



Robeson House, INC.

215. E 6th St. , Lumberton, NC, 28358

Emergency Shelter for Children, Phone (910-738-6831)

Robeson House, Inc. provides 24 hours of group home care and shelter (up to 90 days) for dependent, neglected, undisciplined and delinquent youth ages 7 to 17 of Robeson County who need to be temporary removed from their homes during a family crisis.

The target population age for youth being served is 7-14. Some of these youth may or may not be on probation. Some are placed at the home as an alternative to detention. Others at times are court ordered to be placed out of home as a result of disruption at home and the need for a stable and safe environment.

Program Goal(s): the purpose of the program is to provide temporary shelter, structure, care, supervision and positive guidance that will enable youth to return home or to a more desirable alternative placement. Tutorial services are provided by tutors who works with the youth two days a week as well as have three computers with tutorial material installed on them. Residents are required to attend school daily and not be or get suspended from school while residing at the home. The program staff social worker contacts the schools that the youth are attending to monitor academics. The program staff also works with the parents/legal guardian or custodians to see if they are in need of any assistance. Bi-weekly a treatment team meeting is held to discuss any issue or problems with the child's legal custodian, the worker who referred them to us, the Director, the on staff Social Worker and the child. A high percentage of youths served by the Robeson House experience disruptive behavior in school and at home. The numbers are high in residents who are having problems academically. We have a certified teacher (tutor) who works two days out of the week with residents. We also have new tutorial program installed on the computers. The programs are the same kind currently being used in the school system. Youth who have shown disruptive behavior are advised to join staff, legal custodian and the referring agency representative in a group meeting to discuss how the individual can channel that negative into a positive. Our on staff Social Worker is a Licensed Professional Counselor. She counsels residents and the legal custodian. If therapy/ counseling is not in place for a child or family and she feels they are in need of more intense counseling she contacts the referring agency representative to advise them of this. Robeson House receives referrals from the Dept. of Social Services and the Dept. of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention only. Youth served are between the ages of 7-17 who are in need of placement or housing due to being "at risk" of court involvement, dependent, neglected, abused or an ungovernable delinquent. We provide 24 hour service for youths. The maximum length of stay for a youth is ninety days. Approving admission is the responsibility of the Director and staff when the director is not available. Information for out-of-home placement must be established with the



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projected length of stay. The Director must decide if the Robeson House can meet the youth's needs as well as what support services are needed for the youth if any. Staff members who are processing the application will advise the referral agency representative and the legal custodian that ongoing contacts will be established while the youth are in our care. A plan of care will be established within seventy-two hours and a review update completed every two weeks by the referral agency representative who is working with the youth. The review update will also include staff, legal custodian and the youth. A physical and social history are due within two weeks after admission. Immunization record is due within thirty days. Birth certificate and proof of health insurance are due at admission. If a youth has been evaluated by Mental Health and leveled higher than a Level I the youth is not eligible for placement at the Robeson House. This rule was mandated by the NC Dept. of Health Services, Division of Social Services.