

FOSTER PARENTS CHANGE LIVES



FROM THE NC CHILD SERVICES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- **Nakia Womack**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Piedmont Region

Foster Parent
Preservice:
4/23, 5/4, 5/7, 5/9, 5/18,
5/21, 5/23
1900 The Plaza
Charlotte, NC 28205

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I hope this message finds you all well. I wanted to take a moment to recognize and appreciate the incredible work that our staff do every day. As you may know, March was Social Worker Appreciation Month, and it is the perfect opportunity for us to express our gratitude and admiration for the invaluable contributions they make to our organization and the community.

Our social workers (Managers, Case Managers, Family Recruiters & Developers, Clinicians, & Support Team) play a vital role in supporting our youth and families. They provide essential services, including case management, advocacy, and connecting individuals with resources and support systems. They are compassionate, dedicated, and go above and beyond to make a positive impact in the lives of those we serve.

In light of this special month, I encourage each of you to take a moment to personally thank the social workers on our team. Let them know how much their hard work and dedication means to you and the people we serve. Whether it's a simple note of appreciation, a kind word, or a small gesture of gratitude, your support will undoubtedly make a difference.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to all our social workers for their unwavering commitment and tireless efforts. You are the heart and soul of our organization, and we are incredibly fortunate to have you as part of our team.

Thank you for joining me in recognizing Social Worker Appreciation Month and celebrating the remarkable work of our teammates. Together, we can make a difference and show our support for those who make a difference in the lives of others.

FROM THE CLINICAL DIRECTOR

- **Shawn Parker**

Good day to all,

On March 19th we thankfully entered the first day of spring. For many people spring is their favorite season of the year. It's like earth comes to life again, presenting new beginnings and filling the atmosphere with all the happiness and joy! You can spend hours watching butterflies hopping from one flower to the other. Melodious chirping of birds and soothing buzz of bees draws you in to the nature even more. As much as we as adults marvel in the rebirth of earth during this time of year, so do our children. As staff, parents, and caring adults, lets engage the young people that we care about in this wonderful time of year as well. So remember, springtime can:

- Spring serves as a crucial transition period from indoor winter activities to outdoor summer activities, helping children build stamina for upcoming physical endeavors.
- Despite debates about sun exposure, research indicates that the body needs vitamin D from sunlight. Springtime sun exposure can help children develop a base layer of vitamin D, essential for their overall health.
- Enjoying the spring sunshine provides numerous benefits, including educational opportunities, social interaction, developmental growth, and physical health benefits. It's a chance to connect with nature and create cherished family moments before the heat of summer arrives.

So, as we sit out on our porches, take our walks, work on our gardens and yards, remember to engage our young people in these activities and provide as many opportunities as possible for them to be out enjoying, learning, and growing during this wonderful time of year. Love yall, and until next time...Be Blessed!!!



Recharge: Foster Family Respite Night

Presented by Summit Church

Durham, NC

Saturday April 20



Embrace Conference

May 17-18, 2024

Embrace Conference is a ministry of the Summit Church to serve foster, adoptive and kinship families of the Triangle and surrounding areas. Our goal is to provide relevant and practical content in a fun and relaxing environment. Most of all we hope you will find encouragement through community that will extend beyond this weekend.

*Special guests - Tori Hope Peterson, Brittany Salmon, Raquel McCloud and more!

*Register now for Early Bird Pricing!

*Limited Childcare IS available Friday Night! Registration for that will be open soon!

*CEU Credits Available!!

Women's Empowerment 2024

Women's Empowerment, presented by Radio One Raleigh, is a highly anticipated event that features a dynamic blend of engaging seminars, curated shopping experiences, inspirational speakers and vibrant music.

This year's event, set for April 13, features a power packed lineup with panel appearances and performances by Le'Andria Johnson and Bobbi Storm. The evening will conclude with a special concert by six-time Grammy-nominated R&B sensation, Tamia, and award-winning artist, Joe.

Our Foster Care Recruitment and IAFT will have a booth set up at the event. We invite anyone who will be in attendance to stop by and share their story.

Buy Tickets [HERE](#)



Refer a Family



While the number of kids in care has continued to increase, the number of homes and beds available has stalled. We are on the road to changing that!

DID YOU KNOW? There are monetary \$\$\$ incentives for referring qualified family and friends to become foster parents? New foster parents are always welcome to the LSC foster care team and we want to reward you for your hard work identifying good parents for kids who come from challenging places.

Reach out to your case manager for additional details.

***The new foster parent must list you as their referral source in the "How did you hear about us?" section of the application.**



Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April 1- April Fool's Day

April 4- School Librarian Day

April 7- World Health Day

April 9- National Library Workers Day

April 10- National Siblings Day

April 20- Volunteer Recognition Day

April 22- Earth Day

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”EARTH LAUGHS IN FLOWERS.”

-RALPH WALDO EMERSON

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