

Family Services' Gateway Center

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Whether you're a client receiving services, a person interested in volunteering with our programs, or a participant in a community training or special event, we welcome you here with us. Family Services completed this facility in 2008. It was made possible entirely through the generous support of individuals, organizations, and foundations - no annual operating money was used to build this facility. It's our first real "home" since our agency was founded in 1905.

BUILT "GREEN" ... CREATING A NATURAL ENVIRONMENT FOR FAMILIES

The Family Services Gateway Center was designed to be environmentally friendly. In fact, after an exhaustive review, the U.S. Green Building Council determined that this facility met LEED standards (*Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design*).



In September of 2009, USGBC recognized this facility as:

- The **FIRST** newly constructed LEED-certified building in Forsyth County!!
- LEED-certified to the **SILVER** level (*there are 4 levels: Certified, Silver, Gold, and Platinum*)
- The **SECOND** LEED-certified project in the entire state of North Carolina by a non-profit, human service agency

ABOUT FAMILY SERVICES, INC. (FSI)

Family Services, Inc. is a private, nonprofit, tax exempt organization that has been providing solutions for individuals and families in Forsyth, Stokes and Davie counties for more than 100 years. Professionally trained and credentialed staff are available to provide services to couples, families, individuals (adults and children) through a variety of services and programs.

SERVICES OFFERED AT THIS OR OTHER FSI FACILITIES

Family Solutions Division

- Counseling
 - Individual, Couple and Family Counseling
 - Pregnancy Counseling
- CONTACT Reassurance for Elderly and Homebound Individuals
- Strengthening Families Program: enrichment program for parents & youth (10 – 14)
- Adoption
 - Domestic and International Adoption services
 - Post-Adoption support & counseling; Confidential Intermediary services
- Ways to Work: program to assist working parent(s) purchase a reliable used car; an employment retention and financial independence program

Safe Relationships Division

- Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services
- Family Services Shelter for victims of domestic violence
- Vantage Pointe Child Advocacy Center
- Time-Out Abuser Intervention Services
- 24-hour Crisis Lines
- RAP (Raising Awareness and Prevention): rape prevention aimed at young males
- Teens-4-Change: youth outreach and empowerment
- Community Education and Outreach Programs

SERVICES OFFERED AT THIS OR OTHER FSI FACILITIES, CONTINUED

Head Start Division

- Early Childhood Education for 3 and 4 year olds
- Health and Nutrition Services
- Parental and Community Involvement Services
- Mental Health and Disability Services
- Serves approximately 500 children at various centers across Forsyth County
- Primary facilities are located on Big House Gaines Boulevard and Buchanan Street

WHAT'S GREEN ABOUT THE FAMILY SERVICES GATEWAY FACILITY?

A “green building” is basically one that is designed and constructed in a *smart* way so that it reduces its use of natural resources, is constructed with healthier, recycled components, and will be more efficient to operate. Among its long list of “green” elements, this facility:

- Uses less energy than a traditional building
 - Building orientation takes advantage of natural light
 - Occupancy sensors turn off unused lights automatically
- Uses less water
 - Low-flow toilets
 - 3,000 gallon cistern captures rain collected from roof to be used for irrigation
- Is made with special paint and other materials that don't produce harmful emissions
 - Avoided the typical paints, sealants, adhesives, and other materials used in most new construction projects which emit noxious chemicals and formaldehyde
- Uses a lot of natural, recycled materials.
 - Recycled material in carpet, ceiling tiles, and the steel in much of the plumbing
 - The benches in the garden area are made from the recycled milk containers

WHY DID FAMILY SERVICES DECIDE TO BUILD GREEN?

With a vision of “strong families in healthy communities” Family Services understands the important relationship between healthy families and communities. We are also a non-profit agency that must be a good steward of our financial resources.

If designed in a smart way, building green doesn't need to be expensive. In fact the green elements to our project added less than 1% to the construction cost. This additional cost will be quickly recovered through improved efficiency and lower operating costs. Lower operating costs allow us to use more of our financial resources for programs – not for energy costs. Our new center will be a healthy place for our staff, volunteers, clients, and community partners.

It's the way we will all be building in the future.

THE HEALING GARDENS PROJECT

At the Family Services Gateway Center, we are in the process of establishing 17 unique and beautiful gardens for our 4 acre site. These gardens will be sponsored by local individuals and organizations, and will feature NC native plants. For more information, ask for a brochure.

HOW CAN YOU HELP FAMILY SERVICES, INC.?

Since 1905, Family Services has relied on the generosity of our supporters. Many offer their time and provide volunteer support for our programs. Financial gifts can be made via checks, credit card, stock transfer, and through our website www.fsifamily.org. The donation of used automobiles can provide our clients a real value and can offer the donor a fully tax deductible gift. We are honored to be a strong United Way partner and encourage everyone to support United Way and its many partner agencies.

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