

Catawba Social Worker Information

Conflicts

- We serve the following counties:
 - Lincoln, Burke, Cleveland, Caldwell, Alexander, and Iredell
- When completing a COI for another county, unless the report is an immediate or there is an immediate safety risk, you cannot request an assist from that county to do initiations, visits, safety checks, etc.
- You must complete all visits yourself and cannot request on-call to assist as they cannot go out of county at night or on the weekends.
- Although some counties have provided a resource list, sometimes you have to get creative to implement services in other counties
- You are responsible for networking with other counties and their resources to assess/investigate your case (drug screens, CAD, court documents, MH, SA, etc.). This means learning where to send your clients, ensuring that vouchers are accepted by these resources (i.e., drug screens), and learning referral processes (e.g., mental health assessment referral out of county)
- You need to learn the community standards for the resident county as each county has their own standards.
 - For example, in Catawba County generally, staying alone overnight or supervising younger children overnight is reserved for the older teenager (16 or older) who demonstrates maturity, responsibility, and has access to emergency plans (neighbors, relative, parents, 911); can verbalize how to deal with an emergency; can discuss child care for younger children (meals, rules, safety); is not fearful of being in charge; or overwhelmed by child care responsibilities. However, in Lincoln County no child between 14 to 17 may be alone for more than 16 hours and none of that time will be within the times from 12:00am until 7:00am.
- You will be put on the rotation with everyone else but when a COI comes in you will get a skip for the next report.