



## The Summit House Program

Our house plans include much more than most. [www.summithouse.org](http://www.summithouse.org)

For over two decades, Summit House has provided services, in a residential setting, to mothers who have committed nonviolent crimes and to their children. We serve all 100 counties in North Carolina. Summit House is open to:

- ⇒ Mothers who choose to work on change rather than to lose their children and go to prison.
- ⇒ Mothers who have committed nonviolent crimes, who are pregnant and/or have custody of children age 7 or under.
- ⇒ Children who live with their mothers at Summit House while their moms make parenting their number one priority. The mothers' parenting skills are constantly monitored.

Each family is assigned a case manager who assesses the needs of the mother and children and tailors a treatment plan for the family.

- ⇒ The children at Summit House are frequently assessed for developmental issues by parenting specialists in order to determine what services Summit House needs to provide for each individual child.

The major goals for each mom include:

- ⇒ Establishing a strong bond with her children and learning how to be loving and nurturing.
- ⇒ Successfully maintaining her recovery from addiction through substance-abuse treatment.
- ⇒ Obtaining mental health services if indicated.
- ⇒ Obtaining a GED if she does not have a high school diploma.
- ⇒ Obtaining vocational training and/or further education that will enable her to earn a wage that exceeds minimum wage and to become financially self-sufficient.
- ⇒ Establishing a savings account of at least \$1,500 to use to transition back into the community.

### The children are the real winners!

*...Through my stay at Summit House, I have obtained my GED with honors, begun my college education; majoring in Human Service Technologies, learned better parenting techniques, repaired relationships with my family, had the courage to stand in front of my son's father in a courtroom, obtained full-time employment within an international Fortune 500 company, and maintained a clean and crime-free living for myself and my son... TT, Summit House Graduate*

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