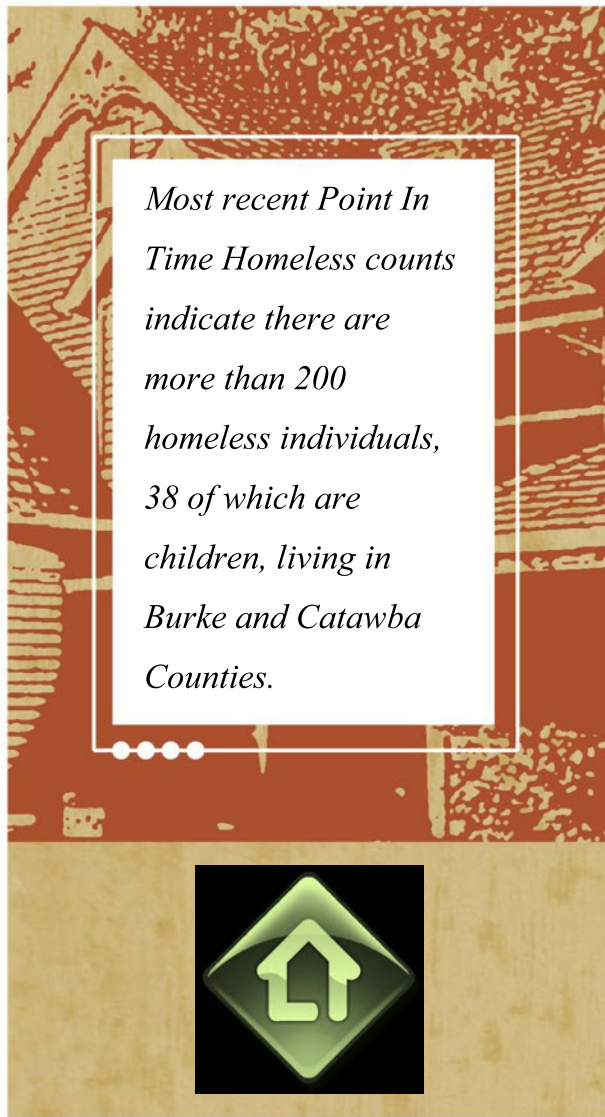


"You have a house, Piglet and I have a house, and they are good houses. And Christopher Robin has a house, and Owl and Kanga and Rabbit have houses, even Rabbit's friends and relations have houses or somethings, but poor Eeyore has nothing. So what I've been thinking is: Let's build him a house."


~The House at Pooh Corner

The North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness at www.ncceh.org (NCCEH) is a statewide **membership** nonprofit agency created to secure resources, encourage public dialogue, and advocate for public policy change to end homelessness.


NCCEH seeks to create alliances dedicated to changing the current system to end homelessness by addressing root causes and challenging North Carolina's acceptance of today's pervasive homelessness. Because we know this pervasive homelessness has not always existed, we know we can end it.



Most recent Point In Time Homeless counts indicate there are more than 200 homeless individuals, 38 of which are children, living in Burke and Catawba Counties.



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Homelessness Prevention & Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP) To meet the eligibility requirements, the household must either be homeless or at risk of losing its housing and must meet each of the three minimum criteria: 1. No appropriate subsequent housing options have been identified AND the household lacks the financial resources and support networks needed to obtain immediate housing or remain in its existing housing. 2. The household must be at or below 50% of Area Median Income (AMI) and income eligibility must be maintained. If a household is assisted and is later re-assessed and their income exceeds the AMI, the household is no longer eligible for assistance. 3. Any individual or family receiving help through HPRP must have at least an initial consultation with a case manager who can determine eligibility and the appropriate type of assistance to meet their needs.

*Referrals to HPRP may be made to Case Managers at:
828-433-8075 (Burke County)
828-327-0979 (Catawba County)*

Fair Housing The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing based on race, gender, religion, national origin, disability and familial status. The law ensures consumers are able to compete for safe, decent and affordable housing on a fair and equitable basis.

State and federal laws also require landlords to grant disabled individuals REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS AND REASONABLE MODIFICATIONS.

Reasonable accommodations are changes in rules, policies or practices so that a person can live in or use a housing unit. A landlord is required to grant accommodation unless it creates for him or her an "undue financial or administrative burden."

Reasonable modifications are changes in the physical structure of the unit or building. It is possible the disabled tenant is required to pay for the cost of the modification.

To request reasonable accommodation or modification, get a letter from your doctor stating how the reasonable accommodation or modification you are requesting is necessary to ease the effects of your disability. Then, write a letter to your landlord requesting the accommodation or Modification.

More information is available at www.nchfa.com/Rental/Mreasonableaccommod.aspx or by contacting Teena Willis, Housing Coordinator at Mental Health Partners, 828-323-8084.

SHELTER + CARE

Shelter Plus Care Program (S + C) provides rental assistance for hard-to-serve homeless persons with disabilities in connection with supportive services funded from sources outside the program.

Shelter Plus Care is a program designed to provide housing and supportive services on a long-term basis for homeless persons with disabilities, (primarily those with serious mental illness, chronic problems with alcohol

and/or drugs, and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) or related diseases) and their families who are living in places not intended for human habitation (e.g., streets) or in emergency shelters.

The program allows for a variety of housing choices, and a range of supportive services funded by other sources, in response to the needs of the hard-to-reach homeless population with disabilities.



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