

Homebuilders®

with Crossnore Communities for Children

Crossnore is excited to be the first agency in North Carolina to offer Homebuilders® services. Homebuilders® Practitioners work with families involved with the child welfare system with the goal of removing the risk of harm to the child instead of removing the child. The program gives families the chance to learn new behaviors and helps them make better choices for their children.

Our Practitioners work with children, birth to 17 years old, to support **Placement Prevention** for children at who are at risk of out-of-home placement through DSS.

DSS Social workers can make referrals to this program, if the following criteria are met:

- The parent(s)/caregiver(s) are aware of the referral for Homebuilders®, and at least one parent/caregiver in the home is willing to participate.
- Confirm the family will be available for an intake session within 24 hours of referral.
- Confirm the family will be available to meet with a Practitioner 3 to 5 times per week, for a total of approximately 40 hours, during a 4 to 6 week period.
- Maintaining the child in the home is not just a temporary plan. The child is not on a waiting list or pending entry into out-of-home treatment, alternative placement or a juvenile justice institution.
- The parent(s)/caregiver(s) have been informed of the risk of removal or re-removal.
- DSS Referring Worker has had contact with the family within 2 business days prior to referral for placement prevention.

Our team is available 24/7 to support children and families in times of need.

For more information, please visit:
crossnore.org/family-preservation

