

SERVICE PHILOSOPHY

Unique Caring Foundation, Inc. believes that individuals should have meaningful input into the design and planning of the services that they receive. We believe that the key to recovery is instilling hope and a positive sense of self-worth. Our service philosophy is designed to focus on the consumer's strengths to empower them to fulfill a meaningful role in life. Our aim is to provide the necessary skills that will allow them to become productive members of society. As a result, our services and supports are appropriate to meet the needs of the consumers that we serve. Likewise, our services are consumer-driven, outcome oriented, culturally and age appropriate, and built around the consumers' strengths.

GOAL STATEMENT

Unique Caring Foundation's goal is to collaborate with our consumers and their families to provide them with quality service delivery. We believe in each person served right to self-determination and understand that they require individualized support to help them identify and reach their unique goals in life. Additionally, the goals of our service delivery are community integration and the facilitation of natural supports within the workplace, school and community at large.

MISSION

To provide foster children with safe and caring homes and provide quality programs and services that will educate, assist and prepare them to live and compete in the 21st century global community...



I Can.....
You Can...
We Can.....
Work Together to Help Meet
the Needs of Children and
Adolescents That Have Been
Abused and Neglected

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you would like additional information on
How to become a Foster Parent
Or

If you would like to refer a child to
Unique Caring Foundation, Inc.
Foster Care Program

Call the Office at 704-569-8654
www.uniquecaringfoundation.com

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Three(3) Year Accreditation

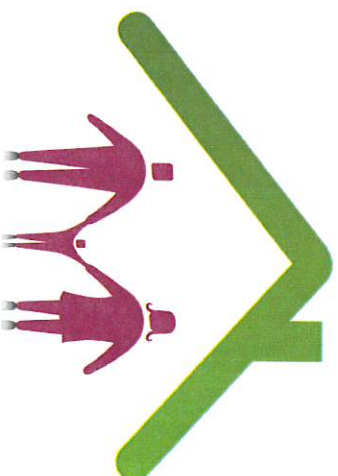
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FOSTER CARE PROGRAM

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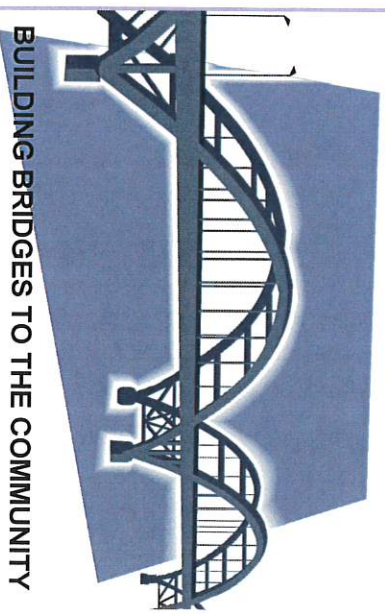
**Message from
The Executive Director.**



Making a difference in the life of a child is perhaps the greatest gift that one can make to society. There are so many adolescent and children that are in need of loving homes. We serve individuals with disabilities, and is inclusive of people from different ethnic, racial, religious, economic and sexual orientation. You have a unique opportunity to display your civic responsibility by becoming a foster parent. I am often inspired by the words of former President John F. Kennedy's famous quote, "...And so, my fellow Americans: Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country."

Sincerely,

Tyrone Miller



WHAT IS FOSTER CARE?

Foster care provides temporary care to meet the needs of children who may have been neglected, abused, abandoned, or without relatives to care for them due to illness, imprisonment or death. Caring for a child in a foster home may range from a few days to a number of years. The length of time depends on the circumstances for which the child enters into placement.

**TYPES OF FOSTER CARE
WE PROVIDE:**

- Level I Family Foster Care
- Level II Therapeutic Foster Care (ADHD, ODD etc)
- Rapid Response

**WHAT IS UNIQUE ABOUT
UNIQUE CARING FOUNDATION, INC.:**

- Well trained foster parents
- On-going specialized training
- Person-centered planning
- Free after school tutorial

COUNTIES WE SERVE

- Mecklenburg County
- McDowell County
- Cabarrus County
- Caldwell County
- Davidson County
- Gaston County
- Rowan County
- Cardinal Innovations
- Partners Behavioral Health
- Smokey Mountain

**STEPS TO BECOMING
A FOSTER PARENT**

- At least a GED or high school diploma is preferred.
- Completion of a 30-hour preparation MAPP class.
- Completion of Shared Parenting class
- Home study-series of interviews with a Licensing Coordinator or designee to assess family history and determine eligibility
- Home visits by a Licensing Coordinator or designee to ensure safety of children and assess the environmental condition of the home.
- **If married, or living together both parties must go through MAPP training** (state requirement).
- Fire Inspection
- Physical Examination for each family member & TB test for each adult in the home
- Criminal background check (including fingerprints) for each household member 18 years or older
- Additional background checks to include personal reference checks
- Ongoing continuing-education training annually (At least 10 credit hours)
- Must attend and complete First Aid & CPR training as well as Blood Borne Pathogens, Medication Administration, CORE, Health and Safety and EBPI - (Prevention) — (All provided by the agency)