







## Epworth

Epworth serves married couples and singles who want to foster. The agency serves families from any faith background and training is not faith-based. Epworth serves most counties in the state.

Epworth licenses all homes as therapeutic, but serves/places children for families who choose to foster non-therapeutic children. If the situation arises, families may foster siblings in which one or more may be non-therapeutic and/or one or more may be therapeutic.

16 training hours per year are required to maintain the foster home license beyond the initial 2-year licensing period.

There are three trainings that are mandatory through Epworth for re-certification training and the remainder of the 32 hours within the 2-year licensing period are at the discretion of the foster parent/family.

## Growing Homes SE

Growing Home SE works with individuals and families who wish to serve children across the entire state of South Carolina. GHSE licenses all homes as therapeutic but also places children with families who choose to foster non-therapeutic children. Families may foster siblings, where one or more may be non-therapeutic and/ or therapeutic. Growig Home SE also supports kinship license placements, ensuring that relatives who wish to care for children in their family receive the necrssary training and resources. This includes guidance throuh the licensure process, ongoing support, and access to services that help maintain a stable and nurturing enviroment for the children. All GHSE families must complete 32 initial hours of training before becoming licensed. Additional pre-licensure training beyond the 32 hours is required for therapeutic foster home licensing, and GHSE will provide guidance during the process. Once licensed, GHSE homes must complete 16 hours of training per year within the 2-year licensing period to maintain their foster home license. GHSE determines the topics and scheduling for these training hours. Daily documentation is required for both therapeutic and non-therapeutic children placed in GHSE homes, and this documentation must be submitted online. Growing Home SE supports families throughout South Carolina in fostering both therapeutic and non-therapeutic children. The organization requires comprehensize training and daily documentation to ensure quality care and services for children and youth in foster homes, as well as support for foster parents and kinship care providers.

## Lutheran Services Carolinas

Lutheran Services Carolinas is affiliated with the Lutheran Church, but serves all families and does not require a statement of faith. Families do not need to be Christian to foster with Lutheran.

Lutheran Services Carolina serves the entire state. Lutheran licenses both therapeutic and non-therapeutic homes. Lutheran will place non-therapeutic children with their therapeutic siblings in a home licensed as therapeutic in order for siblings to remain together.

Lutheran TFC (Therapeutic Foster Care) homes require 32 recertification hours to be completed within the 24-month licensing period in order to maintain license. Lutheran non-TFC homes require 30 recertification hours to be completed within the 24-month licensing period in order to maintain the license.

Lutheran does not require daily documentation for non-TFC children placed in any of their licensed homes, whether the home holds a TFC or non-TFC license.

### Oasis of Hope

Oasis of hope is a Christian-based agency, but works with any individual or family who has a desire to make a difference in a child's life. Licensure requires no additional training beyond the 30 hours of pre-service training, unless specific needs of the child warrant additional instruction.

Oasis of Hope serves families statewide and licenses only non-therapeutic homes.

Oasis of Hope families must complete 30 hours of recertification training within the 24-month licensing period. Training topics/ scheduling are at the discretion of the foster parent/family.

### Pinnacle Family Services

Pinnacle Family Services licenses therapeutic and non-therapeutic foster homes and works with anyone 25 or older who has a desire to serve children.

Pinnacle Family Services serves families across the state. The training hours required to become licensed are a total 30 hours completed prior to licensing for non-therapeutic foster home licenses, and are completed online. 30 hours of recertification training are required to maintain the non-therapeutic license during the 24 month licensing period. There is additional training required to be licensed as a therapeutic home and the 32 hours of recertification training hours are required during the 2-year licensing period to maintain/renew the therapeutic license.

### SC YAP

SC YAP works with any individual or family who has a desire to serve children through foster care.

SC YAP serves the entire state. SC YAP licenses all homes as therapeutic, but will place non-therapeutic children with their therapeutic siblings in order for siblings to remain together. The agency focus is primarily to place teens. 16 training hours per year are required to maintain the foster home license beyond the initial 2-year licensing period. SC YAP does not require daily documentation on non-therapeutic children. Recertification training/ topic selection is at discretion of the foster parent/ family.

### **South Carolina Mentor**

SC Mentor works with families willing to become licensed to foster children 11 years old or older, in all areas throughout SC. SC Mentor prefers to license all homes as therapeutic, but will also license as non-therapeutic. They will place non-therapeutic children in therapeutic homes if the family prefers to foster non-therapeutic. 30 recertification hours are required every two years for re-licensure for non-therapeutic homes. Therapeutic homes require 32 hours every two years. There is also SC Mentor additional required training for which a schedule will be provided. Agency will provide more information to family if selected.

### **The Bair Foundation**

The Bair Foundation is a Christian Therapeutic Foster Care Agency that licenses families and individuals to serve foster children ages 0-21 in the Upstate, Midlands and Lowcountry Regions. The Bair Foundation specializes in supporting therapeutic, medically fragile, and special needs foster children. The Bair Foundation requires 40 training hours every two years for re-licensure.

### **Turbeville Children's Home**

Turbeville Children's Home supports both married and single-parent families who are interested in fostering children and youth ages 0-21. The licensing process requires no additional training beyond the initial 30 hours of pre-service education. Serving families across the state, Turbeville Children's Home exclusively licenses non-therapeutic homes. Families must also complete 30 hours of recertification training within each 24-month licensing period.

## SAFY

Our communities are stronger when everyone is supported and connected. Join us in making an impact today! SAFY of South Carolina partners with our Foster Family Network to walk alongside youth in foster care and their families to build a strong foundation of well-being. We support our foster parents, providing high-quality training (our therapeutic homes require 32 recertification hours every two years, and a schedule of training topics, dates, and times for these hours is provided to the foster family) and services to enrich parental skills, respite, and 24/7 support. As a supportive organization, SAFY of South Carolina welcomes all, irrespective of personal identity or life experience.

## Thornwell

Thornwell's foster care program offers standard (non-therapeutic) foster care licensing for those individuals and families who would like to foster children and youth ages 0-21. Thornwell's dedicated Family Specialists are passionate about licensing, preparing, and supporting families as they welcome children and youth into their homes. Our team uses Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) model in coaching foster families to meet the complex needs of children who have experienced trauma. In addition, in certain instances, Thornwell is able to provide on-campus housing for families willing to foster large or multiple sibling groups of all ages. The training hours required to become licensed are a total of 30 hours completed prior to licensing and are completed online. 15 training hours per year are required to maintain the foster home license beyond the initial 2-year licensing period.

## NYAP SC

NYAP SC works to license and support families who want to foster children. National Youth Advocate Program serves Richland Lexington, Sumter, Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester Counties. NYAP licenses all homes as therapeutic, but will place non-therapeutic children with their therapeutic siblings in order for siblings to remain together. The agency focus is primarily to place teens. The training hours required to become licensed are a total of 32 hours. 16 training hours per year are required to maintain the foster home license beyond the initial 2-year licensing period. Recertification training is at the discretion of the foster parent/ family. NYAP requires daily documentation for both therapeutic and non-therapeutic children placed in the homes they license and manage.

## Connie Maxwell

**Since 1892, Connie Maxwell Children's Ministries has provided hope for South Carolina's children and families in need. Connie Maxwell Children's Ministries provides licensing, training, and support for Christian foster families across South Carolina. Our team serves married couples and single mothers who want to foster. Connie Maxwell serves all counties in the Upstate and Midlands regions, as well as select counties in the Low Country. Connie Maxwell only licenses non-therapeutic homes. The training hours required to become licensed are a total of 30 hours completed prior to licensing and are completed online. 30 hours of recertification training hours are required within 24 months of licensure to maintain the foster home license. Re-certification training/topics are at the discretion of the foster parent/ family, however, Connie Maxwell provides each licensed foster parent with an annual subscription to Faith Bridge University to assist with obtaining those relicensing hours.**

## Miracle Hill

Miracle Hill serves Christian foster parents and requires families to complete a statement of faith. Miracle Hill licenses only non-therapeutic foster homes. The training hours required to become licensed are a total of 30 hours completed prior to licensing and are completed online. 30 hours of recertification training hours are required within 24 months of licensure in order to maintain foster home license. Re-certification training/ topics are at the discretion of the foster parent/ family. There is other, Miracle Hill- specific training provided to all MH families that assists in furthering the foster family's education on trauma and ensuing behaviors.

## New Foundations

As a Therapeutic Foster Care agency under New Foundations Home for Children, Connections Foster Care is committed to securing brighter futures for children and families—whatever it takes. We are an inclusive agency that welcomes and supports individuals and families of all backgrounds. Our focus is on providing stability, guidance, and compassionate care to children who have experienced trauma, supporting them on their path to healing, empowerment, and a future where they can truly thrive.

## **Nightlight Foster Care Program**

**Nightlight Healing Homes Foster Care Program** serves married couples that have been married at least two years and singles over the age of 21 who want to foster. The agency serves families from any faith background and training is not faith-based. Nightlight serves all counties in the Upstate and Midlands except Bamberg and Barnwell. Nightlight licenses all homes as non-therapeutic. The training hours required to become licensed are a total of 42.5 hours completed prior to licensing and are completed through a combination of online and in person. 30 hours of recertification training are required during the 24-month licensing period.

## **Southeastern Children's Home**

**Southeastern Children's Home (SECH)** licenses Christian married couples and single parents who are looking to become foster parents for children ages 0-21. Southeastern Children's Home requires families to sign a statement of faith before becoming licensed. The dedicated staff walk with prospective foster parents every step of the way, from the initial licensing process, to supporting them as they welcome new children into their home. SECH offers ongoing support services to foster families by assisting with food, clothing, activities, etc. SECH licenses foster parents for the on-campus Foster Care Community program as well as off-campus throughout the state of South Carolina. There is a required minimum of 30 training hours which must be completed prior to becoming licensed. 30 additional hours are required within 24 months in order to maintain a foster care license. Recertification trainings/ topics are at the discretion of the foster parent/ family, with some opportunities being offered through SECH.

## **CAPA- Child Abuse Prevention Association**

**CAPA - The Child Abuse Prevention Association**, located in Beaufort, SC, recruits, educates and supports families who want to open their homes to children in the foster care system. CAPA primarily serves Beaufort and Jasper counties but licenses homes throughout the 14th Judicial Circuit to include Colleton, Hampton and Allendale counties. Their focus is licensing families who wish to provide regular foster care for children who do not have therapeutic needs. In accordance with South Carolina regulations, potential foster parents undergo a thorough assessment process, background checks, reference checks, and are required to complete thirty hours of pre-service training, which are completed online, prior to being licensed through the State. During relicensure every two years, parents are required to obtain thirty additional hours of continuing education to maintain their license. CAPA's specialty is bridging any gaps that exist between the system and their families; helping them hold hands with other members of the treatment team throughout a child's placement and beyond.

## Lifeline

Lifeline partners with Christian foster families as ministry partners and requires a signed statement of faith as part of the licensing process. The agency serves families in Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester, and Beaufort counties, offering its own pre-service training and providing individualized support, including CEUs, local church connections, 'Grieve Well' baskets, and additional case worker support with new placements. Lifeline also offers ongoing discipleship opportunities and fosters a supportive community rooted in faith.

## Thompson Child & Family Focus

Thompson licenses individuals, families, and kinship caregivers in the Upstate and Midlands regions of South Carolina for both therapeutic and non-therapeutic foster care. We work closely with each family to align licensing and placement with their goals, strengths, and preferred age ranges, within the licensed range of 0-21 years old. Families complete 30 hours of pre-service training for non-therapeutic care or 40 hours for therapeutic care. Licenses are valid for two years, during which families must complete 30-32 hours of recertification training, with flexible scheduling and topics tailored to their needs. All licensed families have access to Thompson's wraparound services, which include case management, therapeutic support, crisis response, and youth-focused programs. This full continuum of care ensures that every foster or kinship family feels supported, prepared, and never alone in their journey.

## AGAPE

AGAPE Family Care Group is a Christian-based agency, but works with any individual or family who has AGAPE love in their hearts for children in foster care - AGAPE love that defends, protects, and never fails. Licensure requires no additional training beyond the 30 hours of pre-service training, unless specific needs of the child warrant additional instruction. AGAPE Family Care Group serves families statewide and licenses non-therapeutic homes. The training hours required to become licensed are a total of 30 hours completed prior to licensing and are completed online. AGAPE Family Care Group families must complete 30 hours of recertification training within the 24-month licensing period. Training topics and scheduling are at the discretion of the foster parent/family.

## **Blue Skies Counseling and Family Services**

Blue Skies Counseling and Family Services is a licensed Child Placing Agency (CPA) serving the Pee Dee Region and surrounding areas of South Carolina. We license non-therapeutic and therapeutic foster homes for youth ages 0-21 and welcome individuals and families aged 21 and older-- including LGBTQ+ individuals, single parents, and non-traditional families-- who are committed to providing nurturing, supportive environments. Applicants must complete 30 hours of pre-service training to become licensed. To maintain a non-therapeutic license, 30 hours of recertification training are required every 24 months. Therapeutic licensure requires additional training, including 32 hours of recertification training within the same period. Our work is guided by our core values of integrity, compassion, empowerment, and community partnership. We are committed to walking alongside our foster families with hands-on support, trauma- informed, and a deep belief that every child deserves a bright future.

## **Baptist Children's Home of NC Inc.**

To provide the highest quality of Christian services to children, adults, and families in a caring culture of measurable excellence. We serve all 100 North Carolina counties and operate locations in 30 communities throughout North Carolina, South Carolina, Guatemala.

## **Envision Healthcare Services**

Our mission is to enhance the quality of life and foster continual growth in the lives of the individuals and their families we serve through individualized treatment. Our efforts enhance independence and productivity by providing appropriate support, delivered with compassion and respect by dedicated professional staff. Our vision is to empower individuals to achieve their success as well as exceed the expectations of our community by ensuring appropriate supports that assure a productive lifestyle.

## **Home Embraced Adoption Agency**

We believe all children are a treasure and are filled with unique potential which is enhanced by the nurturing provided in a loving and stable home. To that end, we provide adoption services to assure that all children within the reach of this agency are embraced by healthy and loving families. We believe birth parents are precious and heroes and it is our goal to empower them in life and support whatever decision they make. We provide support and guidance to the adopting parents every step of the way in their adoption journey. We are a licensed adoption agency based out of South Carolina, certified to receive minor children for placement in family homes with a view toward domestic adoption; to provide adoptive recruitment services and/or serve as a referral agency; consulting; and, to provide adoptive assessments, and training. Hope Embraced team members have fulfilled the requirements for our state licensing and complete all the recertification training annually to stay up to date and current with education and how to best assist in the adoption world with birth parents, adoptive parents, and other adoption professionals. Hope Embraced team members all have personal experiences that have led to their hearts and passion for adoption. Our team is committed to excellence and ethics and will do everything in our power to educate, guide, and partner with our clients in the complete adoption triad toward a secure and loving adoption plan!

## **John K. Crosswell**

Our mission is to enrich the quality of life for children and families by providing a safe and nurturing Christian community where a child's spiritual, physical, emotional, social, and educational needs can be fully met.

## **Nancy K. Perry**

Since its founding in 1972, the Nancy K. Perry Children's Shelter has provided safe harbor for thousands of children in Lexington County. Since its founding in 1972, the Nancy K. Perry Children's Shelter has provided safe harbor for thousands of children in Lexington County. Their stories are often horrific; most suffered abuse, neglect, or abandonment at the hands of those whom they trusted most. Here they found shelter—and so much more. A home environment filled with love, kindness, and gentle guidance. The security of a family-like atmosphere, headed by houseparent's who live in the facility. School, church, medical attention, and counseling. These children need so much. The Shelter is a member of The Association of Fundraising Professionals, The SC Association of Non-Profit Organizations, The SC Association of Children's Homes and Family Services, and the Lexington, West-Metro, and Irmo Chambers of Commerce.

## **Family Preservation Community Services**

We work with youth and their families during times of difficulties—empowering them to learn healthy ways to interact with each other and their community. We have adapted and expanded our services to respond to the needs of children and families through education, resources, counseling, advocacy, and support services. We are a private, 501c3 non-profit organization. Family Preservation Community Services works with youth and their families during times of behavioral and/or emotional difficulties, empowering them to identify and access available resources to address current problems and helping them learn better ways to interact with each other and their community in order to address problems in the future. Family Preservation Community Services also provides quality substitute care placement to children referred to us by child protection service agencies.