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 .......................... 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 1st. 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, prostrate 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 Crittention ............................................................... 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

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:**

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.