

Durham County Youth Home
NORTH CAROLINA RESOURCES FOR PARENTS, TEENS AND CHILDREN

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I. INFORMATION ON ACCESSIBLE DENTAL CARE

- Kids and adults should get dental check-ups **every six months**.
- **North Carolina Missions of Mercy Dental Clinics**. These clinics are operated by the North Carolina Society and take place for a weekend at a time anywhere in the state—from far western to far eastern NC (generally in churches). The care is completely free and donated by dentists, dental students, and dental hygienists. The website will tell you where and when the clinics will take place:
<http://www.ncdental.org/ncds/Schedule.asp?SnID=195369402>.
 - Nearest Fall 2010 Clinic: **November 5 – 6, Greensboro, NC**. First Presbyterian Church, 617 North Elm Street, Greensboro, NC 27401.
- **Wake, Durham, and Orange County Health Departments**. Medicaid will likely cover most dental treatment that a pediatric patient could receive at a health department, and otherwise they would be charged on a “sliding fee” scale (patient provides proof of family income and the health department determines how much they can pay for their dental visit based on their income).
- **UNC Dental School** has a “lottery system.” Parents fill out an application for their children; it can take anywhere from 6-9 months to be assigned to a dental student. Definitely a lower-cost option, but also a more time-consuming process.

II. LEGAL ASSISTANCE

- **Legal Aid of North Carolina (LANC)**: <http://www.legalaidnc.org/> — LANC is a statewide, nonprofit law firm that provides free legal services in civil matters to low-income people in order to ensure equal access to justice and to remove legal barriers to economic opportunity. LANC operates in all 100 counties in North Carolina through 24 geographically based offices. You **must meet income-based eligibility** requirements to qualify for the free or reduced representation. For the **Durham office, call 1-866-219-5262** (toll free).

Examples of some of cases typically handled by LANC advocates:

- Consumer: Bankruptcy; consumer debt; school loans; defective products; insurance coverage denial; mortgage foreclosure prevention

- Education: School discipline; student’s rights
- Employment: Unemployment compensation
- Family: Child custody/visitation; assistance to family violence victims
- Health: Medicaid, Medicare and/or health insurance problems
- Housing: Eviction defense; illegal lockouts or utility cutoffs by landlords; home foreclosures; housing discrimination; tenants’ rights; public or subsidized housing disputes.
- Income Maintenance: SSI/Social Security disability benefits; food stamps; TANF; Special Assistance; Tax assistance
 - NOTE: It is important to remember that because of limited resources, Legal Aid of North Carolina cannot always accept every case listed above for representation.

- **LAWHELP.ORG/NC** is an extremely useful website that aims to help low- and moderate-income North Carolinians find legal help and information. Go to <http://www.lawhelp.org/nc/>. Below is the menu of options:

	Family and Juvenile Domestic Violence, Divorce, Custody, Adoption, Foster Care, ...		Consumer Debt Collection, Buying a Car, Car Repairs, Bankruptcy, Utilities
	Disability Rights of People with Disabilities		Education Special Education, Discipline, Suspensions, ...
	Work Job Discrimination and Work-Related Problems		Health Medicaid, Medicare, Mental Health, ...
	Housing Landlord-Tenant Problems, Public Housing, Foreclos		Public Benefits Social Security, Welfare, Food Stamps, ...
	Community Economic Development / Small Business Nonprofits, Tax Exempt Status		Criminal Law Criminal Court Procedures, Punishment, Victims Rights, Prisoners' Rights
	Disaster Relief Emergency Relief, Insurance, Public Benefits, FEMA		Environmental Law Environmental Justice, Pollution, Conservation, Land Use Planning
	Farmworkers Workplace, Child Labor, Health & Safety		Immigration Immigration and Naturalization Problems
	Individual Rights Civil Rights, Prisoners' Rights, Free Speech, ...		Military and Veterans' Affairs Information for the Military, Veterans and their Families
	Native American Issues Indian Child Welfare Act, Tribal Courts		Seniors Health Care, Wills & Estates, Guardianship...
	Tax Income Tax, Tax Credits, Charitable Donations		Wills and Life Planning Wills, Estates, Probate, Powers of Attorney

III. FOOD ASSISTANCE

- **Angel Food Ministries** is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing food relief and financial support to communities throughout the United States. Their website is www.angelfoodministries.com. There are no qualifications, minimums, income restrictions or applications.

They provide “Angel Food Boxes” of food for \$30 per box; the average retail value of the food provided is \$60. Each month's menu is different than the previous month and consists of both fresh and frozen items. Generally, one box of food assists in feeding a family of four for about one week or a single senior citizen for almost a month. The food is all the same high quality one could purchase at a grocery store. There are no second-hand items, no damaged or out-dated goods, no dented cans without labels, no day-old breads and no produce that is almost too ripe.

Also offered are specialty boxes such as steaks, chicken and pork. Additionally, there is no limit to the number of units or bonus foods an individual can receive, and again, there are no applications to complete or qualifications to which participants must adhere. Angel Food Ministries also participates in the U.S. Food Stamp program, using the Off-Line Food Stamp Voucher system.

Below is a list of all the Durham sites for Angel Food Ministries; visit the website to find locations in other cities in North Carolina. You can order online or over the phone. The website includes recipes for how to prepare the food. A sample menu (contents of one box) is also included below.

DURHAM	Asbury United Methodist Church	919-286-0711
	Bryson Christian Monteosori School, Inc	919-490-0287 919-612-5166
	CHURCH OF THE APOSTOLIC REVIVAL INT'L	919-683-1496
	Monroe Christian Church	919-688-0864
	New Covenant United Holy Church of Durham	919-220-0140
	One Love Ministries	919-688-2163 919-412-3600
	Plainview Baptist Church	919-682-2591
	Restoration Fellowship Assembly	919-484-0886
	Southside Church of Christ	919-688-3535
	Victorious Praise Fellowship	919-957-7500

Sample Menu:

- 4 oz. Beef Back Ribs
- 4 lb. IQF Leg Quarters
- 1 lb. 80/20 Lean Ground Beef
- 2 lb. Breaded Chicken Tenders

- 1.5 lb. Bone in Pork Chops (4 x 6oz.)
- 1 lb. Ground Turkey
- 18 oz. Stuffed Manicotti (Cheese)
- 12 oz. Smoked Sausage
- Betty Crocker Seasoned Potatoes
- 7 oz. Cheeseburger Dinner
- 16 oz. Green Beans
- 16 oz. Baby Carrots
- 2 lb. Onions
- 1 lb. Pinto Beans
- 1 lb. Rice
- 7 oz. Blueberry Muffin Mix
- 10 ct. Homestyle Waffles
- Dessert Item

IV. DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES (DSS) HELPFUL CONTACTS FOR DURHAM COUNTY

- Director: Gerri Robinson / (919) 560-8038
- Assistant Director for Child Welfare and Adult Services: Vacant / (919) 560-8086
- Assistant Director for Communication, Development and Customer Information: Sharon Hirsch / (919) 560-8059
- Assistant Director for Family Economic Independences: Rhonda Stevens / (919) 560-8338
- Assistant Director for Accountability and Program Support: Antonia Pedroza / (919) 560-8837
- Child Placement Services Program Manager: Jovetta Whitfield / (919) 560-8422
- Child Protective Services Program Manager: Gail Angle / (919) 560-8346
- Adult Social Services Program Manager: Robert Wallace / (919) 560-8600
- Adult Protective Services Supervisor: John Margolis / (919) 560-8600
- Staff Training/Development Manager: Diane Wright / (919) 560-8033
- Health Choice for Children Supervisor: Cynthia Cason / (919) 560-8740
- Food and Nutrition Services Program Manager: Pinkie Davis-Boyd / (919) 560-8761
- Medicaid Program Manager: Cynthia Cason / (919) 560-8740
- Work First Program Manager: John Myklebust / (919) 560-8300
- Child Care Services Program Manager: Linda Hicks / (919) 560-8300
- Child Support Enforcement Program Manager: Mary Flounoy / (919) 560-8900 / Fax (919) 560-8064
- Family & Children Medicaid Transport Coordinator: Judy Headen / (919) 560-8364
- Adult Medicaid Transport Coordinator: Hattie Anthony / (919) 560-8657

V. INTERNET ACCESS

Below is a map of four internet cafes (computer & internet access) in Durham. Usually they charge a small fee by the half-hour. Public libraries and schools provide internet access for free.

