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- Regional Planning for Aging Services
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- Resource Information & Demographic Data
- Advocacy Training & Assistance
- Regional LTC Ombudsman Program
- Family Caregiver Support Program
- Project C.A.R.E. (Caregiver Alternatives to Running on Empty) Program
- Technical Assistance to Agencies Serving Older Adults
- Resource Directory for Older Adults

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User's Guide

The **Resource Directory For Older Adults** has been developed by the Western Piedmont Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging as a resource for older adults, families, caregivers, and for human services professionals who serve older adults. The Directory highlights services in Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, and Catawba Counties. Each colorcoded category is clearly defined with an introduction in user-friendly terms. Each county is colored coded for quick access to information: Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, and Catawba.

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- Check out the **Table of Contents** on the next page to quickly locate specific categories of information.
- Review the **Main Categories** below to better understand what information is contained in each category.
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- Use the **County Service Lists for Caregivers** on Page 9-13 for a quick reference guide.

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APS/Fraud Prevention

Neglect of the elderly and people with disabilities wears many faces. Unfortunately, an increasing number of vulnerable adults go unnoticed. They may be in pain, lacking strength, confused, without power, food alone.

How big is the problem? No one really knows, as few cases are identified or reported. Sometimes a caring neighbor or loving family member sees the need and tries to fill it.

It's up to us to make a difference!

You can help prevent elder abuse make the call to your local Adult Protective Services agency. Your confidential phone call may save another adult's life!

WHY REPORT? IT'S THE LAW!

Reporters name is confidential. What information is needed when you call:

- Name, address, and age of person you are calling about
- Explain the situation and why you feel the person needs protection
- Mental or physical condition of the adult
- Names of others who may provide information regarding the situation.

To report a concern for an elder adult, or to obtain additional information, contact your county Department of Social Services at the following numbers:

Alexander County Adult Protective Services (828) 632-1080

Burke County Adult Protective Services (828) 439-2000

Caldwell County Adult Protective Services (828) 426-8200

Catawba County Adult Protective Services (828) 695-5600

APS/Fraud Prevention

YOU CAN STOP ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND EXPLOITATION OF OLDER ADULTS!

SOME SIGNS OF ABUSE

- Bruises, black eyes, welts, lacerations, and rope marks
- Bone fractures, broken bones, skull fractures
- Open wounds, cuts, punctures, untreated injuries in various stages of healing
- Broken eyeglasses, physical signs of being subjected to punishment
- Reports of being hit, slapped, kicked, or mistreated
- An elder's sudden change in behavior
- Threats and intimidation causing mental anguish

MOST FREQUENTLY NAMED PERPETRATORS

- Adult Child
- Spouse, other Relatives
- Non-Relative Caretaker
- Facility Staff

SIGNS OF CARETAKER NEGLECT/SELF NEGLECT

- Pressure Ulcers
- Unsafe and/or unsanitary living conditions
- Lack of medical care
- Malnutrition and/or dehydration
- Hoarding
- Poor hygiene
- Not wearing suitable clothing for the weather
- Confusion

SIGNS OF EXPLOITATION

- Stolen ATM, Debit, or Credit Cards by caregivers or family members
- Signing deeds or real property, loan papers or withdrawal slips through deception or coercion
- Abuse of Power of Attorney authorization
- Telemarketing/sweepstake scams
- Investment fraud

North Carolina's Attorney General's Office is very active in helping consumers avoid fraud and exploitation. Its Consumer Protection Section uses mediation to help consumers resolve complaints in such areas as telemarketing. Its Citizens' Rights Section provides information on victims' rights issues, elder abuse, and other matters important to older consumers. www.ncdoj.com or (919) 716-6400

See Legal section on Page 65 for more resources

The Family Caregiver Support Program

Dedicated to Empowering the Caregiver with Information and Resources to Make Their Caregiving Journey Successful

The Area Agency on Aging's Family Caregiver Support Program Serves Caregivers Who Are:

- Adults caring for someone over the age of 60 or for someone with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia.
- Grandparents age 55+ and other relatives providing care to children under the age of 18.
- Grandparents or relative caregivers who are age 55+ providing care for adult children with a disability who are between 19 and 59.

If You Are a Caregiver, You Might Be Interested in These Services:

- Information about available services and resources
- Assistance to families in gaining access to services and resources
- Support to help families cope with challenges of caregiving
- Temporary respite for the caregiver
- Supplemental services (home modification, nutritional supplements, and personal care supplies)

County's specific Service Lists for Caregivers p. 9-13

For further assistance contact:

Family Caregiver Support Program at (828) 485-4256

Visit our website: www.wpcogaaa.org

ALEXANDER COUNTY SERVICE LIST FOR CAREGIVERS

AARP North Carolina 1-866	6-389-5650	Medicare Hotline 1-800	0-633-4227
Adult Life Programs	326-9120	Morganton Regional Resource Cente	r for the
Adult Protective Services	632-1080	Deaf and Hard of Hearing 43.	3-2960 TTY
Alexander Cty. Council on Aging	632-1717	_	433-2958
Alexander Cty. Dept. of Social Service	es 632-1080	NC Assistive Technology Program	433-2431
Alexander Cty. Local Government	632-9332	NC Cooperative Extension Service	632-4451
Alexander Cty. Health Department	632-9704	NC 2-1-1	Dial 211
Alexander Senior Center	632-1717	NC Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM)	
ALFA (AIDS Leadership Foothills Allia	nce)		7-506-2226
	322-1447	Nursing Homes & Assisted Living Faci	lities
Alexander County Tax Office	632-4346	Call Regional Ombudsman	485-4213
Alzheimer's Association 1-80	0-272-3900	Nutrition Programs	632-4133
American Red Cross	632-1990	PACE@Home	468-3980
Area Agency on Aging	322-9191	Police Department (Taylorsville)	632-2218
"Are You OK?"		Project Lifesaver	632-4658
Telephone Reassurance Program	622-4658	Project C.A.R.E. (Caregiver Alternative	es to
Caregiving Corner - Geriatric Care Ma	gt.	Running on Empty)	485-4267
70	4-492-0554	Senior Health Insurance Info. Program	n (SHIIP)
Christian Crisis Center of Alexander O	Cty.	1-855	5-408-1212
	632-0022	Senior Legal Helpline 1-877	7-579-7562
Emergency Services	911	Services for the Blind	632-1080
Energy Assistance Programs		Sheriff's Office	632-1111
(LIEAP and CRISIS)	632-1080	Vaya Health	586-5501
Family Caregiver Support Program	485-4256	Access to Care 1-800)-849-6127
Grief/Loss Support	632-5026	RHA Health Care Center	848-2515
Habitat for Humanity	635-7889	Social Security 1-800)-772-1213
Hospice & Home Care of Alexander C	Cty.	Supportive Solutions (Alzheimer's Co	unseling)
	632-5026		358-1110
Hospitals		Town of Taylorsville	632-2218
Caldwell UNC HealthCare	757-5100	Transportation	
Catawba Valley Medical Center	326-3000	Greenway Transit	464-9444
Frye Regional Medical Center	315-5000	MediVan Transportation Specialists	441-2000
Davis Regional Medical Center 704	4-873-0281	United Way of Alexander County	632-9565
Iredell Memorial Hospital 70	4-873-5661	Veterans Administration	632-5411
Wilkes Regional Medical Center 33	6-651-8100	Vocational Rehabilitation Services	322-2921
Legal Aid of North Carolina 1-80	0-849-5195		
Medicaid Programs	632-1080		

BURKE COUNTY SERVICE LIST FOR CAREGIVERS

AARP North Carolina 1-866	5-389-5650	Medicaid Programs
Adult Protective Services	764-9600	Medicare Hotline
ALFA (AIDS Leadership Foothills Allia	nce)	Mental Health Parti
	322-1447	Morganton Regiona
Alzheimer's Association 1-80	0-272-3900	Deaf and Hard of I
American Red Cross	438-8844	
Area Agency on Aging	322-9191	NC Assistive Techno
Blue Ridge Adult Day Services	438-6255	NC Cooperative Ext
Blue Ridge Community Action	438-6255	NC 2-1-1
Burke Cty. Council on Aging	430-4147	NC Baptist Aging Mi
Burke Cty. Dept. of Social Services	764-9600	Nursing Homes & A
Burke Cty. Health Department	764-9150	Call Regional Omb
Burke Cty. Local Government	764-9000	Nutrition Programs
Burke Cty. Senior Services	430-4147	Olive Hill Communit
Burke Cty. Tax Office	764-9430	PACE@Home
Burke Hospice & Palliative Care	879-1601	Parish Nurse Progra
Burke United Christian Ministries	433-8075	Project Lifesaver
Caregiving Corner - Geriatric Care Ma	gt.	Project C.A.R.E. (Car
70	4-492-0554	Running on Empty
Consumer Credit Counseling	433-1576	Salvation Army
East Burke Christian Ministries	397-7074	Financial Assistance
East Burke Senior Center	397-3397	Thrift Store
Emergency Services	911	Senior Health Insura
Energy Assistance Programs		
(LIEAP and CRISIS)	764-9600	Senior Legal Helplin
Family Caregiver Support Program	485-4256	Services for the Blin
Foothills Service Project	879-8400	Sheriff's Office
Good Samaritan Clinic	439-9948	Social Security
Grief/Loss Support	879-1601	Supportive Solution
Habitat for Humanity	437-0370	
Hospitals		Telephone Reassura
Broughton Hospital	433-2111	
Carolina's HealthCare Blue Ridge	580-5000	Transportation
Carolina's HealthCare Valdese	874-2251	Greenway Transit
Independent Living	322-2921	Handi-Care
Legal Aid of North Carolina	437-8280	Medical Transport
Lifeline (Emergency Telephone Respo	onse)	United Way
	580-6446	Veterans Services
Linkup Discount Telephone Service	764-9600	Vocational Rehabili

Medicaid Programs		439-2000
Medicare Hotline	1-800-	-633-4227
Mental Health Partners		439-2535
Morganton Regional Resource C	enter	for the
Deaf and Hard of Hearing	433	-2960 TTY
		433-2958
NC Assistive Technology Program	n	433-2431
NC Cooperative Extension Service	e	439-4460
NC 2-1-1		Dial 211
NC Baptist Aging Ministry	1-877-	506-2226
Nursing Homes & Assisted Living	g Facili	ities
Call Regional Ombudsman		485-4213
Nutrition Programs		430-4147
Olive Hill Community Economic	Corp.	439-8893
PACE@Home		468-3980
Parish Nurse Program		580-6463
Project Lifesaver		879-2109
Project C.A.R.E. (Caregiver Altern	native	s to
Running on Empty)		485-4267
Salvation Army		
Financial Assistance		430-8392
Thrift Store		439-8080
Senior Health Insurance Info. Pro	ogram	(SHIIP)
	1-855-	-408-1212
Senior Legal Helpline	L-877-	579-7562
Services for the Blind		764-9704
Sheriff's Office		438-5500
Social Security	1-800-	772-1213
Supportive Solutions (Alzheimer	's Cou	inseling)
		358-1110
Telephone Reassurance for Burk	e – TA	AΒ
		430-4147
Transportation		
Greenway Transit		464-9444
Handi-Care		437-8429
Medical Transportation, Inc.		448-1674
United Way		430-8356
Veterans Services		439-4376
Vocational Rehabilitation Service	es	433-2423

CALDWELL COUNTY SERVICE LIST FOR CAREGIVERS

AARP North Carolina	1-866-389-5650	Medication Assistance Program	758-2566
Adult Life Programs	326-9120	Morganton Regional Resource Cen	ter for the
Adult Protective Services	426-8200	Deaf and Hard of Hearing 4	33-2960 TTY
ALFA (AIDS Leadership Foothills	s Alliance)		433-2958
	322-1447	NC Assistive Technology Program	433-2431
Alzheimer's Association	1-800-272-3900	NC Cooperative Extension Service	757-1290
American Red Cross	754-4161	NC 2-1-1	Dial 211
Area Agency on Aging	322-9191	NC Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM)	
Blue Ridge Community Action	754-7377	1-8	77-506-2226
Caldwell Cty. Council on Aging	758-2883	Nursing Homes & Assisted Living Fa	cilities
Caldwell Cty. Dept. of Social Se	rvices 426-8200	Call Regional Ombudsman	485-4213
Caldwell Cty. Health Departme	nt 426-8400	Nutrition Programs	754-7377
Caldwell Cty. Local Governmen	t 757-1300	PACE@Home	468-3980
Caldwell Cty. Tax Office	757-1340	Police Department (Lenoir)	757-2121
Caldwell Hospice & Palliative Caldwell	are 754-0101	Project C.A.R.E. (Caregiver Alternat	ives to
Caldwell UNC HealthCare	757-5100	Running on Empty)	485-4267
Caldwell Senior Center	758-2883	Project Lifesaver	757-1419
Crossroads Daily Bread Ministr	ies 757-0262	Salvation Army	496-2370
Diabetes Health Center	757-6450	Senior Health Insurance Info. Progr	am (SHIIP)
Emergency Services	911	1-8	55-408-1212
Ambulance Service, Non-Eme	rgency 758-2324	Senior Legal Helpline 1-8	77-579-7562
Energy Assistance Programs		Services for the Blind	426-8316
(LIEAP and CRISIS)	426-8200	Sheriff's Office	754-2324
Family Caregiver Support Progr	ram 485-4256	Vaya Heath 1-8	88-757-5726
Foothills Service Project	879-8400	Social Security 1-8	00-772-1213
GRASP – Grandparents/Relative	e Advocacy	South Caldwell Christian Ministries	396-4000
Support Partnership	485-4256	Supportive Solutions (Alzheimer's C	Counseling)
Grief/Loss Support	754-0101		358-1110
Habitat for Humanity	758-8757	Transportation	
Helping Hands Clinic	754-8565	Greenway Transit	464-9444
Information & Assistance for Se	eniors 757-8635	United Way	758-9300
Legal Aid of North Carolina	1-877-579-7562	Veterans Administration	322-6616
Lenoir Soup Kitchen	758-1411	Veterans Service Office	757-1345
Lifeline (Emergency Telephone	Response)	Vocational Rehabilitation Services	757-5639
	324-3025	Women's Shelter Home	758-0888
Medicaid Programs	426-8200	Yokefellow	754-7088
Medicare Hotline	1-800-633-4227		

CATAWBA COUNTY SERVICE LIST FOR CAREGIVERS

AARP North Carolina 1-86	66-389-5650	Legal Aid of North Carol
Adult Life Programs	326-9120	Lifeline (Emergency Tele
Conover	464-0078	
Hickory	324-1313	Linkup Discount Telepho
Maiden	428-9010	Medicaid Programs
Adult Protective Services	695-5609	Medicare Hotline
ALFA (AIDS Leadership Foothills Allia	ance)	Morganton Regional Res
	322-1447	Deaf and Hard of Hear
Alzheimer's Association 1-80	00-272-3900	NC Assistive Technology
American Red Cross	322-4151	NC Baptist Aging Ministr
Area Agency on Aging	322-9191	
"Are You OK?"		NC Cooperative Extension
Telephone Reassurance Program	464-4639	NC 2-1-1
Catawba Cty. Council on Aging	328-2269	Neighbor's Network
Catawba Cty. Dept. of Social Service	es 695-5600	Nursing Homes & Assist
Catawba Cty. Health Dept.	695-5800	Call Regional Ombudsr
Catawba Cty. Local Government	465-8200	Nutrition Programs
Catawba Cty. Tax Office	465-8414	PACE@Home
Catawba Regional Hospice	464-0466	Project Lifesaver
Catawba Valley Behavioral Healthca	re 695-5900	Project C.A.R.E. (Caregiv
Christian Community Outreach Min	istries	Running on Empty)
	328-1803	Re-Nesting Resources
Consumer Credit Counseling	322-7161	Salvation Army
Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christ	tian	Senior Centers
Ministries (ECCCM)	465-1702	West Hickory Senior Co
Emergency Services	911	Westmont
Energy Assistance Programs		Senior Health Insurance
(LIEAP and CRISIS)	695-5600	
Family Caregiver Support Program	485-4256	Senior Legal Helpline
Family Guidance Center	322-1400	Services for the Blind
Greater Hickory Cooperative Christi	an	Sheriff's Office
Ministries (CCM)	327-0979	Social Security
Grief/Loss Support	466-0466	Supportive Solutions (Al
Habitat for Humanity	328-4663	
Here to Home – Transition Specialis	ts 475-4424	Transportation
Hospitals		Greenway Transit
Catawba Valley Medical Center	326-3000	MediVan Transportation
Frye Regional Medical Center	315-5000	

Legal Aid of North Carolina	-877-579-7	7562
Lifeline (Emergency Telephone R	esponse)	
	485-2	2696
Linkup Discount Telephone Servi	ce 695-5	600
Medicaid Programs	695-5	692
	-800-633-4	
Morganton Regional Resource Co		
Deaf and Hard of Hearing 1-800		
NC Assistive Technology Program		2431
NC Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBA		
	877-506-2	
NC Cooperative Extension Service		
NC 2-1-1	Dial	
Neighbor's Network	464-1	1111
Nursing Homes & Assisted Living		
Call Regional Ombudsman	485-4	
Nutrition Programs	695-5	
PACE@Home	468-3	
Project Lifesaver	465-8	3337
Project C.A.R.E. (Caregiver Altern		
Running on Empty)	485-4	
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Salvation Army	322-8	3061
Senior Centers		
West Hickory Senior Center	328-2	
Westmont	324-1	
Senior Health Insurance Info. Pro		
	855-408-1	
0 1	-877-579-7	
Services for the Blind	695-5	
Sheriff's Office	464-5	
	-800-772-1	_
Supportive Solutions (Alzheimer'		•
Transportation	358-1	1110
Transportation	464.6	1111
Greenway Transit	464-9	
MediVan Transportation Specia	IIISTS 441-2	2000

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United Way	327-6851
Veterans Administration	322-6616
Veterans Clinic	431-5600
Vocational Rehabilitation Services	322-2921
Women's Resource Center	322-6333

PROJECT C.A.R.E. PROGRAM

Project C.A.R.E. (<u>C</u>aregiver <u>A</u>lternatives to <u>R</u>unning on <u>E</u>mpty) is a state funded dementia-specific support program for family caregivers. The program uses a family consultant to provide comprehensive support to caregivers of those caring for someone at home with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia.

The family consultant assists caregivers with education, resources and access to vouchers to alleviate some of the stress caregiving can create. The family consultant receives referrals to the program and schedules in-home visits to meet with the caregiver and the person with dementia.

For additional information please contact Area Agency on Aging Family Consultant at 485-4267.

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

The following websites provide resources and information for grandparents:

AARP <u>www.aarp.org/grandparents</u>

North Carolina Cooperative Extension <u>www.ces.ncsu.edu</u>

State's Laws Affecting Grandfamilies www.grandfamilies.org

For additional information please contact Area Agency on Aging Family Caregiver Support Program Specialist at 485-4256.

Disability Resources

DIALYSIS CENTERS

FRESENIUS KIDNEY CARE

1-800-881-5101

www.freseniuskidnevcare.com

ALEXANDER COUNTY

175 Commerce Dr. Taylorsville, NC 28681

BURKE COUNTY

814 W. Union St. Morganton, NC 28655

CALDWELL COUNTY

322 Mulberry St. SW Lenoir, NC 28645

CATAWBA COUNTY

301 10th St. NW Conover, NC 28613

1899 Tate Blvd. SE Hickory, NC 28602

CapTel - Captioned Telephone

4030 Wake Forest Road, Suite 300 Raleigh, NC 27609 1-866-545-4012 (Toll Free –Voice/TTY) www.relaync.com

Comserv, Inc.

www.comserve.org

Residential Care, Employment Training and Day

Services

BURKE

105 Scroggs Court Morganton, NC 28680 (828) 438-6026

CALDWELL

2419 Norwood Street SW Lenoir NC 28645 (828) 728-9288

Disability Rights of NC

2626 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 550 Raleigh, NC 27608 (919) 856-2195 www.disabilityrightsnc.org

J. Iverson Riddle Development Center

300 Enola Road Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 433-2614 www.jirdc.org

Morganton Regional Resource Center for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing

North Carolina Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing 107 Foothill Drive Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 430-7185 (voice) or 1-800-999-8915 (828) 430-7192 (TTY) or 1-800-205-9920 www.ncdhhs.gov/dsdhh

Disability

Disability Resources

NC Department of Health and Human Services

2000 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-2000 (919) 855-4800 www.ncdhhs.gov/disabilities

NC Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services

www.ncdhhs.gov/dvrs

BURKE

200 Enola Road Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 433-2423 Fax: (828) 433-2497

CALDWELL

675 Pennton Avenue SW Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 757-5639

NC Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services and Independent Living

ALEXANDER and CATAWBA

1261 10th Ave. Lane SE Hickory, NC 28601 (828) 322-2921

Services for the Blind

Alexander Department of Social Services

604 7th Street SW Taylorsville, NC 28681 (828) 632-1080

Burke Department of Social Services

700 East Parker Road Morganton, NC 28680-0549 (828) 764-9704

Caldwell Department of Social Services

2324 Morganton Blvd. SW Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 426-8316

Catawba Department of Social Services

3030 11th Avenue Drive SE Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 695-5605

Sign Language Interpreter Information www.ncdhhs.gov/dsdhh/directories.htm

www.disability.gov

Disability.gov is the federal government website for comprehensive information on disability programs and services in communities nationwide. The site links to more than 14,000 resources from federal, state and local government agencies; academic institutions; and nonprofit organizations. Find answers to questions about everything from Social Security benefits to employment to affordable and accessible housing.

Durable Medical Equipment

Durable medical equipment is reusable medical equipment such as walkers, wheelchairs, or hospital beds. Anyone who has Medicare Part B can get durable medical equipment as long as the equipment is deemed a medical necessity.

If you have Part B, Original Medicare covers durable medical equipment when your doctor or treating practitioner (such as a nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or clinical nurse specialist) prescribes it for you to use in your home.

Aeroflow Healthcare

920 Tate Blvd. SE Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 624-1120 1-800-833-2777

www.aeroflowinc.com

All 4 U Home Medical

617 South Green St. Suite 100 Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 437-0684

American HomePatient

1929 Tate Blvd. SE Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 324-4504 www.ahome.com

Apria Healthcare

1234 Commerce Street SW Conover, NC 28613 (828) 327-2404 www.apria.com

Bethlehem Pharmacy, Inc.

9471 NC Hwy 127 Hickory, NC 28601 (828) 495-8258 www.bethlehempharmacy.com

Blue Ridge Home Medical Equipment

201 Saint Germain Street Valdese, NC 28690 (828) 580-6448

Burke Pharmacy

301 West Meeting Street Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 437-5800 www.burkerx.com

Caldwell Home Services

1822 Hickory Blvd. SW Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 728-0168 info@caldwellhomeservices.com

College Discount Drug

721 Malcolm Blvd. Rutherford College, NC 28671 (828) 874-5100

East Burke Pharmacy, Inc.

300 Old State Hwy 10 W Hildebran, NC 28637 (828) 397-3420 www.eastburkepharmacy.com

Durable Medical Equipment

Handi-Care, Inc.

304 South Main Street Drexel, NC 28619 (828) 437-8429 1-800-435-9251

www.handi-careinc.com

Health & Medication At Home

301 10th Street NW I-40 Business Park/Suite D 104 Conover, NC 28613 (828) 465-0083 www.rotech.com

Health Options Vital Care

510 Central Street Hudson, NC 28638 (828) 728-3561 www.hudsondrug.com

Lincare, Inc.

1262 25th Street Place SE Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 304-4441 www.lincare.com

Medi-Home Care

2948 NC Hwy 127 Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 304-4466 www.msa-corp.com

Medical Center Pharmacy

126 North Center Street
Hickory, NC 28601
(828) 322-7717
www.medicalcenterpharmacyhickory.com

Medical Village Pharmacy, Inc.

815 Fairgrove Church Road Conover, NC 28613 (828) 322-4505 www.medicalvillagepharmacy.com

Piedmont Medical Supply, Inc.

752 4th Street SW Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 327-6970 www.ncpms.com

The Drug Store, LLC

9576 West NC 10 Hwy. Vale, NC 28168 (704)-462-0226

The Wheelchair Place

920 Tate Blvd. SE, Suite 104 Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 855-9099 www.thewheelchairplace.com

Total Home Care

312 Sanford Drive Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 438-6825 www.totalhomecarenc.com

United Medical, Inc.

923 East Union Street Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 437-0076

Wheelchairs Plus

132 Main Street East Valdese, NC 28690 (828) 879-9050

Educational Opportunities

Through Continuing Education courses, citizens find opportunities to retrain and prepare themselves for today's job market, develop leadership and civic responsibility, grow in basic knowledge, improve in home and community life, gain knowledge in general education, and develop creativity in the fine arts.

Senior Centers also offer a wide variety of educational programs. See Senior Center listing on Page 73.

ALEXANDER COUNTY

NC Cooperative Extension – Alexander Center

376 First Avenue SW Taylorsville, NC 28681 (828) 632-4451

Fax: (828) 632-7533

http://alexander.ces.ncsu.edu

Catawba Valley Community College Alexander Center

345 Industrial Blvd. Taylorsville, NC 28681 (828) 632-8221 www.cvcc.edu

BURKE COUNTY

Appalachian Center at Burke

2128 South Sterling Street Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 438-6140 www.distance.appstate.edu

NC Cooperative Extension – Burke Center

130 Ammons Drive, Suite 2 Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 439-4460

Fax: (828) 439-4468 TYY (828) 439-4461 http://burke.ces.ncsu.edu

Western Piedmont Community College

1001 Burkemont Avenue Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 438-6000 www.wpcc.edu

CALDWELL COUNTY

Appalachian Center at Caldwell

2855 Hickory Blvd. Hudson, NC 28638 (828) 759-4650 www.distance.appstate.edu

NC Cooperative Extension – Caldwell Center

120 Hospital Avenue NE, Suite 1 Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 757-1290 Fax: (828) 757-1251 http://caldwell.ces.ncsu.edu

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute

2855 Hickory Blvd. Hudson, NC 28638 (828) 726-2200 www.caldwell.cc.nc.us

Education

Educational Opportunities

CATAWBA COUNTY

Appalachian Center at Hickory

2760 Hwy 70 SE Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 324-6966 www.distance.appstate.edu

NC Cooperative Extension – Catawba Center

1117 S. Brady Avenue Newton, NC 28658 (828) 465-8250 http://catawba.ces.ncsu.edu

Catawba Valley Community College

2550 Hwy. 70 SE Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 327-7000 www.cvcc.edu

Lenoir Rhyne University

625 7th Avenue NE Hickory, NC 28601 (828) 328-1741 1-800-277-5721 www.lr.edu

NC Center for Engineering Technologies

1990 Main Avenue SE Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 328-6183 www.nccet.appstate.edu

Lifelong Learning

Lifelong Learning is the process of keeping your mind and body engaged – at any age – by actively pursuing knowledge and experience.

Benefits of Lifelong Learning for Older Adults

The pursuit of knowledge through lifelong learning has wonderful benefits for older adults:

- Keeps your mind sharp
- Improves memory
- Increases self-confidence
- Builds on skills you already possess
- Gives you a feeling of accomplishment
- Helps you meet people who share your interests
- Offers an opportunity to learn a new skill or trade and increase your income
- Provides a feeling of accomplishment
- Gives you a new interest that you can share with family and friends

Lifelong learning classes (also called continuing education) are offered by most community colleges, trade or technical schools, public universities, senior centers and city/county recreation departments.

Emergency Assistance

In Case of Emergency Call 911

ALEXANDER COUNTY

Sheriff's Office

(828) 632-1111

Highway Patrol

(828) 632-4976

Police

(828) 632-2218

"Are You Okay?" Program for Older Adults

(828) 632-4658

Daily phone contact with older adults

Telephone Reassurance Program

Project Lifesaver

(828) 632-4658

Emergency locator service for seniors who are missing

Christian Crisis Center of Alexander County

215 5th Avenue SW Taylorsville, NC 28681

(828) 632-0022

Red Cross

PO Box 1329

409 8th Ave. NE

Hickory, NC 28603

(828) 322-4151

Fax: (828) 328-3744

www.catawbavalleyarc.org

Department of Social Services

604 7th Street SW

Taylorsville, NC 28681

(828) 632-1080

www.co.alexander.nc.us/social-services.php

The Salvation Army

www.salvationarmycarolinas.org 750 Third Avenue Place SE Hickory, NC 28601 (828) 322-3066

United Way

Dial "211" for information and services or www.nc211.org

PO Box 232 (1567 NC Hwy. 90 West)

Taylorsville, NC 28681

(828) 632-9565

www.unitedwayalexander.org

Emergency

Emergency Assistance

In Case of Emergency Call 911

BURKE COUNTY

Sheriff's Office

(828) 438-5500

Highway Patrol

(828) 438-6291

Police

Drexel (828) 437-7421

Glen Alpine (828) 584-7279

Morganton (828) 437-1211

Valdese (828) 879-2102

Telephone Reassurance for Burke - TAB

(828) 430-4147

Daily phone contact with older adults

Telephone Reassurance Program

LIFELINE

Blue Ridge Health Care

(828) 580-6446

Project Lifesaver

(828) 879-2109

Emergency locator service for seniors who are

missing

Burke United Christian Ministries

305 West Union Street

Morganton, NC 28655

(828) 433-8075

www.bucm.net

Department of Social Services

PO Drawer 549 (700 East Parker Road)

Morganton, NC 28680-0549

(828) 764-9600

www.burkenc.org

East Burke Christian Ministries

PO Box 183 (204 S. Center St)

Hildebran, NC 28637

(828) 397-7074

Good Samaritain Clinic

305 West Union Street

Morganton, NC 28655

(828) 439-9948

Options, Inc./Clifhaven Battered Women's

Shelter

PO Box 2512

Morganton, NC 28680

(828) 438-9444

Red Cross

305-A West Union Street

Burke Mission Station

Morganton, NC 28655

(828) 438-8844

Fax: (828) 438-4382

The Outreach Center

PO Box 1003

510 E. Fleming Drive

Morganton, NC 28680

(828) 439-8300

www.theoutreachcenter.org

The Salvation Army

420 B West Fleming Drive

Morganton, NC 28655

(828) 430-8392

United Way

Dial "211" for information and services or

www.nc211.org

301 East Meeting Street

Morganton, NC 28655

(828) 433-0681

www.bcuw.org

Emergency Assistance

In Case of Emergency Call 911

CALDWELL COUNTY

Sheriff's Office

(828) 754-1518

Highway Patrol

(828) 726-2500

Police

Granite Falls (828) 396-3358 Hudson (828) 728-5021 Lenoir (828) 757-2100

LIFELINE

Guardian Health Services (828) 324-3025 www.guardianhealthservices.com

Project Lifesaver

Caldwell County Office of Emergency Services (828) 757-1419
Emergency locator service for seniors who are missing

Department of Social Services

2395 Morganton Blvd. SW Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 426-8200 www.caldwellcountync.org

Caldwell County Yokefellow

PO Box 2422 (1602 Harper Avenue, NW) Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 754-7088

Helping Hands Clinic of Caldwell County

810 Harper Ave. NW Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 754-8565 www.helpinghandsclinic.org

Red Cross

1144 Morganton Blvd. SW PO Box 774 Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 754-4161 www.catawbavalleyarc.org

South Caldwell Christian Ministries

5 Quarry Road Granite Falls, NC 28630 (828) 396-4000

The Salvation Army

www.salvationarmycarolinas.org 308 Morganton Blvd. SW Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 758-0165

United Way

Dial "211" for information and services or www.nc211.org PO Box 1316 (108 Crestline Place NE) Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 758-9300 www.caldwell-unitedway.org

Emergency

Emergency Assistance

In Case of Emergency Call 911

CATAWBA COUNTY

Sheriff's Office

(828) 464-5241

Highway Patrol

(828) 466-5500

Police

Brookford (828) 324-4550

Catawba (828) 241-4888

Claremont (828) 466-7265

Conover (828) 464-4698

Hickory (828) 328-5551

Long View (828) 327-2343

Maiden (828) 428-5005

Newton (828) 465-7430

"Are You Okay?" Program for Older Adults

(828) 465-8337

Daily phone contact with older adults

Telephone Reassurance Program

Project Lifesaver

(828) 464-5241

Emergency locator service for seniors who are missing

LIFELINE

Catawba Valley Medical Center

Health First Center

(828) 485-2696

Guardian Health Services

(828) 324-3025

Department of Social Services

3030 11th Avenue Drive SE

Hickory, NC 28602

(828) 695-5600

www.catawbacountync.gov/dss

Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian

Ministry (ECCCM)

PO Box 31 (245 East N Street)

Newton, NC 28658

(828) 465-1702

www.ecccm.org

Family Care Center

2875 Highland Avenue NE

Hickory, NC 28601

(828) 324-9917

www.familycare-center.com

Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministry

31 1st Avenue SE

Hickory, NC 28602

(828) 327-0979

www.ccmhickory.com

Red Cross

PO Box 1329

409 8th Avenue NE

Hickory, NC 28603

(828) 322-4151

Fax: (828) 328-3744

www.catawbavalleyarc.org

Safe Harbor Rescue Mission

PO Box 5181 (210 2nd St. SE)

Hickory, NC 28603

(828) 326-7233

www.safeharborrescuemission.org

Emergency Assistance

CATAWBA COUNTY CON'T

The Salvation Army

www.salvationarmycarolinas.org 750 Third Avenue Place SE Hickory, NC 28601 (828) 322-8061

United Way

Dial "211" for information and services www.nc211.org
PO Box 2425
Hickory, NC 28603
(828) 327-6851
Information and Referral Line:
(828) 324-HELP (4357)
www.ccunitedway.com

Women's Resource Center

125 3rd Street NE Hickory, NC 28601 (828) 322-6333

Fax: (828) 322-1314

Email: wrc@wrchickory.org www.wrchickory.org



Help starts here. Dial 2-1-1.

Within the region there are hundreds of telephone numbers for health and human service programs, government offices, and nonprofit agencies. Sometimes people have difficulty accessing services they need because they do not know whom, or where, to call. This is especially true when people are new to the area, in crisis or have difficulty communicating because of language barriers or disabilities. By dialing the three-digit number 2-1-1, a caller is able to speak with a live operator 24 hours/7 days a week to find services available in the county in which they live. Whether it's help with rent or mortgage, day care, or counseling, 2-1-1 is the link to community services.

Simply dial 2-1-1 or go to www.nc211.org.

Employment Opportunities

NCWORKS CAREER CENTER

ALEXANDER COUNTY CAREER

CENTER

604 7th Street SW Taylorsville, NC 28681 (828) 632-4631

Ncworks.8700@nccommerce.com

NCWORKS CAREER CENTER BURKE COUNTY

720 East Union Street Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 438-6161

Ncwork.6100@nccommerce.com

NCWORKS CAREEER CENTER CALDWELL COUNTY

1909 Hickory Blvd. SE Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 759-4680 Ncworks.0560@nccommerce.com

NCWORKS CAREER CENTER CATAWBA COUNTY

403 Conover Station SE, Suite C Conover, NC 28613 828-466-5535

Ncworks.4400@nccommerce.com

www.ncworks.gov

Catawba County Workforce Development Ctr.

413 Thornburg Drive Conover, NC 28613 (828) 465-0371

New Choices at CVCC

2550 Hwy. 70 SE Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 327-7000 ext. 4408 (A program for displaced homemakers)

Blue Ridge Community Action Senior Employment Program (55+ employment)

800 North Green St. Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 438-6255

NC Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services

ALEXANDER and CATAWBA

1261 10th Avenue Lane SE Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 322-2921

BURKE

200 Enola Road Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 433-2423 Fax: (828) 433-2497

CALDWELL

675 Pennton Avenue SW Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 757-56

Listing of Hospice services and contacts can be found on Page 44

LIVING WILL

(See pages 28-31 for form)

A Living Will tells doctors what to do when you are too sick to communicate. It can indicate when medical treatment should stop, or whether you want passive feeding to be withdrawn. The directives are limited only to care which artificially or technologically postpones death—not comfort care. The Living Will must be signed by you, witnessed by a notary or two non-related adults, excluding your physician and nursing home advisor. At the time of determination, your attending and one additional physician must certify terminal condition or permanently unconscious state.

Be Aware:

- If you want food and water withheld if you are in a permanently unconscious state, you must specifically indicate this by initialing a box on the form.
- Health care providers are required to inform you of your right to refuse or accept medical treatment. Always ask up front what the provider's policy is in honoring advance directives.
- A Living Will applies only to situations of terminal illness and permanent unconsciousness—not to those who have Alzheimer's, have had strokes, degenerative disorders or conditions that are not immediately life threatening.
- A Living Will supercedes a Designation of Health Care Surrogate with respect to life sustaining care decisions.
- An oral request to your physician, family member or health care worker revokes the signed document.

Designation of Health Care Surrogate

Everyone should have one! A Designation of Health Care Surrogate designates a person to make medical decisions for you in situations that your Living Will did not anticipate such as mental or physical incompetency.

ADVANCE DIRECTIVE FORMS

To obtain a form, call:

North Carolina Secretary of State (919) 807-2162

Hospital adult membership programs may also have these forms.

ADVANCE DIRECTIVE REGISTRY

The North Carolina Secretary of State's office has recently developed the Advance Health Care Directive Registry. The Registry allows people who have advance directives such as Living Wills and Health Care Powers of Attorney to register them in a central place so that they are available when needed.

To register, you must obtain a Registration Form from the Registry and fill in the required information. There is a \$10 fee for each advance directive you wish to register. Send the Registration Form(s) and fee(s) to the Registry at the address below.

Please remember that your advance directives must be notarized in order for the Registry to accept them for filing, including a Declaration of an Anatomical Gift.

You should consult an attorney or agencies that specialize in end-of-life care choices and issues. The North Carolina Secretary of State is only the administrator of the Advance Health Care Directive Registry and is prohibited from giving legal advice.

The Registry staff will register your advance directive by putting it into the Registry database. They will return your advance directive with a Registry card that contains your file number and password (your access information). When you receive your card, you and your health care providers (and anyone else with whom you share your file number and password) will be able to access your advance directives over the Internet.

You can call the Registry at (919) 807-2162, 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Mon. – Fri. for information, forms and brochures.

You can also write to the Registry at:

North Carolina Secretary of State,
Advance Health Care Directive Registry,
P. O. Box 29622, Raleigh, NC 27626.
The Registry's website is located at
www.secretary.state.nc.us/ahcdr/

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

ADVANCE DIRECTIVE FOR A NATURAL DEAT	ŀ
("LIVING WILL")	

NOTE: YOU SHOULD USE THIS DOCUMENT TO GIVE YOUR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS INSTRUCTIONS TO WITHHOLD OR WITHDRAW LIFE-PROLONGING MEASURES IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS. THERE IS NO LEGAL REQUIREMENT THAT ANYONE EXECUTE A LIVING WILL.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS: You can use this Advance Directive ("Living Will") form to give instructions for the future if you want your health care providers to withhold or withdraw life-prolonging measures in certain situations. You should talk to your doctor about what these terms mean. The Living Will states what choices you would have made for yourself if you were able to communicate. Talk to your family members, friends, and others you trust about your choices. Also, it is a good idea to talk with professionals such as your doctors, clergypersons, and lawyers before you complete and sign this Living Will.

You do not have to use this form to give those instructions, but if you create your own Advance Directive you need to be very careful to ensure that it is consistent with North Carolina law.

This Living Will form is intended to be valid in any jurisdiction in which it is presented, but places outside North Carolina may impose requirements that this form does not meet.

If you want to use this form, you must complete it, sign it, and have your signature witnessed by two qualified witnesses and proved by a notary public. Follow the instructions about which choices you can initial very carefully. Do not sign this form until two witnesses and a notary public are present to watch you sign it. You then should consider giving a copy to your primary physician and/or a trusted relative, and should consider filing it with the Advanced Health Care Directive Registry maintained by the North Carolina Secretary of State: http://www.nclifelinks.org/ahcdr/

My Desire for a Natural Death

l,	, being of sound mind, desire that, as specified below, my life not be prolonged by
life-prolonging measures:	

1. When My Directives Apply

My directions about prolonging my life shall apply *IF* my attending physician determines that I lack capacity to make or communicate health care decisions and:

NOTE: YOU MAY INITIAL ANY OR ALL OF THESE CHOICES.

(Initial)	I have an incurable or irreversible condition that will result in my death within a relatively short period of time.
(Initial)	I become unconscious and my health care providers determine that, to a high degree of medical certainty, I will never regain my consciousness.
(Initial)	I suffer from advanced dementia or any other condition which results in the substantial loss of my cognitive ability and my health care providers determine that, to a high degree of medical certainty, this loss is not reversible.

2. These are My Directives about Prolonging My Life:

In those situations I have initialed in Section 1, I direct that my health care providers:

NOTE: INITIAL ONLY IN ONE PLACE.

(Initial)	may withhold or withdraw life-prolonging measures.
(Initial)	shall withhold or withdraw life-prolonging measures.

3. Exceptions – "Artificial Nutrition or Hydration"

NOTE: INITIAL ONLY IF YOU WANT TO MAKE EXCEPTIONS TO YOUR INSTRUCTIONS IN PARAGRAPH 2.

EVEN THOUGH I do not want my life prolonged in those situations I have initialed in Section 1:

(Initial)	I DO want to receive BOTH artificial hydration AND artificial nutrition (for example, through tubes) in those situations. NOTE: DO NOT INITIAL THIS BLOCK IF ONE OF THE BLOCKS BELOW IS INITIALED.
(Initial)	I DO want to receive ONLY artificial hydration (for example, through tubes) in those situations.
	NOTE: DO NOT INITIAL THE BLOCK ABOVE OR BELOW IF THIS BLOCK IS INITIALED.
(Initial)	I DO want to receive ONLY artificial nutrition (for example, through tubes) in those situations.
	NOTE: DO NOT INITIAL EITHER OF THE TWO BLOCKS ABOVE IF THIS BLOCK IS INITIALED.

4. I Wish to be Made as Comfortable as Possible

I direct that my health care providers take reasonable steps to keep me as clean, comfortable, and free of pain as possible so that my dignity is maintained, even though this care may hasten my death.

5. I Understand my Advance Directive

I am aware and understand that this document directs certain life-prolonging measures to be withheld or discontinued in accordance with my advance instructions.

6. If I have an Available Health Care Agent

If I have appointed a health care agent by executing a health care power of attorney or similar instrument, and that health care agent is acting and available and gives instructions that differ from this Advance Directive, then I direct that:

(Initial)	<u>Follow Advance Directive:</u> This Advance Directive will override instructions my health care agent gives about prolonging my life.
(Initial)	Follow Health Care Agent: My health care agent has authority to override this Advance Directive.

NOTE: DO NOT INITIAL BOTH BLOCKS. IF YOU DO NOT INITIAL EITHER BOX, THEN YOUR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS WILL FOLLOW THIS ADVANCE DIRECTIVE AND IGNORE THE INSTRUCTIONS OF YOUR HEALTH CARE AGENT ABOUT PROLONGING YOUR LIFE.

7. My Health Care Providers May Rely on this Directive

My health care providers shall not be liable to me or to my family, my estate, my heirs, or my personal representative for following the instructions I give in this instrument. Following my directions shall not be considered suicide, or the cause of my death, or malpractice or unprofessional conduct. If I have revoked this instrument but my health care providers do not know that I have done so, and they follow the instructions in this instrument in good faith, they shall be entitled to the same protections to which they would have been entitled if the instrument had not been revoked.

8. I Want this Directive to be Effective Anywhere

I intend that this Advance Directive be followed by any health care provider in any place.

9. I have the Right to Revoke this Advance Directive

I understand that at any time I may revoke this Advance Directive in a writing I sign or by communicating in any clear and consistent manner my intent to revoke it to my attending physician. I understand that if I revoke this instrument I should try to destroy all copies of it.

End of Life

End of Life Planning

This the day of	of	_,·		
			Signature of Declarant	
			Type/Print Name	
declarant's behalf) the f declarant by blood or m will or codicil of the dec	oregoing Advance Directariage, and I would not larant or as an heir under	tive for a Natural Dea be entitled to any poer the Intestate Succe	of sound mind, signed (or directed another to sign of the in my presence, and that I am not related to the ortion of the estate of the declarant under any exists on Act, if the declarant died on this date without the contract of the declarant died on the contract died on the contrac	ne isting
employee of the declara patient, or (3) an emplo	ant's attending physician	n, (2) nor an employed or any adult care hom	a licensed health care provider who is (1) an e of the health facility in which the declarant is a e where the declarant resides. I further state that nt.	I do
Date:	Witr	ness:		
Date:	Witr	ness:		
	COUNTY,	STATE		
Sworn to (or affirmed) a	and subscribed before m	e this day by	(type/print name of declarant)	
			(type/print name of witness)	
			(type/print name of witness)	
Date				
(Official Seal)			Signature of Notary Public	
			, Notary P Printed or typed name	ublic
		My cor	nmission expires:	

FUNERAL INSTRUCTIONS

My Personal Information:
First Name: Middle Name:
Last Name:
Address: City:
State: Zip Code: County:
Phone:
Organ Donor: Yes No
Vital Statistics:
Marital Status: Married Divorced Widow Widower
Date of Birth: Place of Birth:
Social Security Number: Spouse's Name:
Spouse's Maiden Name:
Place of Marriage: Date of Marriage:
Father's Name: Mother's Name:
Mother's Maiden Name:
Work/Education:
Education (0-12):
College 1-5+:
Occupation:
Cooupation.
Business:
Company:
Military Record:
Branch of Service: Serial Number:
Date Enlisted: Rank at Discharge:
Date Discharge: Discharge on File at:
Copy of Discharge Papers: Yes No
Name of Wars:
Funeral Service Information:
Place of Service: Church Funeral Home Cemetery
Funeral Home:
Address:
Phone:
Place of Visitation:
Visitation and Service the same day: Yes No
Clergy to Officiate:
Religious Denomination:
Place of Worship:
Lodge/Union:

End of Life

End of Life Planning

Special Instructions:
Pallbearers(6):
Scripture:
Scripture:
Prayers:
Favorite Flowers:
Musica
Music:
Poem:
.lewelry:
Jewelry:
Clothing:
Glasses:
Oth a v
Other:
Memorials or Donations:
Disposition Request:
I prefer: Earth Burial Mausoleum Cremation
Cemetery:
Address:
Phone:
Cemetery Lot Owner:
Location: I have made a last will and testament: Yes No
Thave made a last will and testament. Tes No
Person to Finalize Arrangements:
Name:Address:
Email:
Phone:
Relationship:

Government Agencies

ALEXANDER COUNTY

County Government Office

621 Liledoun Road Taylorsville, NC 28681 (828) 632-9332

Fax: (828) 632-0059

www.alexandercountync.gov

Town of Taylorsville

67 Main Avenue Drive SE Taylorsville, NC 28681 (828) 632-2218

Fax: (828) 632-7964 www.taylorsvillenc.com

Animal Services

(828) 632-1199

www.alexandercountync.gov/animal-services

Board of Elections

370 First Avenue SW PO Box 326 Taylorsville, NC 28681 (828) 632-2990

Fax: (828) 632-1381

www.alexandercountync.gov/board-of-

elections

Chamber of Commerce

16 West Main Avenue
Taylorsville, NC 28681
(828) 632-8141
www.alexandercountychamber.com

NC Cooperative Extension – Alexander Center

376 First Avenue SW Taylorsville, NC 28681 (828) 632-4451

Fax: (828) 632-7533

http://alexander.ces.ncsu.edu

Social Services

604 7th Street SW Taylorsville, NC 28681 (828) 632-1080 Fax: (828) 632-1092

www.alexandercountync.gov/dss/

Health Department

338 1st Avenue SW, Suite 1 Taylorsville, NC 28681 (828) 632-9704 Fax: (828) 632-9008

www.alexanderhealth.org

Public Library

(828) 632-4058

Tax Office

75 1st Street SW Courthouse Annex, Suite 2 Taylorsville, NC 28681 (828) 632-4346 www.alexandercountync.gov/tax-office

Government Agencies

BURKE COUNTY

County Government Office

PO Box 219 (200 Avery Ave.) Morganton, NC 28680-0219 (828) 764-9000 Fax: (828) 764-9352

www.burkenc.org

Town of Connelly Springs

PO Box 99 (1030 US 70) Connelly Springs, NC 28612 (828) 879-2321

Fax: (828) 879-2325

Town of Drexel

PO Box 188 (202 Church St.) Drexel, NC 28619 (828) 437-7421 Fax: (828) 437-4661

Town of Glen Alpine

PO Box 898 (103 Pitts St.) Glen Alpine, NC 28628 (828) 584-2622 Fax: (828) 584-2113

Town of Hildebran

PO Box 87 (202 S. Center St.) Hildebran, NC 28637 (828) 397-5801 Fax: (828) 397-7180

City of Morganton

PO Box 3448 (305 E. Union St.) Morganton, NC 28680 (828) 437-8863 Fax: (828) 432-2669 www.ci.morganton.nc.us

Town of Rutherford College

PO Box 406 (980 Malcolm Blvd.) Rutherford College, NC 28671 (828) 874-0333 Fax: (828) 874-0022 www.rutherfordcollegenc.us

Town of Valdese

PO Box 339 (121 Faet St.)
Valdese, NC 28690
(828) 879-2120
Fax: (828) 879-2139
www.townofvaldese.com

Animal Control

www.ci.drexel.nc.us

(828) 438-5465 www.burkesheriff.org/animal.htm

Board of Elections

2128 S. Sterling Street PO Box 798 Morganton, NC 28680 (828) 764-9010 Fax: (828) 764-9011 www.burkenc.org

Chamber of Commerce

110 E. Meeting Street Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 437-3021 www.burkecounty.org

NC Cooperative Extension

Burke Center

130 Ammons Drive, Suite 2 Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 439-4460 Fax: (828) 439-4468 TYY (828) 439-4461 http://burke.ces.ncsu.edu

Social Services

700 East Parker Road PO Drawer 549 Morganton, NC 28680-0549 (828) 764-9600 Fax: (828) 764-9793 www.burkenc.org

Health Department

700 East Parker Road Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 764-9150 Fax: (828) 764-9153 www.burkenc.org

Public Library

Hildebran (828) 397-3600 Morganton (828) 764-9260 Valdese (828) 874-2421 www.bcpls.org

Tax Office

110 N. Green Street Morganton, NC 28680 (828) 764-9430

Government Agencies

CALDWELL COUNTY

County Government Office

PO Box 2200 (905 W. Ave. NW) Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 757-1300 Fax: (828) 757-1295 www.caldwellcountync.org

Town of Cajah's Mountain

1800 Connelly Springs Road Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 728-5053 Fax: (828) 728-4166

Village of Cedar Rock

PO Box 1166 (2067 Cedar Rock Estate Dr.) Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 757-4545 Fax: (828) 758-9662

Town of Gamewell

2750 Old Morganton Road Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 754-1991 Fax: (828) 754-1991

Town of Granite Falls

PO Drawer 10 (30 Park Sq.) Granite Falls, NC 28630 (828) 396-3131 Fax: (828) 396-3133 www.granitefallsnc.com

Town of Hudson

PO Box 457 (550 Central St.) Hudson, NC 28638 (828) 728-8272 Fax: (828) 728-2680 www.ci.hudson.nc.us

City of Lenoir

PO Box 958 (801 W. Ave. SW) Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 757-2200 Fax: (828) 757-2162 www.cityoflenoir.com

Town of Rhodhiss

PO Box 40 (200 Burke St.) Rhodhiss, NC 28667 (828) 396-8400 Fax: (828) 396-8405

Town of Sawmills

4076 US Hwy 321-A Granite Falls, NC 28630 (828) 396-7903 Fax: (828) 396-8955

Animal Control

(828) 757-8625 www.caldwellanimalshelter.org

Board of Elections

905 West Avenue NW PO Box 564 Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 757-1342 Fax: (828) 757-1195 www.caldwellcountync.org

Chamber of Commerce

1909 Hickory Blvd. SE Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 726-0616 www.caldwellcochamber.org

NC Cooperative Extension Caldwell Center

120 Hospital Ave. NE, Suite 1 Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 757-1290 Fax: (828) 757-1251 http://caldwell.ces.ncsu.edu

Social Services

2345 Morganton Blvd. SW Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 426-8200 Fax: (828) 426-8398 www.caldwellcountync.org

Health Department

2324 Morganton Blvd. SW Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 426-8400 www.caldwellcountync.org

Public Library

Hudson (828) 728-4207 Lenoir (828) 757-1270 Granite Falls (828) 396-7703

Tax Office

75 1st Street SW Courthouse Annex, Suite 2 Taylorsville, NC 28681 (828) 632-4346

Government Agencies

CATAWBA COUNTY

County Government Office

PO Box 389 100-A SW Blvd Newton, NC 28658 (828) 465-8200 Fax: (828) 465-8392

www.catawbacountync.gov

Town of Brookford

1700 S. Center St. Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 322-4903 Fax: (828) 322-7898

Town of Catawba

PO Box 70 (102 First St. NW) Catawba, NC 28609 (828) 241-2215 Fax: (828) 241-9968

Animal Control

(828) 464-7686 www.catawbacountync.gov

Board of Elections

100A Southwest Blvd. PO Box 132 Newton, NC 28658 (828) 464-2424 www.catawbacountync.gov

Chamber of Commerce

PO Box 1828 1055 Southgate Corp. Park SW Hickory, NC 28603-1828 (828) 328-6111 www.catawbachameber.org

City of Claremont

PO Box 446 (3288 E. Main St) Claremont, NC 28610 (828) 459-7009 Fax: (828) 459-0596 www.cityofclaremont.org

City of Conover

PO Box 549 (101 First St. E) Conover, NC 28613 (828) 464-1191 Fax: (828) 465-5177 www.conovernc.gov

City of Hickory

PO Box 398 (76 N. Center St) Hickory, NC 28603 (828) 323-7400 Fax: (828) 323-7550 www.hickorygov.com

Town of Long View

2404 1st Avenue SW Long View, NC 28602 (828) 327-3921 Fax: (828) 322-1567

Town of Maiden

113 West Main Street Maiden, NC 28650 (828) 428-5000 Fax: (828) 428-5017 www.maidennc.com

City of Newton

PO Box 550 (401 N Main Ave) Newton, NC 28658 (828) 465-7400 Fax: (828) 465-7405 www.newtonnc.gov

NC Cooperative Extension

Catawba Center

1117 S. Brady Avenue Newton, NC 28658 (828) 465-8250 http://catawba.ces.ncsu.edu

Social Services

3030 11th Ave. Dr. SE, Hickory PO Box 669 Newton, NC 28658 (828) 695-5600 www.catawbacountync.gov/dss

Health Department

3070 11th Avenue Drive SE Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 695-5800 www.catawbacountync.gov/phealth

Public Library

Newton (828) 465-8664 Claremont (828) 459-9311 Conover (828) 466-5108 Maiden (828) 428-2712 Patrick Beaver (828) 304-0500 Ridgeview (828) 345-6037 Sherrills Ford (828) 478-2729 Southwest (828) 294-2343 St. Stephens (828) 256-3030

Tax Office

PO Box 368 (100 A Southwest Blvd.) Newton, NC 28658 (828) 465-8416

Government Agencies

NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

www.ncgov.com

NC Division of Aging and Adult Services

2101 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-2101 (919) 733-3983 www.ncdhhs.gov/aging

NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

1001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-1001 (919) 707-3000 www.ncagr.gov

NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources

1601 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-1601 1-877-623-6748 www.ncdenr.gov

NC Department of Health and Human Services

2000 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-2000 (919) 855-4800 www.ncdhhs.gov

NC Department of Insurance

1201 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-1201 800-546-5664 www.ncdoi.com

NC Department of Justice

9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-9001 (919) 716-6400 www.ncdoj.gov

NC Department of Labor

1101 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-1101 (919) 807-2796 or 1-800-NC-LABOR www.nclabor.com

NC Department of Public Schools

301 N. Wilmington Street Raleigh, NC 27601 (919) 807-3300 www.ncpublicschools.org

NC Department of Public Safety

4201 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-4201 www.ncdps.gov

NC Department of State Treasurer

325 N. Salisbury Street Raleigh, NC 27603 (919) 508-5176 www.nctreasurer.com

NC Department of Transportation

1501 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-1501 1-877-368-4968 www.ncdot.gov

Government

Government Agencies

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

www.usa.gov

US Administration on Aging

One Massachusetts Avenue NW Washington, DC 20001 (202) 619-0724 www.aoa.gov

US Administration for Community Living

200 Independence Avenue SW Washington, D.C. 20201 1-877-696-6775 www.hhs.gov/acl

US Department of Health and Human Services

200 Independence Avenue SW Washington, D.C. 20201 1-877-696-6775 www.hhs.gov

US Environmental Protection Agency

Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20460 (202) 272-0167 www.epa.gov

US Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20530-0001 202-514-2000 www.justice.gov

US Department of Defense

1400 Defense Pentagon Washington, DC 20301-1400 703-571-3343 www.defense.gov

US Department of Agriculture

1400 Independence Avenue SW Washington, DC 20250 (202) 720-2791 www.usda.gov

US Federal Trade Commission

600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20580 (202) 326-2222 www.ftc.gov

US Department of Homeland Security

Washington, DC 20528 (202) 282-8000 www.dhs.gov

Home Care Agencies

In-Home Aide Services are intended to assist individuals who have functional/ physical and/or mental impairments with essential daily activities in the areas of home management and personal care. These services assist individuals in remaining at home for as long as possible. The services may also provide assistance and respite to families who are involved with care giving responsibilities.

One type of in-home aide service is **personal care**. Personal care, which is more extensive and complex in nature, is provided by a certified nurse aide employed through a licensed home care agency. Services that are considered personal care in nature can include help with bathing, dressing, toileting, feeding, and ambulation.

Another type of in-home aide services is **home management**. Home management services can include tasks such as cooking, cleaning, laundry, shopping, and other non-personal care activities to keep the individual safe in the home setting.

Abernethy Laurels Home Care Agency

102 Leonard Avenue
Newton, NC 28658
(828) 464-8260
www.abernethylaurels.org/home-care-services.php

Advanced Home Care

2435 Morganton Blvd. SW Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 426-8401 1-800-868-8822 www.advhomecare.org

Alexander County Home Health

338 First Avenue SW, Suite 1 Taylorsville, NC 28681 (828) 632-9704 www.alexandercountync.gov

Bayada Nurses

www.bayada.com 1-888-422-9232 1985 Tate Blvd. SE, Suite 417 Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 327-3300

305 South Green Street, Suite 200 Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 437-5454

Beacon In-Home Care, Inc.

110 Cross Street Rutherford College, NC 28671 (828) 879-8217

Best of Care Home Health Services

785 Hwy 70 SW, Suite 300 Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 304-8280

Home Care

Home Care Agencies

Better Living Home Care

114 South Sterling Street, Suite 201 Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 430-0120 www.betterliving-homecare.com

Burke Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc.

1721 Enon Road Valdese, NC 28690 (828) 879-1601 www.burkehospice.org

Caldwell Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc.

902 Kirkwood Street NW Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 754-0101 www.caldwellhospice.org

Caldwell Home Services, Inc.

122 Fairway Shopping Center Hudson, NC 28638 (828) 728-0168 www.caldwellhomeservices.com

Catawba County DSS

In-Home Services
507 Boundary Street
Conover, NC 28613
(828) 695-5610
www.catawbacountyhomehealth.com

Catawba County Home Health

3070 11th Avenue Drive SE Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 695-5849 1-800-669-9917 www.catawbacountync.gov

Catawba Regional Hospice

3975 Robinson Road Newton, NC 28658 (828) 466-0466 www.catawbaregionalhospice.org

Catawba Valley Medical Services

409 B South Sterling Street Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 437-8808 www.catawbavalleyms.com

Comfort Keepers

415 7th Avenue SW, Suite 7 Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 431-2273 www.comfortkeepers.com

Gentiva

www.gentiva.com 1144 Lenoir Rhyne Blvd. SE Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 322-6131

720 23rd Street NW Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 328-1871

Guardian Health Services

1771 Tate Blvd. SE, Suite 101 Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 324-3025 1-800- 610-3447 www.guardianhomehealthservices.com

Handi-Care, Inc.

304 South Main Street Drexel, NC 28619 (828) 437-8429 1-800 435-9251 www.handi-careinc.com

Home Care Agencies

Harmony Home Care

246 Union Square, Suite 306 Hickory, NC 28601 (828) 256-1438

230 Morganton Blvd. SW Suite A Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 754-4401

408 West Fleming Drive, Suite C Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 433-4445

Health and Home Services, Inc.

74 8th St. SE. Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 322-2710 1-877 610-9980 www.healthandhomeservices.com

Healthy at Home, Blue Ridge Health Care

201 Saint Germain Street Valdese, NC 28690 (828) 580-6450 1-800-599-5891 www.blueridgehc.com

Homecare Management Corporation

315 Wilkesboro Blvd. NE Suite 2A Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 754-3665 1-800 223-2841 www.homecaremgmt.org

Home Instead Senior Care

835 Second Avenue SW Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 256-0184 www.homeinstead.com/628

Hospice and Home Care of Alexander Co. Inc.

50 Lucy Echerd Lane
Taylorsville, NC 28681
(828) 632-5026
www.hospiceandhomecarealexander.org

Interim Healthcare, Inc.

858 2nd Street NE, Suite 301 Hickory, NC 28601 (828) 324-2121 1-800-759-9033 www.interimhealthcare.com/hickorync

Maxim Healthcare Services

1940 Third Avenue Lane SE Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 270-3343 www.maximhealthcare.com

Nursefinders of Charlotte

131 Providence Road, Suite 1 Charlotte, NC 28207 (704) 335-7241 www.nursefinders.com

Premier Home Care, LLC

23 Pinewood Road Granite Falls, NC 28630 (828) 396-9111

Premier Home Health Care Services

1067 13th Street, SE Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 327-9600 1-800-848-9601 www.premierhomehealthcare.com

Home Care

Home Care Agencies

ResCare Home Care

www.rescarehomecare.com 301 10th Street SW, Suite B104 Conover, NC 28613 (828) 353-0587

332 Mulberry Street SW Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 754-4528

Restoration Home Care Services, Inc.

410 First Avenue South, Suite 3 Conover, NC 28613 (704) 325-3814

Right At Home

30 Falls Avenue Granite Falls, NC 28630 (828) 396-7932 www.unifournc.rightathome.net

Unifour Nursing

805 West 25th Street Newton, NC 28658 (828) 464-0244 www.unifournursing.com

Visiting Angels

1822 Hickory Blvd. SW Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 572-4300 www.visitingangels.com

Hiring a home health care provider to care for your loved one can be a daunting and stressful task. To ensure peace of mind with your selection, be sure to ask potential caregivers the following questions:

- How long has the agency been in business?
- Is the agency licensed by the state?
- Are your home health care workers certified or licensed by the state?
- Has the agency personally checked my assigned caregiver's references, and is he or she bonded?
- How long has my assigned caregiver worked in the agency's employ?
- Is there a registered nurse who supervises on a regular basis?
- Is there a trained coordinator available by telephone 24-7? (a requirement for licensed facilities)
- Does the agency conduct criminal background checks on employees?

Hospice & Palliative Care

Hospice is a special healthcare option for patients and families who are faced with a terminal illness. A multi-disciplinary team of physician, nurses, social workers, bereavement counselors and volunteers works together to address the physical, social, emotional and spiritual needs of each patient and family. The hospice team provides care to patients in their own home or a home-like setting regardless of the patient's age or ability to pay.

Palliative care is a medical subspecialty that strives to relieve suffering and improve the quality of life for patients with advanced illness through expert pain and symptom management.

Hospice and Home Care of Alexander Co. Inc.

50 Lucy Echerd Lane
Taylorsville, NC 28681
(828) 632-5026
www.hospiceandhomecarealexander.org

Burke Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc.

PO Box 1029 (1721 Enon Rd.) Valdese, NC 28690 (828) 879-1601 www.burkehospice.org

Caldwell Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc.

902 Kirkwood Street, NW Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 754-0101 www.caldwellhospice.org

Catawba Regional Hospice

3975 Robinson Road Newton, NC 28658 (828) 466-0466 www.catawbaregionalhospice.org

Hospitals

Hospitals

Broughton Hospital

1000 South Sterling Street Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 433-2111 www.ncdhhs.gov/hsohf/broughton

Caldwell Memorial Hospital

321 Mulberry Street SW Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 757-5100 www.caldwellmemorial.org

Carolina's HealthCare System Blue Ridge

2201 South Sterling Street Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 580-5000 www.blueridgehealth.org

Carolina's HealthCare System Blue Ridge - Valdese

720 Malcolm Boulevard PO Box 700 Valdese, NC 28690 (828) 874-2251 www.blueridgehealth.org/valdese-hospital

Catawba Valley Medical Center

810 Fairgrove Church Road SE Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 326-3000

HealthFirst Center on Tate Blvd.

(828) 485-2300

www.catawbavalleymc.org

Department of Veterans Affairs Medical

Center

Asheville Facility

1100 Tunnel Road Asheville, NC 28805 (828) 298-7911 www.asheville.va.gov

Hickory Community Based Outpatient Clinic

1170 Fairgrove Church Road
Hickory, NC 28602
(828) 431-5600
www.salisbury.va.gov/locations/hickory

Salisbury Facility

1601 Brenner Avenue Salisbury, NC 28144 (704) 638-9000 www.salisbury.va.gov

Frye Regional Medical Center

420 North Center Street Hickory, NC 28601 (828) 315-5000 www.fryemedctr.com

SENIOR LIVING OPTIONS

Aging In Place – Refers to the ability to age in your own home and have your evolving needs met in your own home. Many people can continue to live independently at home; others may need in-home care or support services like meals, healthcare or transportation in order to continue living at home.

Independent Living – Similar to aging in place in that you have the ability to live without outside assistance.

Independent Living with Services – Aging in place with the option to add a service package such as meals, housekeeping or assistance with bathing and dressing. The resident remains living in the same place but has the option of adding services at an additional cost as needs change.

Assisted Living – Provides daily assistance to residents, but not constant care. Residents might be helped with bathing, dressing, taking medication and meals. Assisted Living is a situation somewhere between independent living and nursing care.

Age Restricted/Active Adult Communities – Housing communities that require residents to be a certain age. Active adult communities might be a gated community, an apartment complex, modular home community, condominiums or other. Some are linked to universities and allow unlimited access to classes. Others offer clubs and social opportunities. Most provide access to pools and other leisure activities.

Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRC) – Continuing Care Retirement Communities offer different services – independent living, congregate housing, assisted living and skilled nursing. As the resident ages and their needs evolve, they can take advantage of different services within the same community. CCRC's may require buy-in, or an upfront annuity purchase followed by monthly payments covering services, amenities, and needed medical services.

Nursing Care/Nursing Home/Skilled Nursing Facilities – Nursing homes are for older adults who can no longer live independently and need 24 hour nursing care and supervision. It is often used for individuals who are chronically ill and those who need help with MOST activities of daily living – getting out of bed, bathing, dressing, eating, etc.

Reverse Mortgage – A reverse mortgage is a special type of home equity loan designed specifically for older homeowners who are at least 62 years of age. This special type of mortgage enables the homeowner to tap into the equity of their home without repaying the loan as long as he/she occupies the home as his/her primary residence. Typical uses for the reverse mortgage funds are to supplement income, consolidate debt, repayment of small existing mortgage, payment of medical bills and in home health care. There are no restrictions on how you can use money from a reverse mortgage.

Universal Design – Housing design features and products for homes that make it safer for older adults or for residents that may have a disability.

Relocating Abroad – Retiring in a foreign country is a concept that has gained in popularity. Many retirement communities geared toward retiring Americans exist in exotic locations. Many older adults like the idea of inexpensive housing in a true resort locale.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT OR ASK WHEN ASSESSING SENIOR LIVING OPTIONS

Lifestyle and Priorities

What is important to you in retirement? Family? Friends? Activities?

What community attributes do you desire/need? Close proximity to medical facilities, shopping, dining, churches, libraries, colleges/universities?

What are your transportation present and future transportation needs? Walkable community? Public transportation options?

Health and Aging

Does your current health status require any special considerations? How might your health status evolve? Would you prefer to age in place/in your own home? Can you afford any support services that you might require?

Independent Living/Current Home

Are you capable of maintaining your residence now and in the future?

If choosing a new home, what size home best meets your needs? One level? Easy maintenance? Maintenance provided? Single or multi-car garage? Desired features -type of flooring, appliances? etc.

Do you have a mortgage payment? Can you pay off your mortgage?

Can your present home be modified to meet your needs as you age? What type of features would make your home more comfortable/safer?

Have you considered all costs associated with owning your home?

- Mortgage and Association fees
- Taxes
- Maintenance
- Repairs
- Home owner's insurance
- Fire, theft and liability insurance
- Utilities

- Meals
- Transportation
- Car ownership
- Housekeeping
- Travel Expenditures
- Etc.

Retirement-Specific Housing or Nursing Care

Admissions contract?

Are there any expenses not covered?

Pets allowed?

Can you bring your own furniture?

Can special dietary needs be accommodated?

What is the staff to resident ratio?

What training does the staff have and receive?

Is the facility financially sound?

What about telephone, internet, and telephone service?

Rules regarding visitors?

What happens in case of a disaster?

What happens if your needs change and can no longer be met by the facility?

Long Term Care

Do you have Long Term Care Insurance? If so, does your policy fund in-home care? If not, how will you fund a potential need for care?

Using Home Equity for Retirement Expenses

Do you have equity in your home? Should you tap your home equity for retirement? Have you considered a Reverse Mortgage? Do you qualify for a Reverse Mortgage?

Evaluating Options

How do the costs compare for your various options – staying in the current home, purchasing new home, retirement living, assisted living or other – now and in the future?

What are the social, medical or lifestyle advantages or disadvantages of these options?

Have you involved family members in your decision making? Some children of retirees opt to fund long term care policies for their parents. Others have room in their homes to house and care for their aging parents. Would you consider renting your home to create extra income? Could providing room and board to a caregiver be an option?

Are you eligible for any public or government assistance that might help with housing or long term care?

Have you considered whether you might want to talk with an attorney about any legal issues?

HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND PROGRAMS AVAILABLE THROUGH WESTERN PIEDMONT COUNCIL OF GOVERNEMENTS

Foreclosure Prevention

HUD-approved housing counselors are available to provide you with the information and assistance you need to avoid foreclosure. Some homeowners who are struggling to make their mortgage payments due to job loss or temporary financial hardship may qualify for assistance through the Mortgage Payment Program. Others may qualify for assistance through a loan modification or refinance, to reduce your monthly payments and help you keep your home.

Pre-Purchase Counseling/Assistance

This program provides counseling and financial down payment assistance to qualified individuals who are seeking to purchase their first home.

Reverse Mortgage Counseling

Before you can get a Reverse Mortgage - you are required to receive counseling. The Western Piedmont Area Agency on Aging provides this service. Counseling sessions are available for residents of Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, and Catawba Counties.

Section 8 Rental Assistance

Utilizes privately-owned properties that are leased to residents with the Authority paying a portion of the monthly rent to the landlord. The balance is paid by the resident renting the units.

Single-Family Rehabilitation Program

This program makes major repairs to low- or moderate-income homeowners' homes through a deferred-loan program.

Urgent Repair Program

This program corrects housing conditions that threaten the life or safety of special needs (elderly and/or disabled) homeowners who are low-income. Some examples of emergency repairs are replacing roofs, replacing rotten floors, providing ramps and accessibility modifications.

Western Piedmont Council of Governments

1880 2nd Avenue NW PO Box 9026 Hickory, NC 28603 (828) 322-9191 Fax: (828) 322-5991

www.wpcog.org

NC HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

The North Carolina Housing Finance Agency (NCHFA) is a self-supporting public agency. The Agency's mission is to create affordable housing opportunities for North Carolinians whose needs are not met by the market. NCHFA offers programs to assist home buyers; helps governments, nonprofit groups and private developers create affordable homes, apartments and supportive housing; and provides funding for rehabilitation and repair for low-income homeowners through local groups. So whether you are trying to buy a home, maintain and keep the home you have, or find an affordable apartment, they may be able to help.

3508 Bush Street
P.O. Box 28066
Raleigh, NC 27611-8066
(919) 877-5700
1-(800) 393-0988
www.nchfa.com

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

North Carolina offers three property tax relief programs for the permanent residence of qualified homeowners.

Elderly or Disabled Exclusion: Applicants must be 65 years of age or totally and permanently disabled. In addition, the previous year's total income for both an applicant and spouse cannot exceed \$29,500. For unmarried joint property owners, each owner must apply separately and benefit limitations may apply based on the percent of ownership.

Circuit Breaker Tax Deferment Program: Applicants must be 65 years of age or totally and permanently disabled. The previous year's total income for both an applicant and spouse cannot exceed \$44,250. For unmarried joint property owners, each owner must apply and qualify separately. In addition, all owners must have owned and occupied the residence for the previous five years.

Disabled Veteran Exclusion: Honorably discharged disabled veterans or their unmarried surviving spouse may be eligible for a reduction in property tax. There is no age or income limitation on this program.

Contact local Tax Office for applications for the programs listed above:

ALEXANDER (828) 632-4346 BURKE (828) 764-9430 CALDWELL (828) 757-1340 CATAWBA (828) 465-8414

PUBLIC HOUSING

A type of federally supported subsidized housing administered by local public housing authorities where tenants pay 30% of their incomes in rent. Units may or may not be designated as elderly apartments.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

A non-profit public corporation created to develop, manage, and maintain low-rent housing and assistance for low income families and elderly citizens.

ALEXANDER COUNTY

Alexander Section 8 Housing

c/o Western Piedmont Council of Governments 1880 2nd Avenue NW Hickory, NC 2860 (828) 322-9191

Fax: (828) 322-5991

BURKE COUNTY

Morganton Housing Authority

644 1st St., PO Box 1053 Morganton, NC 28680-1053 (828 437-9101 (828) 397-7879

Valdese Housing Authority

PO Box 310 1402 Lydia Avenue Valdese, NC 28690 (828) 874-0098

Fax: (828) 874-4352

CALDWELL COUNTY

Lenoir Housing Authority

431 Vance Street NW Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 758-5536 Fax: (828) 758-5696

CATAWBA COUNTY

Hickory Public Housing Authority

841 South Center Street Hickory, NC 28601 (828) 328-5373 (828) 327-7495

Senior Apartments

BURKE COUNTY

Agape Retirement Apartments

212 Church Street Valdese, NC 28690 (828) 874-3463

Buena Vista Apartments

3M Reese Street Drexel, NC 28619 (828) 437-2312

Grace Ridge

500 Lenoir Road Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 580-7300

Green Acres Apartments

710 N. Green Street Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 437-9101

Millside Manor Apartments

411 East Union Street Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 439-9989

Southmont Apartments

408 West Concord Street Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 437-2323

The Willows Apartments

405 Old NC 18 Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 438-3690

CALDWELL COUNTY

Arbor Glen Apartments

104 Abington Rd. Lenoir, NC 28645 336-544-2300

Koinonia Apartments

318 Main Street NW Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 758-2617

LHS Apartments

102 Willow Street Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 754-0680

Pinewood Plaza Apartments

10 Pinewood Plaza Drive Granite Falls, NC 28630 (828) 396-4067

CATAWBA COUNTY

Abernethy Laurels

102 Leonard Avenue Newton, NC 28658 (828) 464-8260

Abingdon Glen Village - Townhomes

501 26th Avenue NE Hickory, NC 28601 (828) 267-5694

Cedar Glen Apartments

210 3rd Avenue NE Conover, NC 28613 (828) 464-6323

Heritage Village Apartments

2693 Old Conover/Startown Newton, NC 28658 (828) 464-5924

Senior Apartments

CATAWBA COUNTY CON'T.

Kenworth Hall Retirement Community

426 2nd Avenue SE Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 325-0975

Kingston Residence of Hickory

904 2nd Street NE Hickory, NC 28601 (828) 327-9955

Legacy Place of Catawba Valley

1127 2nd Street NE Conover, NC 28613 (828) 466-5430

Lutherhaus Apartments

720 7th Avenue NE Hickory, NC 28601 (828) 327-0393

Maples on Main - Townhomes

808 East Main Street Maiden, NC 28650 (704) 400-7497

The Park at Cline Village

1810 Edgewater Drive Conover, NC 28613 (828) 464-5418

Pinecrest Retirement Residence

915 29th Avenue NE Hickory, NC 28601 (828) 325-4795

Villas at Northview

415 26th Avenue Drive NF Hickory, NC 28601 (828) 324-6933

Villas at Twin Cedars

1830 20th Avenue Drive NE Hickory, NC 28601 (828) 322-4759

West Hickory Apartments

300 17th Street SW Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 328-5373

Woodland Manor Apartments

1790 3rd Avenue NW Hickory, NC 28601 (828) 304-4891



WHEN LONG TERM CARE IS NEEDED.....

In North Carolina, facilities that provide 24-hour residential care and supervision to 2 or more aged and disabled adults and those with mental illness, developmental disabilities including traumatic brain injury, or substance abuse disorders are licensed and regulated by the N.C. Division of Health Service Regulation. When round-the-clock nursing care is not needed but supervision and support services are required, the following residential options are available to those persons who meet eligibility criteria:

According to North Carolina General Statute 131-D, **Assisted Living Facilities** provide group housing for 2 or more unrelated adults along with services including meals, housekeeping, and personal care services provided directly or through written agreement with a licensed home care agency.

Option #1 – Adult Care Homes. Seven or more Aged or Disabled Adults who require 24-hour supervision and/or assistance with personal care needs live in a group residence where there is a common dining area and common areas for social and recreational activities. Staff is hired to provide personal care and supervision and health care service coordination (medication administration, scheduling appointments, and providing transportation to medical appointments). Other services include three meals per day, laundry and housekeeping services, and a program of individual and group activities. Some facilities provide special units for persons with Alzheimer's Disease and other related disorders. This unit is usually housed in a secure part of the facility and has a care and activities program specifically designed for persons with dementia. Adult care homes differ from nursing homes in the level of care and qualifications of staff. They may provide occasional nursing care as needed but they do not provide 24-hour skilled nursing care.

Option #2 – Family Care Homes. Six or fewer individuals live in the home of an unrelated family or individual homeowner. These homes provide many of the same basic services provided in Adult Care Homes.

Option # 3 — Multi-Unit Housing with Services which is not licensed and for which residents do not require 24-hour supervision. Individuals typically live in their own apartment within a multi-unit complex with protective oversight. If personal care or nursing services are needed by any of the residents, these services MUST be provided by a licensed home health or hospice agency. This type of housing is also referred to as *Independent Living Facilities.* These are listed with Senior Apartments on Page 52-53.

Option #4 – Nursing Homes are licensed by the Division of Health Service Regulation. Admission to a nursing home requires completion of an FL-2 medical form by your doctor confirming that you need nursing facility level of care. The Department of Social Services in your county can provide you with this form and assistance in locating a placement. Nursing Homes provide services and supports to people who need round-the-clock nursing care or supervision. They provide a standard set of core services that include: room and board, personal care, nursing services, dietary services, social services, activities, housekeeping and maintenance. Nursing homes must also provide or arrange for therapy, such as physical therapy, occupational therapy or speech/language therapy; dental care; podiatry services; optometry services and transportation to medical appointments. Some nursing homes provide skilled nursing care and rehabilitation therapy after an injury or hospital stay. Others may have a special unit for residents with Alzheimer's disease or another form of dementia. These units may be referred to as "memory care," dementia," "Alzheimer's" or "behavioral" units.

Adult Care Homes

ALEXANDER COUNTY

A New Outlook of Taylorsville

360 Wood Road, PO Box 208 Taylorsville, NC 28681 (828) 635-8350 Bed Capacity – 34

Alexander Assisted Living

3032 NC Highway 16 South Taylorsville, NC 28681 (828) 632-4443 Bed Capacity – 32

Sarah's House

415 7th Street SW Taylorsville, NC 28681 (828) 635-1300 Bed Capacity – 6

Taylorsville House

350 School Drive Taylorsville, NC 28681 (828) 635-8989 Bed Capacity – 60

BURKE COUNTY

Autumn Care of Drexel

307 Oakland Avenue Drexel, NC 28619 (828) 433-6180 Adult Care – 20 Nursing Home – 100

Burke Long Term Care Facility

125 Camellia Garden Street Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 433-5875 Bed Capacity – 24

Cambridge House

114 Tenth Street NE Hildebran, NC 28637 (828) 325-4980 Bed Capacity – 60

Chesterfield Family Care Home

2630 Pax Hill Road Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 437-5164 Bed Capacity – 6

Clara's Cottage #1

5820 Holland Street Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 391-1929 Bed Capacity – 6

Clara's Cottage #2

5824 Holland Street Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 443-7684 Bed Capacity – 6

College Pines Health & Rehab

95 Locust Street
Valdese, NC 28690
(828) 874-6800
Adult Care – 4
Nursing Home – 100

BURKE COUNTY CON'T.

Country Pines Family Care II

5415 Rob Carswell Street Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 438-2886 Bed Capacity – 6

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Adult Care Homes

BURKE COUNTY CON'T.

Days of Comfort Family Care

3421 Piney Road Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 437-6116 Bed Capacity – 6

East View Family Care

3208 Tex's Fish Camp Road Connelly Springs, NC 28612 (828) 397-6090 Bed Capacity – 6

Glen Alpine Family Care

405 Linville Street Glen Alpine, NC 28628 (828) 584-3970 Bed Capacity – 6

Grace Ridge

500 Lenoir Road
Morganton, NC 28655
(828) 580-7300
Special Needs – 12
Adult Care – 35
Nursing Home – 25

Jonas Ridge Rest Home, Inc.

9051 Hwy. 181 Jonas Ridge, NC 28641 (828) 733-2224 Bed Capacity – 57

Longview Assisted Living

2001 Bristol Creek Avenue PO Box 548 Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 437-6846 Bed Capacity – 63

McAlpine Adult Care, Inc.

3806 Kathy Road Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 584-4513 Bed Capacity – 60

McCurry Family Care Home

3351 Brandon Road Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 437-2108 Bed Capacity – 6

Morganton LTC Facility

1300 East Union Street PO Box 1261 Morganton, NC 28680 (828) 433-7056 Bed Capacity – 20

Morganton LTC Southview Facility

151 Southview Street PO Box 1261 Morganton, NC 28680 (828) 433-5069 Bed Capacity – 64

Adult Care Homes

BURKE COUNTY CON'T.

Patterson Family Care Home

5415 Rob Carswell Street Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 437-6544 Bed Capacity – 6

Peaceful Living

5816 Willow Point Drive Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 391-8012 Bed Capacity – 6

Taylor Family Care Home

2572 Ridgeview Drive Valdese, NC 28690 (828) 437-2512 Bed Capacity – 6

Walker Family Care Home

361 Settlemyer Road Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 437-1964 Bed Capacity – 6

CALDWELL COUNTY

Brockford Inn, Inc.

56 North Highland Avenue PO Box 58 Granite Falls, NC 28630 (828) 396-3111 Bed Capacity – 67

Carolina Oaks Enhanced Care Center

229 Wilson Street PO Box 487 Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 754-6106 Bed Capacity – 60

Gateway Rehab. & Healthcare

2030 Harper Avenue NW Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 754-3888 Adult Care – 18 Nursing Home – 100

Grandview Villa Assisted Living

2544 Grandview Circle SW Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 757-0136 Bed Capacity – 40

Brookdale Lenoir

1145 Powell Road NE Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 757-7800 Bed Capacity – 82

Rose Hill Family Care Home

208 Broadway Street Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 754-2502 Bed Capacity – 6

Shaire Center

1450 Shaire Center Drive Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 728-6500 Bed Capacity – 82

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CALDWELL COUNTY CON'T.

TLC Family Care

1221 Connelly Springs Road Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 758-0013 Bed Capacity – 6

CATAWBA COUNTY

Abernethy Laurels

102 Leonard Avenue Newton, NC 28658 (828) 464-8260 Adult Care – 18 Nursing Home – 174

Austin Adult Care

511 Bumgarner 2nd Drive Conover, NC 28613 (828) 466-0300 Bed Capacity – 29

Brian Center Health & Rehabilitation/Hickory East

3031 Tate Blvd. SE Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 322-3343 Adult Care – 20 Nursing Home – 150

Brookdale Falling Creek

910 29th Avenue NE Hickory, NC 28601 (828) 328-6090 Bed Capacity – 20

Carillon Assisted Living

1088 Radio Station Road Newton, NC 28658 (828) 466-7474 Bed Capacity – 96

Brookdale Hickory

2530 16th Street NE Hickory, NC 28601 (828) 324-5400 Bed Capacity – 56

Catawba Valley Living at Rock Barn

4174 Shook Road Claremont, NC 28610 PO Box 1599 Conover, NC 28613 (828) 459-0008 Bed Capacity – 80

Heritage Care

3430 Lester Street PO Box 129 Conover, NC 28613 (828) 256-9868 Bed Capacity – 60

Hickory Village

427 3rd Avenue SE Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 322-2230 Bed Capacity – 56

Piedmont Villages, Inc.

1345 Chapman Lane PO Box 1138 Newton, NC 28658 (828) 464-6490 Bed Capacity – 40

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CATAWBA COUNTY CON'T.

Piedmont Villages, Inc.

1345 Chapman Lane PO Box 1138 Newton, NC 28658 (828) 464-6490 Bed Capacity – 40

Professional Family Care, Inc.

906 3rd Street SE Conover, NC 28613 (828) 464-3430 Bed Capacity – 6

Raveica Assisted Living

5276 Olde School Road Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 294-3894 Bed Capacity – 6

Serenity Family Care

2415 South Center Street Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 322-8890 Bed Capacity – 6

Serenity Family Care #2

2415-B South Center Street Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 322-8890 Bed Capacity – 6

Springs of Catawba

2010 29th Avenue Drive NE Hickory, NC 28601 (828) 326-7200 Bed Capacity – 66

The Alberta House

807 4th Street SW Conover, NC 28613 (828) 464-3715 Bed Capacity – 20

Trinity Ridge

2140 Medical Park Drive Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 322-6995 Bed Capacity – 120

Trinity Village

1265 21st Street NE Hickory, NC 28601 (828) 328-2006 Adult Care – 90 Nursing Home – 104

North Carolina Star Rating Scale for Adult & Family Care Homes

The Star Rating system is just one of the resources you should use when looking for placement for yourself or a loved one in a N.C. adult care home. Because ratings are based on once-a-year inspections that typically last two or three days, the ratings may not reflect changes in the facility's care and services that have occurred since the inspection date. In other words, after a rating is given, things in the facility could improve or worsen. The Star Rated Certificate program is based on a point scale and ranges from zero to four stars. The scale used to determine a facility's star rating is as follows:

(4 stars) = 100 or greater points on two consecutive annual surveys

(3 stars) = 90.0-99.9 points, *or for any facility whose score is 100 points or greater on one annual inspection

(2 stars) = 80.0-89.9 points

(1 star) = 70.0-79.9 points

(ZERO STAR) (0 stars) = 69.9 points or lower

All star rating certificates are posted in every Adult Care Home. These certificates can also be viewed at the NC Division of Health Service Regulation website http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/acls/star/search.asp

Nursing Homes

ALEXANDER COUNTY

Valley Nursing Center

581 NC Hwy 16 South Taylorsville, NC 28681 (828) 632-8146

Bed Capacity - 183

BURKE COUNTY

Autumn Care of Drexel

307 Oakland Avenue

PO Box 1278

Drexel, NC 28619

(828) 433-6180

Adult Care - 20

Nursing Home - 100

Magnolia Lane Nursing & Rehabilitation

Center

107 Magnolia Drive Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 437-8760 Bed Capacity – 121

Carolina Rehab of Burke

3647 Miller Bridge Road Connelly Springs, NC 28612 (828) 397-3144 Bed Capacity – 90

College Pines Health and Rehabilitation Ctr.

95 Locust Street PO Box 250 Valdese, NC 28690 (828) 874-6800 Adult Care – 4

Nursing Home - 100

Grace Heights Health & Rehabilitation Center

109 Foothills Drive Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 580-7000 Bed Capacity – 120

Grace Ridge

500 Lenoir Road Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 580-7300 Adult Care – 47 Nursing Home – 25

CALDWELL COUNTY

Camelot Manor Nursing Care Facility, Inc.

PO Box 448, 100 Sunset Street Granite Falls, NC 28630-0448 (828) 396-2387 Bed Capacity – 120

Gateway Rehab. & Healthcare

2030 Harper Avenue NW Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 754-3888 Adult Care – 18 Nursing Home – 100

Lenoir HealthCare Center

322 Nu Way Circle Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 758-7326 Bed Capacity – 120

Shaire Nursing Center

1450 Shaire Center Drive PO Box 668 Hudson, NC 28638 (828) 728-4673 Bed Capacity – 60

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Nursing Homes

CATAWBA COUNTY

Abernethy Laurels

102 Leonard Avenue

Newton, NC 28658

(828) 464-8260

Adult Care - 18

Nursing Home - 174

Brian Center Health & Rehabilitation/Hickory

East

3031 Tate Blvd. SE

Hickory, NC 28602

(828) 322-3343

Adult Care - 20

Nursing Home - 150

Brian Center Nursing Care Hickory,

Inc./Viewmont

220 13th Avenue Place NW

Hickory, NC 28601

(828) 328-5646

Bed Capacity - 104

Conover Nursing & Rehab Center

920 4th Street SW

PO Box 1718

Conover, NC 28613

(828) 695-8282

Bed Capacity - 90

Trinity Ridge

2140 Medical Park Drive

Hickory, NC 28602

(828) 322-6995

Bed Capacity - 120

Trinity Village

1265 21st Street NE

Hickory, NC 28601

(828) 328-2006

Adult Care - 90

Nursing Home - 104

Federal Star Rating Scale for Nursing Homes

Five-Star Quality Rating: This rating system is based on continued efforts as a result of the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1987 (OBRA '87), a nursing home reform law, and more recent quality improvement campaigns such as the Advancing Excellence in America's Nursing Homes, a coalition of consumers, health care providers, and nursing home professionals. Nursing home ratings come from Health Inspections, Staffing, and Quality Measures. A star rating is provided for each of these three sources, in case some areas are more important to you than others. Then, these three ratings are combined to calculate an overall rating.

Nursing homes vary in the quality of care and services they provide to their residents. Reviewing health inspection results, staffing data, and quality measure data are three important ways to measure nursing home quality. This information gives you a "snap shot" of the care individual nursing homes give. The Five Star Quality Rating System is not a substitute for visiting the nursing home. This system can give you important information, help you compare nursing homes by topics you consider most important, and help you think of questions to ask when you visit the nursing home. Use the Five-Star ratings together with other sources of information. For additional information, visit www.medicare.gov/nursinghomecompare/

LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM

The Older Americans Act (federal law) requires that each state establish and maintain a Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program to advocate on behalf of residents in nursing and adult care homes (rest homes). The major responsibilities of this program include: receiving and resolving complaints made by or on behalf of residents in longterm care facilities, providing information to the general public on long-term care issues, promoting community involvement with longterm care facilities and residents. The Ombudsman also works with long-term care providers regarding staff training (particularly on resident's rights), trains and assists community advisory committees, provides information to public agencies, legislators, and others on problems impacting the rights of residents and making recommendations for resolution of issues identified.

The Ombudsman Program has been in existence in North Carolina since 1978. In 1989, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted legislation for the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (G.S. 143B-181.15-25) which incorporated federal mandates in the Older Americans Act for the Program and clearly defined the roles and responsibilities of the state and regional long-term care ombudsmen. In North Carolina, the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program is located in the Department of Human Resources, Division of Aging and Adult Services. The Regional Long-Term Care Ombudsman Programs are housed in the 16 Area Agencies on Aging.

Community Advisory Committee volunteers are appointed by the county commissioners to serve in each county (G.S. 131E-128 and 131D-31). There are over 1,500 such volunteers statewide. The committee focuses on ensuring that the intent of the resident's bill of rights is maintained and promotes community involvement in long-term care facilities. These volunteers are trained and assisted by the regional ombudsmen.

Regional Ombudsman
Area Agency on Aging
Western Piedmont
Council of Governments
(828) 485-4213
Fax: (828) 322-5991

PO Box 9026 Hickory, NC 28603

To contact the NC State Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program call (919) 855-3433

> or 1-800-662-7030 www.ncdhhs.gov

Friends of Residents in Long-Term Care (Advocacy)

(919) 782-1530 1-888-411-7571 www.forltc.org

NC Division of Health Service Regulation

(919) 733-7461 www.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr

Legal Resources

Older people sometimes need legal assistance. For those who cannot afford to pay privately for this assistance, Legal Aid of North Carolina, Inc. is a possible resource for civil (not criminal) matters. This network of non-profit law offices serves eligible citizens across the state. Some private attorneys also volunteer time through pro bono programs, often in cooperation with Legal Services offices. Information available from the North Carolina Bar Association may help in identifying and working with an attorney.

The Young Lawyers Division of the NC Bar Association publishes a *Senior Citizens Handbook* in both English and Spanish. This handbook provides basic information about the rights of and opportunities for NC older adults and gives cautions related to some concerns confronting seniors. Copies of the handbook can be obtained at local senior centers.

The **North Carolina Lawyer Referral Service** is a program of the North Carolina Bar Association Foundation which provides the name of an attorney in a particular area of law based on the callers geographic location. Clients are offered a 30 minute consultation with an attorney at a cost of no more than \$30. If it is more convenient to contact them by telephone, you can call during the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday 1-800-662-7660. Some attorneys do not charge for brief consultations. Some attorneys do. Callers should clarify the consultation fee in advance with the attorney.

Contact the **Pro Bono Project** of the North Carolina Bar Association at 1-800-662-7407 for a referral to a pro bono program.

The **National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys**, Inc. (NAELA) is a professional association of attorneys who are dedicated to improving the quality of legal services provided to the elderly. Some of the issues NAELA members assist their clients with include, but are not limited to: public benefits, probate and estate planning, guardianship/conservatorship, and health and long-term care planning. For more information or for help locating an Elder law Attorney in your area, go to the NAELA web site at: **www.naela.com/public**

Legal Aid of North Carolina

211 East Union Street
Morganton, NC 28655
(828) 437-8280
1-800-849-5195

Fax: (828) 437-9397

Attorney General, Citizens Rights

(919) 716-6400 www.ncdoj.com **NC Bar Association**

1-800-662-7407 www.ncbar.org

NC Bar Lawyer Referral

Service

(919) 828-4620 or 1-800-662-7660 www.ncbar.gov

NC Department of Justice

(919) 716-6400 www.ncdoj.com

Medicare/Medicaid

Medicare is our country's health insurance program for people age 65 or older. Certain people younger than age 65 can qualify for Medicare, too, including those who have disabilities and those who have permanent kidney failure. The program helps with the cost of health care, but it does not cover all medical expenses or the cost of most long-term care. Contact the *Social Security Administration* to apply for Medicare:

Social Security Administration

1040 Southgate Corporate Park SW Hickory, NC 28602 1-800-877-1615 (Local) 1-800-772-1213 (National) www.ssa.gov

NC Department of Insurance

1-800-546-5664 www.ncdoi.com

For help with Medicare:

Website: www.medicare.gov 1-800-MEDICARE(633-4227)

S.H.I.I.P. (Senior's Health Insurance Information Program)

1-855-408-1212 www.ncshiip.com

Medicaid is a health insurance program for low-income individuals and families who cannot afford health care costs. Medicaid serves low-income parents, children, seniors, and people with disabilities.

1-800-662-7030 www.dhhs.state.nc.us

Or contact your local Department of Social Services

ALEXANDER COUNTY

604 7th Street SW Taylorsville, NC 28681 (828) 632-1080 Fax: (828) 632-1092

www.alexandercountync.gov/dss/

CALDWELL COUNTY

2345 Morganton Blvd. SW Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 426-8200 Fax: (828) 426-8398 www.caldwellcountync.org

BURKE COUNTY

700 East Parker Road PO Drawer 549 Morganton, NC 28680-0549 (828) 764-9600 Fax: (828) 764-9793 www.burkenc.org

CATAWBA COUNTY

3030 11th Avenue Drive SE, Hickory PO Box 669 Newton, NC 28658 (828) 695-5600 Fax: (828) 695-2497 www.catawbacountync.gov/dss

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Mental Health Resources

ALEXANDER COUNTY

RHA Behavioral Health

397 3rd Avenue SW Taylorsville, NC 28681 (828) 632-7005 1-888-646-0188

www.rhabehavioralhealth.org

Vaya Health (Formally known as Smoky Mountain)

825 Wilkesboro Blvd. SE Lenoir, NC 28658 (828) 759-2160 1-800-849-6127 www.vayahealth.com

BURKE COUNTY

Catawba Valley Behavioral Health

500 East Parker Road, Suite 100 Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 438-6226 1-877-327-2593 www.cvbh.org

Mental Health Partners

Trading Company Building 305 East Union Street, Suite A135 Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 439-2535 1-877-430-2595 www.mentalhealthpartners.org

Universal Mental Health Services

301 East Meeting Street, Suite 3 Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 438-0006 www.umhs.net

CALDWELL COUNTY

RHA Behavioral Health

2415 Morganton Blvd. SW Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 757-5685 1-888-646-0188 www.rhabehavioralhealth.org

Vaya Health (Formally known as Smoky Mountain)

825 Wilkesboro Blvd. SE Lenoir, NC 28658 (828) 759-2160 1-800-849-6127 www.vayahealth.com

CATAWBA COUNTY

Catawba Valley Behavioral Health

327 First Avenue NW Hickory, NC 28601 (828) 695-5900 www.cvbh.org

Exodus Homes

(recovering addicts/alcoholics) 122 8th Avenue Drive SW Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 324-4870/7226 Fax: (828) 324-7983 www.exodushomes.com

Family Net of Catawba County

1985 Tate Blvd. SE Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 695-6500 www.familynetofcatawba.org

Mental Health Partners

1985 Tate Blvd. SE, Suite 529 Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 325-9826 1-877-484-2595 www.mentalhealthpartners.org

Universal Mental Health Services

930 Tate Blvd. SE Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 322-3503 www.umhs.net

Nutrition Services

Congregate nutrition provides a hot meal at a social setting to seniors age 60+. The meal meets 1/3 of the daily RDA requirement for nutrition and is typically prepared by a food catering service. Congregate sites include senior centers, churches and community centers. Transportation to and from the sites is usually available.

Home delivered meals provide a nutritious meal to vulnerable seniors age 60+ in their home. Vulnerable seniors are defined as those who are not able to get out of their house, due to various physical or mental limitations.

HOME DELIVERED MEALS

ALEXANDER COUNTY

Department of Social Services (828) 632-1080

CALDWELL COUNTY

Blue Ridge Community Action (828) 754-7377

BURKE COUNTY

Burke Senior Services (828) 430-4147

CATAWBA COUNTY

Department of Social Services (828) 695-5610

CONGREGATE MEAL SITES

ALEXANDER COUNTY

Friendship Lutheran Church (828) 632-4133 New Salem Presbyterian Church (704) 585-6646

CALDWELL COUNTY

Kings Creek Baptist Church (828) 754-6682 Granite Falls Recreation Center (828) 396-1221 Koinonia Retirement Complex (828) 758-2617 ext. 109

Martin Luther King Center (828) 757-2170

BURKE COUNTY

Old Rock School – Teacher's Cottage (828) 874-0690

CATAWBA COUNTY

Center United Methodist Church (828) 320-0434 First Presbyterian Church, Newton (828) 464-0648

East Hickory – Huntington Hills Church of God (828) 320-5963

Maiden Community Center (828) 320-5966

West Hickory Senior Center (828) 323-8746

Nutrition

Nutrition Services

FOOD PANTRIES

ALEXANDER COUNTY

The Salvation Army

750 Third Avenue Place SE Hickory, NC 28601 (828) 322-8061 www.salvationarmycarolinas.org

BURKE COUNTY

Burke United Christian Ministries

305 West Union Street Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 433-8075 www.bucm.net

East Burke Christian Ministries

PO Box 183 (204 S. Center St.) Hildebran, NC 28637 (828) 397-7074

Good Samaritan Clinic

305 West Union Street Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 439-9948

The Outreach Center

PO Box 1003 (510 E. Fleming Dr.) Morganton, NC 28680 (828) 439-8300 www.theoutreachcenter.org

The Salvation Army

420 B West Fleming Drive Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 430-8392 www.salvationarmycarolinas.org

CALDWELL COUNTY

Helping Hands Clinic of Caldwell County

810 Harper Avenue NW Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 754-8565 www.helpinghandsclinic.org

Lenoir Soup Kitchen

1113 College Avenue Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 758-1411

South Caldwell Christian Ministries

5 Quarry Road Granite Falls, NC 28630 (828) 396-4000

The Salvation Army

308 Morganton Blvd. SW Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 758-0165 www.salvationarmycarolinas.org

CATAWBA COUNTY

Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry (ECCCM)

PO Box 31 (245 East N Street) Newton, NC 28658 (828) 465-1702 www.ecccm.org

Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministry

31 1st Avenue SE Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 327-0979 www.ccmhickory.com

Nutrition Services

CATAWBA COUNTY FOOD PANTRIES CON'T.

Hickory Soup Kitchen

PO Box 1431 (131 Main Ave NE) Hickory, NC 28603 (828) 327-4828

Mt. Pisgah Good Samaritan Food Pantry

Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church 9379 NC Hwy 127 Hickory, NC 28601 (828) 495-8251

Safe Harbor Rescue Mission

PO Box 5181 (615 2nd Ave. SW) Hickory, NC 28603 828) 326-7233 www.safeharborrescuemission.org

The Corner Table

Soup Kitchen 122 N. Main Avenue Newton, NC 28658 (828) 464-0355

The Salvation Army

750 Third Avenue Place SE Hickory, NC 28601 (828) 322-8061 www.salvationarmycarolinas.org

Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) is a federal food assistance program that helps low-income families. In North Carolina monthly allotments of FNS benefits are issued via Electronic Benefit Transfer cards (EBT cards). The purpose of Food and Nutrition Services is to end hunger and improve nutrition and health. It helps eligible low-income households buy the food they need for a nutritionally adequate diet. Food and Nutrition Services is an entitlement program, so all eligible individuals and households can receive assistance. Benefits may be used to purchase most foods at participating stores. They may not be used to purchase tobacco, pet food, paper products, soap products, or alcoholic beverages.

To apply for Food and Nutrition Services contact your local Department of Social Services:

ALEXANDER COUNTY

604 7th Street, SW Taylorsville, NC 28681 (828) 632-1080 Fax: (828) 632-1092

www.alexandercountync.gov/dss

BURKE COUNTY

700 East Parker Road PO Drawer 549 Morganton, NC 28680-0549 (828) 764-9600 Fax: (828) 764-9793 www.burkenc.org

CALDWELL COUNTY

2345 Morganton Blvd. SW Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 426-8200 Fax: (828) 426-8398 www.caldwellcountync.org

CATAWBA COUNTY

3030 11th Avenue Drive SE, Hickory PO Box 669 Newton, NC 28658 (828) 695-5600 Fax: (828) 695-2497 www.catawbacountync.gov/dss

Recreation/Wellness

Staying fit is key to healthy aging. Exercise and good health can lead to a longer and healthier life. The Unifour area has a variety of options for seniors who are interested in recreation opportunities and wellness programs.

For information about hiking paths and greenways contact recreation departments listed below or city planners listed in the Government Agencies section starting on Page 34.

Senior Centers also offer a wide variety of wellness programs. See Senior Center listing on Page 73.

ALEXANDER COUNTY

Alexander Parks & Recreation Dept.

621 Liledoun Road, Box 4 Taylorsville, NC 28681 (828) 632-1104

YMCA

260 Black Oak Ridge Road
Taylorsville, NC 28681
(828) 632-9699
http://ymcanwnc.org/locations/alexander/

BURKE COUNTY

Morganton Parks & Recreation Dept.

300 Collett Street
Morganton, NC 28655
(828) 438-5350
www.ci.morganton.nc.us/index.php/departme
nts/parks-recreation

Phifer Wellness Center

2165 S. Sterling Street
Morganton, NC 28655
(828) 580-6600
www.blueridgehealth.org/phifer.html

Valdese Recreation Center

PO Box 339 (312 Massel Avenue)
Valdese, NC 28690
(828) 879-2132
http://townofvaldese.com/pages/recreation/

CALDWELL COUNTY

Lenoir Parks & Recreation Dept.

1031 Jim Barger Court Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 757-2196 www.cityoflenoir.com

Granite Fall Recreation

55 Pinewood Road
Granite Falls, NC 28630
(828) 396-1221
www.granitefallsnc.com/recreation.html

Quest4Life Wellness Center

1031 SW Morganton Blvd. Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 758-8753 www.caldwellmemorial.org/offices.php

Recreation/Wellness

CATAWBA COUNTY

Catawba Valley Medical Center's Fitness Plus

810 Fairgrove Church RD. SE Hickory, NC 28602 828-326-3680 www.catabwavalleymedicalcenter.org/fitnessplus

Hickory Parks & Recreation Dept.

1451 8th Street Drive NE Hickory, NC 28601 (828) 322-7046 www.hickorygov.com

Maiden Recreation Center

207 East Klutz Street
Maiden, NC 28650
(828) 428-5022
www.maidennc.com/RecCenter.aspx

Newton Parks & Recreation Dept.

23 South Brady Avenue
Newton, NC 28658
(828) 695-4317
www.newtonnc.gov/dept/recreation/

Westmont Senior Center

1316 Main Avenue Drive NW Hickory, NC 28601 (828) 324-1200 www.hickorygov.com

YMCA of Catawba Valley

www.ymcacv.org

Hickory Foundation

701 1st Street NW Hickory, NC 28601 (828) 324-2858 Fax: (828) 324-2249

Adrian L. Shuford Jr.

1104 Conover Blvd. Conover, NC 28613 (828) 464-6130 Fax: (828) 464-1663

Valley Connection

2254 Hwy. 70 SE Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 322-7690 Fax: (828) 322-7724



Unifour Senior Games

Athletic and artist competition for Seniors age 50+ in Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, and Catawba counties.

Coordinated by:

City of Hickory Parks & Recreation Department (828) 324-1200

www.unifourseniorgames.org

Senior Centers

A *multipurpose senior center* is a community facility where older adults come together for services and activities that reflect their skills and interests and respond to their diverse needs. Centers are a resource for the entire community, providing services and information on aging, and assisting family and friends who care for older persons. For older persons at risk of losing their self-sufficiency, senior centers are the entry point to an array of services that may help them maintain their independence. Any variety of services to individuals or groups may be accessed depending on local community circumstances. Persons of differing backgrounds share and learn from each other.

Examples of individual services at senior centers are information and referral, case assistance, inhome assistance, home-delivered meals, employment opportunities, legal assistance, health insurance counseling and claims assistance, transportation, and volunteer opportunities. Examples of group services are educational sessions, cultural events, health education sessions and wellness activities, retirement planning, self-help peer groups, community service projects, intergenerational programs, volunteer opportunities, and recreational trips.

Alexander Senior Center

730 7th Street SW Taylorsville, NC 28681 (828) 632-1717

Fax: (828) 632-1102

www.alexandercountync.gov/senior-center

Burke County Senior Services

www.burkenc.org/departments/senior-services

East Burke Senior Center

Currently meeting at Hildebran United
Methodist Church
New Center to Open Summer 2017:
101 Main Ave. West
Hildebran, NC 28637
(828) 397-3397

Morganton/Burke Senior Center

501 North Green Street Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 430-4147

Fax: (828) 430-4151

Caldwell Senior Center, Inc.

PO Box 933 650 Pennton Avenue SW Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 758-2883 Fax: (828) 758-2348

www.caldwellseniorcenter.org

Catawba Council on Aging

West Hickory Senior Center

400 17th Street SW PO Box 835 Hickory, NC 28603 (828) 328-2269

Fax: (828) 328-8885 www.catawbacoa

Senior Organizations

Adult Children of Aging Parent

(ACAP) 1-877-599-2227 www.acapcommunity.org

Adult Life Programs, Inc. Adult Day/Health Care

Central Office PO Box 807 Hickory, NC 28603 (828) 326-9120 www.adultlifeprograms.com Conover (828) 464-0078 Hickory (828) 326-9120 Maiden (828) 428-9010

Alexander County Council on Aging

c/o Alexander Senior Center 730 7th Street SW Taylorsville, NC 28681 (828) 632-1717

Alzheimer's Association, Inc.

Western Carolina Chapter PO Box 2565 Hickory, NC 28603 (828) 514-3124 1-800-272-3900 www.alz.org/northcarolina

American Association of Retired Persons

(AARP) 1-866-389-5650 www.aarp.org

Blue Ridge Community Action – Generations Adult Day/Health Center

800 North Green Street Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 438-6255

Burke County Council on

Aging

c/o Burke County Senior Services 501 N. Green Street Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 430-4147 www.co.burke.nc.us

Caldwell County Council on Aging

c/o Caldwell Senior Center PO Box 933 650 Pennton Avenue SW Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 758-2883 (828) 758-2566 www.caldwellseniorcenter.org

Catawba County Aging Coalition

c/o WPCOG Area Agency on Aging PO Box 9026 Hickory, NC 28603 (828) 485-4212 www.wpcogaaa.org

Foster Grandparent Program

J. Iverson Riddle Development Center 300 Enola Road Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 433-2870

NC Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM)

1-877-506-2226 www.ncbam.org

Neighbor's Network

706 1st Avenue South Conover, NC 28613 (828) 464-1111 www.neighborsnetwork.org

Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly PACE @ Home

1915 Fairgrove Church Rd. SE Newton, NC 28658 (828) 468-3980 www.pace-at-home.org See Page 84 for more information

Senior Information Resources (SIR)

(828) 256-0184

WPCOG

Area Agency on Aging

PO Box 9026 1880 2nd Avenue NW Hickory, NC 28603 (828) 322-9191 www.wpcogaaa.org

Support Groups

Call to confirm meeting times, dates, and locations.

Alcohol & Drug Information

Alexander County

(828) 632-7005

Burke County

(828) 433-1221

Caldwell County

(828) 757-5685

Catawba County

(828) 695-5900

Alcoholics Anonymous

Catawba Valley Behavior Health (828) 695-5900

Meets Fridays - 8:00pm

ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) Support Group

Granite Falls

Contact (828) 496-8699 for meeting times

Alzheimer's Support Group

Alexander County

Alexander Senior Center

(828) 632-1717

Meets 3rd Tuesday – 9:00am

Burke County

Blue Ridge Community Action

(828) 438-6255 ext. 230

Meets 2nd Tuesday – 3:00pm

Grace Ridge Retire. Comm.

(828) 580-7300

Meets 3rd Tuesday – 4:30pm

Caldwell County

Camelot Manor

(828) 396-3935

Meets 4th Tuesday – 7:00pm

Catawba County

Lutheran Home

(828) 879-1601

Meets 3rd Tuesday – 5:30pm

Alzheimer's Support Groups Con't

Carillon Assisted Living

(828) 466-7474

Meets 3rd Thursday – 6:00pm

Conover Nursing & Rehab

(828) 695-8282

Meets 3rd Monday

Aids Leadership Foothills-Area Alliance (ALFA)

1120 Fairgrove Church Rd. SE, Suite 28

Hickory, NC 28602

(828) 322-1447

Arthritis Support Group

(828) 754-7560

Better Breathers Club

(828) 315-3563

Hickory YMCA

Meets 1st Tuesday – 12:00pm

Brain Injury Support Groups

(828) 304-9096

Meets quarterly – 6:00pm

Caldwell Memorial Hospital

321 Mulberry Street SW Lenoir, NC 28645

Lenon, NC 20043

(828) 757-5443

Arm in Arm Breast Cancer Support Group

Meets 3rd Monday – 6:00

Reach to Recovery (Mastectomy)

Look Good – Feel Better (Female cancer

patients)

Futures Unlimited Group

(828) 757-5443

Meets 1st Thursday

Caregiver Support Group

(828) 430-4147 Morganton/Burke Senior Center Meets 3rd Tuesday – 5:30

(828) 758-7326 Lenoir Healthcare Center Meets 3rd Thursday – 5:00

ACAP (Adult Children of Aging Parents)

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Hickory Meets 2nd Tuesday – 5:30 – 7:00pm

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Burke County

Hildebran Elementary (828) 502-9786 Mondays 5:30 – 7:30pm

Catawba County

Oak Hill Elementary (828) 502-9786 Thursdays 5:00 – 7:00pm

Neighborhood Network, Conover (828) 465-8151 Meets 3rd Saturday – 11:00 – 1:00pm

<u>Carolina's HealthCare – Blue Ridge</u>

2101 South Sterling Street Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 580-5000

Diabetes Support Group

(828) 580-6782 Meets Quarterly

Hope Cancer Support Group

(828) 580-6703 Meets 2nd Monday – 6:00pm

Lymphedema Support Group

(828) 580-6816 Meets 1st Thursday – 2:00pm

Stroke Support Group

(828) 580-6816

Catawba Valley Medical Center

Area Health Education Center (AHEC) 810 Fairgrove Church Road Hickory, NC 28602 (828) 326-3386

Cancer Support Group

(828) 485-2792 Meets 3rd Monday – 6:30pm

Gastric Bypass Support Group

(828) 326-2082 Health First Center Meets 1st Tuesday – 6:30pm

Hearts of Hope (Breast Cancer Support Group)

(828) 326-2716 Meets last Tuesday – 7:00pm

Life Goes On (Cancer Support Group)

(828) 485-2792 Meets quarterly

Look Good – Feel Better (Female cancer patients)

(828) 326-2176

New Voice Club of the Unifour

(828) 324-2269 Meets last Sunday – 3:00pm

Reach to Recovery (Mastectomy)

(828) 326-2176

Health First Center

(828) 485-2300

Compassionate Friends

(828) 879-1601

Diabetes Support Group

Burke County

(828) 580-6784 1:00pm and 7:00pm Valdese Hospital Meet 2nd – Tuesday

Caldwell County

(828) 757-6450 Quest 4 Life Wellness Center Meets Quarterly

Fibromyalgia Self-Help Group

(828) 758-2156 Quest 4 Life Wellness Center

Frye Regional Medical Center

420 North Center Street Hickory, NC 28601 (828) 322-6070

Better Breathers

(828) 315-3563 Meets 1st Tuesday – 12:00pm

Breast Friends

(828) 315-3596 Meets 2nd Monday – 6:00pm

Diabetes Support Group

(828) 315-3536 Meets 3rd Monday – 6:30pm

Heart Helpers Support Group

(828) 315-3798 Meets Wednesdays – 5:30pm

Spinal Cord Injury Support Group

(828) 315-3706 Meets every other month

Stroke/Head Injury Support Group

(828) 315-5558 Meets 3rd Thursday – 5:30pm

Surgical Weight Loss

(828) 328-5101 Meets 3rd Thursday – 7:00pm

Healing Hearts Support Group

(Loss of Children)

(828) 754-0101 Caldwell County Hospice Meets 1st Thursday – 6:00pm

Hospice (Bereavement) Support Group

(828) 879-1061 Meets Mondays – 7:00pm

Inter Cardiac Defibulator Group

(704) 608-3098

MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers)

1-800-248-6233

Man to Man

American Cancer Society 1-800-227-2345 Meets 2nd Tuesday – 6:00pm

Mental Health Support Groups

NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness) (828) 464-2417

Serenity Group

(828) 464-2417

Organ Transplant Support Group

(828) 327-9541

Parkinson's Disease Support Group

Burke County

(828) 580-7300 Grace Ridge Retire. Community Meets 3rd Saturday – 10:00 a.m.

Catawba County

(828) 396-5449 Viewmont Baptist Church Meets 2nd Sunday – 2:30

Visually Impaired Support Group

Catawba County Association for the Blind

(828) 304-2655 Graystone Meets 1st Tuesday – 6:30pm

St. John's

(828) 256-7620 St. John's Lutheran, Conover Meets 4th Thursday – 5:30pm

VIP Blind Support Group

(828) 695-5605 Catawba County DSS Meets 4th Friday – 1:00pm

West Hickory Lions Club

(828) 328-9239 Meets 2nd Friday – 1:00pm

Weight Loss Support Group "TOPS" (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

Caldwell County Library Meets Thursdays 6:00 pm

Widow Support Group

Burke County

(828) 397-3397 Meets 4th Wednesday

Widowed Persons Organization

Catawba County

Pathways (828) 464-3031 Meets 4th Thursday – 6:30pm

Bereavement Support Group

Caldwell County

"Good Grief Lunch Group" (828) 754-0101

"LIFT" (Living Information For Today) Bereavement Support Group

Burke County

(828) 874-2117

Caldwell County

(828) 754-3441

Women's Resource Center

125 3rd Street NE Hickory, NC 28601 www.wrchickory.org (828) 322-6333

How Can I Benefit From a Support Group?

Support Groups offer caregivers and family members the opportunity to ask questions, share stories/experiences, and give and receive comfort and advice. Support group members learn more about a particular disease or illness (including what to expect, caregiving strategies, relevant legal advice, care options, local care contacts and resources and more).

For many caregivers, a support group is a place to exhale. Fellow group members have "been there". They may be more likely to listen compassionately to your expressions of guilt, frustration, anxiety and to stories about challenging situations you've faced.

A confidential, positive setting for sharing your experiences and releasing your emotions is known to be a tremendously important factor in how well one copes with caregiver stress.

For more information on support groups in your area or how to start a support group, contact the Area Agency on Aging's **Family Caregiver Support Specialist at 485-4256.**

Transportation

Many older adults and younger adults with disabilities are able to provide their own transportation and often drive many volunteer miles for family and friends who need rides to the grocery store or doctor. For all drivers, however, there comes a day when transportation alternatives are needed.

In most counties, the transportation system serves both the general public and the county's human service agencies. In many cases, these agencies have programs to help people get to services when they do not have access to a vehicle.

For non-Medicaid sponsored transportation alternatives, there are many agencies across the region that provide general and medical transportation funded through the Home and Community Care Block Grant for Older Adults. Riders are given the opportunity to contribute towards the cost of the service. Eligibility for this program is limited to people who are age 60 and older.

Foothills Regional Airport

(828) 437-9834

Greenway Public Transportation

1515 4th Street SW Conover, NC 28613 (828) 464-9444 www.mygreenway.org

Handi-Care, Inc.

PO Box 1778 304 S. Main Street Drexel, NC 28619 (828) 437-8429 www.handi-careinc.com

Medical Transportation, Inc.

113 W. McDowell Street Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 448-1674

MediVan Transportation Specialists, Inc.

1595 Rosa Propes Drive Conover, NC 28613 (828) 441-2000

Veteran's Services

Veterans of the United States armed forces may be eligible for a broad range of programs and services provided by the Veterans Administration. Eligibility for most VA benefits is based upon discharge from active military service under other than dishonorable conditions, and certain benefits require service during wartime.

VA administers a variety of benefits and services that provide financial and other forms of assistance to Veterans, their dependents, and survivors. Major benefits include Veterans' compensation, Veterans' pension, survivors' benefits, rehabilitation and employment assistance, education assistance, home loan guaranties, and life insurance coverage. Burial and memorial benefits are available for eligible service members, Veterans, reservists, National Guard members, and eligible family members. Service includes interment, headstones and markers, and Presidential memorial certificates.

For information about the Veteran's Medical Centers see Hospitals listing on Page 45.

US Department of Veterans Affairs 1-800-827-1000 www.va.gov

North Carolina Department of Veterans Affairs (919) 807-4250 www.doa.nc.gov/vets

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

ALEXANDER COUNTY

621 Liledoun Road Taylorsville, NC 28681 (828) 632-5411

BURKE COUNTY

PO Box 219 501 N. Green Street Morganton, NC 28680 (828) 439-4376

CALDWELL COUNTY

PO Box 2200 905 West Avenue NW Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 757-1345

CATAWBA COUNTY

PO Box 389 100 A Southwest Blvd. Newton, NC 28658 (828) 465-8255

Web Sites

Web Sites for Older Adults

Administration on Aging

www.aoa.gov

Administration on Community Living

www.acl.gov

American Association of Retired Persons

(AARP)

www.aarp.org

Alzheimer's Association

www.alz.org

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

www.cms.gov

Environmental Protection Agency

Aging Initiative

www.epa.gov/aging

Department of Veterans Affairs

www.va.gov

Duke Long Term Care Resources Program

www.ltc.duke.edu

FirstGov for Seniors

www.usa.gov/Topics/Seniors.shtml

Mesothelioma Cancer Resource

www.asbestos.com

National Council on Aging

www.ncoa.org

North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry

www.ncbam.org

North Carolina Division of Aging and Adult

Services

www.ncdhhs.gov/aging

North Carolina Senior Games

www.ncseniorgames.org

Nursing Home Abuse Center

www.nursinghomeabusecenter.org

Seniornet

www.seniornet.org

Social Security Administration

www.ssa.gov

UNC Institute on Aging

www.aging.unc.edu

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