



February
Foster
Parent
Newsletter

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Important Dates:

*Court: 2/3, 2/4

*Jan payment: 2/11

*Feb payment: 3/11

Community care info:

Every child in foster care is assigned a Care Manager with Community Care of North Carolina. They will receive your name and number from us in regards to a new/change in placement.

The role of Care Manager is to follow-up with foster parents for a short time during the adjustment period to help resolve any barriers to getting health and medical needs met for a child in foster care. The care manager can assist with locating providers, getting medication issues resolved, finding resources/supports, providing education on medical conditions, and providing support to you as you navigate their care.

The purpose of the program is so that medical issues don't get lost in transition of the child being moved and as a support for them if they are experiencing adjustment issues.

The care manager will call you directly. Please answer and share with them if there are any needs or if you don't need anything and are fine.





Foster Parent Handbook



If you have not received a handbook, please let me know so I can get it to you



Foster Parent Spotlight

Meet Daniel, Mindy, and Eliza Goble. They have lived in the High Country for 5 years, and have been married for almost 7! In 2019, they sensed that there was “something more” for them in regards to their purpose & personal growth. After repeatedly hearing about the need for respite & emergency homes in the community, they decided to get licensed! Little did they know, there was much more in store. Their first emergency placement became their first long-term foster child, who then became their adopted daughter in June of 2021- little Eliza! They have continued to serve as a short-term & emergency placement home. Their whole family is pieced together of people & fur kids that have adopted each other. Everyone, including Eliza, their two 100+ pound dogs, cat, and pair of rabbits have proved to be therapeutic for each foster kid that they’ve housed.

One of their greatest joys has been keeping up with the teenage girls that have been in their home. It’s been a beautiful blessing to them seeing how they soak up love, advice, shared laughter, and relationship even after they’ve moved on to other places. They don’t know what the future holds, but look forward to more opportunities to serve, learn, and grow in their fostering journey!





Social Worker (Supervisor) Spotlight

Chad was born in Burlington, NC but moved to Bakersville, a small mountain town in Mitchell County, when he was very young.

When Chad was born his parents were active foster parents. Although he has few memories of the foster children, he knows how important their presence was to his family based on the stories and fond memories that were re-lived frequently.

Chad graduated from Appalachian State University with a BSW in Social Work and completed his field work with Watauga County DSS. In 1999 he began his career with Watauga DSS as a child protective services investigator. He became the child welfare supervisor in 2008 and has continued in that role until present. Chad says one of the most rewarding aspects of his work is being able to witness the individual growth and achievements of people working hard to overcome challenges. “I’m amazed every day at the strength and courage of the clients that we serve. I often believe they fill us with more hope than we give them.”

Chad, his wife Gina, and two children Corbin and Brynn live in Deep Gap. They enjoy spending family time outdoors, hiking, biking, and camping



Contacts:

After hours/weekend:
828-264-3761 ask for on
call social worker



Mental health crisis:
828-264-4357

Office: 828-265-8100



Thank you for
your
commitment as
foster parents
and remember
to practice self
care. You
deserve it!



*Happy
Valentine's
Day!*

