

# Eastern Area

## FAMILY SERVICES

**B**aptist Children's Homes (BCH) provides residential services for children and families in southeastern North Carolina at Odum Home in Pembroke. Dedicated staff members work tirelessly to meet the needs of children



in care. Like all BCH facilities, Odum Home places a high value on helping meet spiritual needs by providing church services, vespers, and cottage devotions. Odum Home is located directly across from The University of North Carolina at Pembroke and involves college students in practical stud-

ies at the facility. Today, Odum Home offers residential and emergency care services.

Odum Home, once known as the Indian Orphanage, is unique within BCH's family of facilities. Pembroke is known as the "Land of the Lumbee" and Odum Home maintains its connection to the rich traditions of the community. The facility serves a tri-racial composition serving BCH's mission of "helping hurting children. . . healing broken families."

**Service Area:** BCH's Eastern Area Family Services provides these residential and placement services: emergency care, clarification/value change, continuing care and after care services. The Eastern Area serves the following North Carolina counties: Anson, Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Brunswick, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Currituck, Dare, Duplin,

Edgecombe, Franklin, Gates, Granville, Greene, Halifax, Harnett, Hertford, Hoke, Hyde, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, New Hanover, Northampton, Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Pitt, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland, Tyrrell, Vance, Wake, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Wilson.

**Clarification/Value Change:** This service helps families to understand and define their immediate relationships enabling them to make decisions concerning their futures. Value Change occurs as family relationships are clarified, and children and their families learn problem-solving skills. Clarification/Value Change can serve up to twenty youth: 10 girls and 10 boys.

**Continuing Care:** This provides care to a child after it is determined the child's needs are best met through long-term residential care. Based on a young person's age, maturity, and projected plan following residential service, preparation for adult living is incorporated in the plan of service.

**Emergency Care:** This service provides care during a family crisis. Safe, immediate care is provided for the child while the family is helped to de-escalate the crisis





and to develop an immediate plan. The maximum length of stay is 60 days. Emergency Care is located in Elmore Cottage and serves as many as five girls.

**Referrals:** Referrals to Odum Home are accepted from anyone and can be as simple as a phone call. Children and families are referred by themselves, Departments of Social Services, pastors, educators, Juvenile Services or other family members. Applications are provided to and received from only the legal custodian who must be a legal resident of North Carolina.

**Cost:** Cost of service is based on a sliding fee scale for parent or relative custodians. DSS custodians will pay based on a pre-established purchase of service charge.

To inquire about Odum Home's services or to make a referral, contact:

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To learn more, see more photos and read Odum Home's online journal, go to: [www.bchfamily.org/pembrokearea](http://www.bchfamily.org/pembrokearea)