescents served are those with developmental or atypical delays, severe to profound mental retardation, and/or multi-handicaps. Developmental stimulation is provided in all areas of development through both one-on one and group activities.

A Place to Grow also has an Off-Site Program that tries to mainstream children with special needs into regular day care centers. Teachers and therapists work directly with the children, day care staff, and parents to make the mainstreaming effort successful. Specialists such as speech/language, physical therapy, etc., are brought into the day care to help with any needs the child may have.

**Agency: (PACT) Gaston-Lincoln Screening and Evaluation Team**

The Gaston-Lincoln Screening and Evaluation Team serves children ages 0 – 5 that are at risk for developmental disabilities and/or atypical problems.

The Screening and Evaluation Team is made up of professionals from the Gaston-Lincoln Developmental Disabilities Children’s Services Division.

The purpose is to screen and evaluate children in order to determine eligibility for clinical services.

Screenings are done in the child’s home or in his/her day placement. Multi-disciplinary evaluations are done at the parents and Children Together (PACT) Office located at 1528 Union Rd., Gastonia, NC 28054 or in Lincolnton if needed.

Referrals may be made by calling the PACT office at (704) 854-4848 Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Agency: The Hiring Link**

**Address:** 1815 N. Aspen St.  
Lincolnton, NC 28092  
**Phone:** (704) 732-4052  
**Hours:** 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
**Area:** Lincoln County  
**Purpose:** Profit Enhancement Group is committed to helping you find a new and successful job.  
**Services:** Job Placement  
**Contact Person:** Jennifer Yount

**Agency: Christian Ministry**

**Address:** 207 S. Popular St.  
Lincolnton, NC 28092  
**Phone:** (704) 735-6597  
**Hours:** 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Monday – Friday  
**Services:** Give financial assistance as able for heat, utilities, rent, medical needs, food items and other necessities, furnish household items, quilts, blankets for families, provide clothing through referral to the Good Neighbor and Christmas assistance.  
**Eligibility:** Resident of Lincoln County

**Agency: Mediation Center of the Southern Piedmont**

**Address:** 125 E. Sycamore St.  
Lincolnton, NC 28092  
**Phone:** (704) 736-8474  
**Hours:** 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Tuesday  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, Wednesday  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Thursday  
**Area:** Lincoln County  
**Purpose:** Mediation is a process by which disagreeing parties are helped to find solutions to their disputes.  
**Qualifications:** Simple assault & battery, trespassing, communicating threats, damage to property harassing phone calls, worthless check, failure to return rental property, unauthorized use of conveyance, disagreement involving neighbors, friends, landlords, family businesses, & roommates.  
**Director:** Michael Reel

**Agency: Community Service Work Program**

**Address:** 125 E. Sycamore St.  
Lincolnton, NC 28092-4008  
**Phone:** (704) 736-8469  
**Fax:** (704) 732-9060  
**Coordinator:** Jennifer Childers  
**Services:** Community services is available to judges, and the parole commission for the following types of programs now established in North Carolina.  
Rape: What to do in case of sexual assault. Rape can happen to anyone, anytime, any place: What if it happens to you.  
Crime: If Crime Strikes:  
1. Know whom to turn to for help.  
2. Who is a Victim?  
3. Who is Eligible  
Investigation of a claim:  
Every Claim filed will be invested to determine that:  
a) A crime was committed that resulted in physical injury or death.  
b) The victim did not contribute to his/her injuries.  
c) The Crime was reported to law enforcement within 72 hours.

**Agency: Hospice of Lincoln County, Inc.**

**Address:** 107 N. Cedar St.

Lincolnton, NC 28092

**Phone:**

(704) 732-6146

**Hours:**

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday (on call 24 hrs.)

**Services:**

To be eligible for Hospice care, the patient must live in Lincoln County, have a diagnosis of a terminal illness with a prognosis of months rather than years to live, and have a responsible person who agrees to serve as their primary caregiver. In addition, the patient’s physician must agree to Hospice involvement.

Hospice of Lincoln County does not discriminate against any patient or family on the basis of age, sex, race, color, religion, national origin, handicap, or ability to pay.

**Referrals:**

Referrals usually come from hospitals, physicians, social workers, family members, the patient, or friends.

**Agency:**

**Lincoln County Department of Emergency Management**

**Address:**

112 S. Laurel St.  
Lincolnton, NC 28092

**Phone:**

(704) 736-8660

**Fax:**

(704) 732-9060

**Hours:**

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Services:**

Planning Agency for Emergency Services and response to emergency incidents.

**Eligibility:**

No fees for services

**Referral:**

This agency is responsible for reporting hazardous chemical spills and disasters to the state and federal agencies.