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Form 990-EZ

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds, organizations that operate one or more hospital facilities, and certain controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990 (see instructions) All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$200,000 and total assets less than \$500,000 at the end of the year may use this form

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

OMB No 1545-1150

2010

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2010 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2010, and ending 06-30-2011

- B Check if applicable: Address change, Name change, Initial return, Terminated, Amended return, Application pending

C Name of organization: Forsyth County Community Connection Inc. Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite: 133 Samaritan Drive. City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4: Cumming, GA 30040

D Employer identification number: 58-2099754. E Telephone number. F Group Exemption Number

G Accounting method: [X] Cash [] Accrual Other (specify). I Website: WWW.CONNECTFORSYTH.ORG. J Tax-Exempt status: [X] 501(c)(3) [] 501(c)() (insert no) [] 4947(a)(1) or [] 527

H Check [X] if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

K Check [] if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$50,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required though Form 990-N (e-postcard) may be required (see instructions) But if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, line 25, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. \$ 83,690

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I [X]

Table with 21 rows and 3 columns: Line number, Description, and Amount. Revenue section (lines 1-9) shows total revenue of 83,690. Expenses section (lines 10-17) shows total expenses of 98,631. Net Assets section (lines 18-21) shows net assets at end of year of 801.

Part II Balance Sheets

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

(See the instructions for Part II)

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	15,742	22 801
23 Land and buildings		23
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)		24
25 Total assets	15,742	25 801
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)		26
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	15,742	27 801

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

Expenses
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?

The mission of the Community Connection is to connect the needs of vulnerable children and families to agencies and volunteers. When we create and coordinate pathways to solutions, we celebrate community success. Our vision is for every family to be healthy, engaged and self-sufficient.

Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

28 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (SEE ATTACHED) (Grants \$ 29,213) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	
29 HANDS ON FORSYTH (see attached) (Grants \$ 33,280) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	
30 (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	62,493

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated. (See the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
See Additional Data Table				

Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

Form 990-EZ (2010) Part V Other Information. Questions 33-44d regarding organizational activities, tax reporting, and financial accounts. Includes fields for amounts, dates, and yes/no responses.

Yes No

45 Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? *If 'Yes,' Form 990 and Schedule R must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ*

45		No
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45a Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? *If 'Yes,' Form 990 and Schedule R must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ*

45a		No
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46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I*

46		No
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Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only.

All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 47-49b and 52.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

Yes No

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II*

47		No
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48 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule E*

48		No
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49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

49a		No
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b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

49b		No
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50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. *If there is none, enter "None"*

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
NONE				

50(f) Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. *If there is none, enter "None"*

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

51(d) Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **NOTE:** All Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A **Yes** **No**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here Signature of officer: ***** Date: 2011-11-11
 Type or print name and title: NICOLE MORGAN Executive Direc

Paid Preparer's Use Only Preparer's signature: Jeffrey A Stephens CPA Date: _____ Check if self-employed:
 Preparer's taxpayer identification number (See instructions): _____
 Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: Le Roy Cole & Stephens LLC, 101 Samantan Drive, Cumming, GA 30040
 EIN: _____ Phone no: (770) 889-1470

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions **Yes** **No**

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No 1545-0047

2010

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Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
Forsyth County Community Connection Inc

Employer identification number

58-2099754

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)
- 9 An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h
 a Type I b Type II c Type III - Functionally integrated d Type III - Other

- e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

- (i) a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the the supported organization?
- (ii) a family member of a person described in (i) above?
- (iii) a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?
- h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	122,219	122,490	88,989	61,187	83,675	478,560
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						0
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						0
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	122,219	122,490	88,989	61,187	83,675	478,560
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						0
6 Public Support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						478,560

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	122,219	122,490	88,989	61,187	83,675	478,560
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	1,196	2,534	1,369	289	15	5,403
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						0
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						0
11 Total support (Add lines 7 through 10)						483,963

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions) **12**

13 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public Support Percentage for 2010 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	14	98.880 %
15 Public Support Percentage for 2009 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	98.750 %

- 16a 33 1/3% support test—2010.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- b 33 1/3% support test—2009.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- 17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2010.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2009.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- 18 Private Foundation** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a or 17b, check this box and see instructions

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) 	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public Support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) 	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12)						
14 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here 						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public Support Percentage for 2010 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2010 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2010. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3% and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization 		
b 33 1/3% support tests—2009. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization 		
20 Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a or 19b, check this box and see instructions 		

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Facts And Circumstances Test

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Additional Data

Software ID: 10000105
Software Version: 2010v3.2
EIN: 58-2099754
Name: Forsyth County Community Connection Inc

Form 990EZ, Part IV - List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees

(A) Name and address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(E) Expense account and other allowances
BRIAN ADAMS 133 SAMARITAN DRIVE CUMMING,GA 30040	Director 2 00	0		
NICOLE MORGAN 133 SAMARITAN DRIVE CUMMING,GA 30040	Executive Direc 40 00	40,933		
REV NANCY JOHNSON 133 SAMARITAN DRIVE CUMMING,GA 30040	Director 2 00	0		
JUDY VANDENBERG 133 SAMARITAN DRIVE CUMMING,GA 30040	Director 2 00	0		
BRIAN DILL 133 SAMARITAN DRIVE CUMMING,GA 30040	President elect 2 00	0		
ANN-MARGARET JOHNSTON 133 SAMARITAN DRIVE CUMMING,GA 30040	Director 2 00	0		
BETH BUURSEMA 133 SAMARITAN CUMMING,GA 30040	Director 2 00	0		
Dr LC BUSTER EVANS 133 SAMARITAN DRIVE CUMMING,GA 30040	Director 2 00	0		
KRISTIN MORRISSEY 133 SAMARITAN DRIVE CUMMING,GA 30040	Secretary 2 00	0		
LINDA ALLEN 133 SAMARITAN CUMMING,GA 30040	Director 2 00	0		
JOHN CLARK 133 SAMARITAN DRIVE CUMMING,GA 30040	Treasurer 2 00	0		
KENT DAYTON 133 SAMARITAN DRIVE CUMMING,GA 30040	Director 2 00	0		
VIRGILLIO PEREZ PASCOE 133 SAMARITAN DRIVE CUMMING,GA 30040	President 2 00	0		
Brett Berto 133 SAMARITAN DRIVE CUMMING,GA 30040	Director 2 00	0		
HONORABLE J RUSSELL JACKSON 133 SAMARITAN DRIVE CUMMING,GA 30040	Director 2 00	0		

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.**

OMB No 1545-0047

2010

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Inspection**

Name of the organization

Forsyth County Community Connection Inc

Employer identification number

58-2099754

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 9	Other Expenses 9	BANK CHARGES \$140

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 8	Other Expenses 8	OFFICE SUPPLIES \$179

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 7	Other Expenses 7	REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE \$523

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 6	Other Expenses 6	DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS \$1000

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 5	Other Expenses 5	PROFESSIONAL FEES \$2657

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 4	Other Expenses 4	COMMUNITY EDUCATION \$2750

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 3	Other Expenses 3	INSURANCE \$2861

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 2	Other Expenses 2	TELEPHONE \$4651

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 1	Other Expenses 1	DIRECT MATERIALS \$22754

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 1007	Other Expenses 1007	Conferences, Conventions, and Meetings \$76

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 1005	Other Expenses 1005	Travel \$28

Identifier

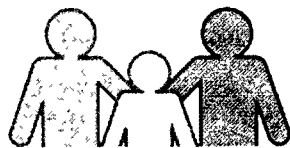
Return Reference

Explanation

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 1001

Other Expenses 1001

Advertising and Promotion \$768



Forsyth County
COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Board of Directors

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Past-President: Brett Berto

President Elect: Brian Dill

Treasurer: John Clark

Secretary: Kristin Morrissey

Honorable J. Russell Jackson

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Brian Adams

Dr. LC (Buster) Evans

Rev. Nancy Johnson

Ann-Margaret Johnston

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Judy Vandenberg

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nicolemccoy@connectforsyth.org

Kerry Rosewall, Volunteer Coordinator
kerryrosewall@connectforsyth.org

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www.connectforsyth.org

To volunteer:

www.handsonforsyth.org

At the office:

Forsyth County Family Center

133 Samaritan Drive

Suite 109

Cumming, Georgia 30040

770-205-1701

Who is the Forsyth County Community Connection?

Who we are...

The Forsyth County Community Connection is a private, non-profit organization associated with the Georgia Family Connection Partnership (www.gafcp.org)

- We CONNECT volunteers, families in need, and agencies to foster local decision making
- We CREATE healthy pathways for families through collaboration in the community.
- We COORDINATE resources to maximize outcomes for families and the community.
- We CELEBRATE community success.

Our Mission

The mission of the Forsyth County Community is to connect the needs of vulnerable children and families to agencies and volunteers. When we create and coordinate pathways to solutions, we celebrate community success.

Vision

The Forsyth County Community Connection envisions our county as a place where every family is healthy, engaged, and self-sufficient.

The Forsyth County Community Connection is proud to be a Georgia Family Connection Partnership and a member of Hands On Network/Points of Light Foundation.

2011: We charted a course for the future.

Focus for 2011	Elements	Goals	Subsidiary Operational Goals	Strategy	Benchmarks	Status
Strategic Plan 2008-2011 A Community that is educated, safe and supported.	Client Outcomes	All students in Forsyth Co will succeed in school		Ensure that at-risk students receive support in and out of the traditional classroom A key indicator of lack of success is absenteeism Develop preventive measures	1 Reach 88% of on-time graduation rates in 2011 up from 83% in 2008	Programs with non-profit community partners and schools on track and growing
					2 Absenteeism will be 5.6% in 2011	Programs with non-profit community partners and schools on track and growing
		All Children in Forsyth Co will be raised in a safe and healthy environment	Establish a Forsyth Co System of Care	Adapt "best practices" in system of care approach	3 Increase partner participation in collaborative activities	Key strategic partners participated in monthly meetings with focus on linking services
			Connect Youth and Families with Key partners	Create Volunteer Programs with Individual partners	4 Strengthen framework of organizations and increase capacity	Marketing plans developed to recruit skills based volunteers in a coordinated manner amongst partners
Build Scale—Strengthen and Deepen Partner Involvement	Partner Involvement	Residents of Forsyth Co are connected to the community in meaningful ways supporting the work of non-profit and social service organizations	Networking	Engage, communicate, and provide compelling examples of success	5 Provide Monthly Networking Meetings	Monthly networking meetings held the 3 rd Monday of each month in partnership with Juvenile Court
					6 Increase Results-based facilitation	Intensive strategic planning process provided for focused partners
			Targeted Grant Proposals Specific Fundraising activities in Community		7 Develop resources for key strategies with state impact	Wrote for collaborative grants, supported partner's individual fundraising activities through volunteers and marketing, planned collaborative fundraising initiatives
					8 Partner with community orgs For Fund raising	
		9 Promote existing resources to enhance community awareness	Directory maintained, coordinated marketing efforts developed for non-profit partners, spotlight videos created			
Build Scale—Increase Volunteers including specialized services	Volunteer Recruiting		Volunteer Engagement	Match volunteer to project Celebrate heroes	10 Use Hands On Platform and grow to 8000 volunteers and 15k hours volunteered	We reached nearly 7000 volunteers this year with 10,000 hours of service recorded through the Hands On Forsyth program

A community that is *educated, safe, and supported.*

Strategic Goal 1: All students in Forsyth County will succeed in school

Strategy to achieve goal: Ensure that students who are most likely at-risk of not completing high school receive services to support their academic success, both in and out of the traditional classroom

Benchmarks: Improve on-time graduation rates from 83% in 2008 to 88% in 2011. Decrease number of absent days for students in identified evaluated program

Progress: We are truly fortunate to work with a proactive school system that is going above and beyond to reach these benchmarks. Our role as an organization is working with the non-profit partners to evaluate effectiveness of programs, link initiatives, and develop resources to meet the needs of the most at-risk student populations. This year our key focus was assisting our partners in developing their programs to support the "whole child" so that students arrive at school ready to focus and families are equipped to promote student success. Our partnership with Mentor Me North Georgia, Bald Ridge Boys Lodge, SAFFT, CASA, and Faith's House enables us to reach the most vulnerable families and create a caring network for them.

Strategic Goal 2: All children in Forsyth County will be raised in a safe and healthy environment.

Strategy to achieve goal: Work with identified partner organizations (MentorMe North Georgia, CASA of Forsyth County, Bald Ridge Boys Lodge, SAFFT, Faith's House) to connect youth and families to first strategic goal. Refer families to the Forsyth County Local Interagency Planning Team. Develop community care plans for families in crisis and connect them to resources to stabilize while preventing duplication of services

Benchmarks: Refer at minimum 15 families to the Forsyth County LIPT

Progress: The Forsyth County Local Interagency Planning Team maintained a caseload of at minimum 6 families at all times throughout the past year. A total of 18 families were served through the intensive team approach, with 5 families successfully exiting the LIPT and several on-track to exit shortly. These families were connected to mental health, financial, educational, and healthy living resources. All meetings are family centered and purposefully inclusive. We are proud to say this process is working in our community to stabilize families, preventing initial or continued involvement with the judicial system, and we look forward to future development.

Strategic Goal 3: Residents of Forsyth County are connected to the community in meaningful ways, supporting the work of non-profit and social service organizations.

Strategy to achieve goal: Engage citizens in the Hands On Forsyth program through episodic volunteerism. Convert individuals that participate in episodic volunteerism to committed volunteers with key partner organizations. Work with partner organizations to develop customized volunteer plans designed to meet their needs and aid in expansion of service delivery.

Benchmarks: Increase volunteer base from 5,500 to 8,000 registered individuals. Increase total hours volunteered recorded through the Hands On program to 15,000.

Progress In FY2011 we reached nearly 7,000 volunteers with 10,000 hours of service recorded through the Hands On Forsyth program. The estimated value of a volunteer hour is \$21.36 meaning that the economic impact of the service contributed by individuals in Forsyth County is \$213,600.00. These are dollars non-profit organizations would have had to raise to support staff and materials to get projects done without volunteers.

For more detail...

Selected community partners deepened and strengthened scale:

The Forsyth County Community Connection identified partner organizations that are critical to the work of these strategies. These agencies are:

Mentor Me North Georgia – Provides traditional community based mentoring relationships for identified children and has developed a program called Reach, a Hispanic Mentoring Program; this site-based program serves children ages 6-12 in Forsyth County. The program helps children who could benefit from one-on-one time with a mentor to build their academic and/or social skills, while at the same time offering a laid-back opportunity for volunteers and children to get to know each other. Since the program is site-based, there is also (for both volunteers and children) an extra benefit to participating in a group setting. This program is a great benefit to the students as well as serving as a starting point for those still considering participating in the community program. Mentors and kids meet weekly at the Mentor Me offices, where they have educational games, books and homework help available to the children.

Bald Ridge Boys Lodge - Bald Ridge Lodge, Inc, is a non-profit Stabilization and Assessment Center which serves boys ages 12-17. They serve those who are in the custody of the Department of Family and Children Services or referred by the local Juvenile Court. Through partnership with referring agencies, as well as families, the Lodge focuses on family reunification and restoration. While at the Lodge, boys receive counselling, mentoring, community support and engage in positive activities.

Supporting Adoption and Foster Families Together (SAFFT) - Supporting Adoption & Foster Families Together, Inc. is a community based organization of caregivers that supports the needs of Georgia's foster and adoptive children by providing Foster and Adoptive families or caregivers with a support model by group meeting, education, information and training on the needs of abused and neglected children and a reliable network of emergency and respite care so that we may help retain the homes;

Advocating for Adoptive and Foster children right's through legislative changes, community awareness and public policy; Meeting the needs of the Foster and Adoptive children by raising funds and partnering with individuals, state and local government agencies, community groups and other non-profit organizations

CASA of Forsyth County - A Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) is a trained community volunteer appointed by a judge to speak up for the best interests of an abused or neglected child involved in a juvenile court proceeding. CASA volunteers serve as the eyes and ears of the court. They interview anyone who may be able to shed light on the child's needs—the child, parents, family members, social workers, school officials, neighbors, etc. The CASA then appears in court to make recommendations to the judge, based on the CASA's independent assessment, about what is in the child's best interest. The CASA remains involved to keep the focus on the child until the case is permanently resolved.

Faith's House - Faith's House is an organization for single moms with limited life choices that encourages them their educational dreams. Faith's House provides a safe, nurturing, and spiritual environment -- empowering women to create better lives for themselves and their families. The philosophy of this organization is to educate mothers to better educate children.

Activities that were involved in reaching 2011 benchmarks:

(1) Graduation rate will be 88% and (2) absenteeism will be 5.6% in 2011

- a. Create strategic volunteer plans for key partner organizations to recruit mentors, peer support, CASAs, and other program volunteers
- b. Coordinate evaluation of the Kick It Up program (Mentor Me) with Forsyth County Schools to determine programmatic success and identify areas for growth. Work with other key partners to identify individuals that could be served by multiple organizations, laying the ground work for strategy level evaluation.
- c. Work with Forsyth County Schools Graduation Coaches/Counselors/Social Workers to identify students that are absent more than 15 days from school and refer those students/families to partner organizations
- d. Identify best practices for partner programs related to strategy and work with partners to implement and develop.
- e. Write collaborative grants that would provide resources to develop and expand programming around this strategy.

(3) Increase Partner participation in collaborative activities

- a. Provide regular invitations to partners for the Local Interagency Planning team.
- b. Spotlight partners in Get CONNECTED monthly e-news letter.

- (4) Strengthen framework or organizations and increase capacity
 - a. Identify best practices for partner programs related to strategy and work with partners to implement and develop.
 - b. Write collaborative grants that would provide resources to develop and expand programming around this strategy.

- (5) Hold Monthly Network Meetings - a partnership with the Juvenile Court of Forsyth County
 - a. Maintain attendance at monthly meetings at 65 or greater
 - b. Recruit speakers on topics that are timely and related to strategies, providing professional growth opportunities for partners.

- (6) Increase Results-Based Facilitation
 - a. Provide facilitation for key partners to work through strategic planning, problem solving, and/or board development

- (7) Develop resources for key strategies with state impact and (8) partner with community organizations for fundraising.
 - a. Identify areas that align with state areas for improvement to potentially fund through collaborative grant writing.
 - b. When most appropriate, host coordinated fundraising events (e.g. All Wheels Ride)

- (9) Promote existing resources to enhance community awareness
 - a. Attend community fairs/events to showcase Community Resource Directory, Hands On Forsyth, and partner organizations.
 - b. Enhance website to make community information easily accessible
 - c. Develop video promotional spots of key partners and programming featured on website and You-Tube.

- (10) Use Hands On platform to strengthen partner organizations and grow volunteer database to 8,000 registered volunteers
 - a. Increase project opportunities listed on www.handsonforsyth.org
 - b. Promote signature volunteer projects i.e. Hands On Forsyth Week, 9/11 Day of Service, Make a Difference Day, MLK Day of Service, Family Volunteering Day
 - c. Target neighborhood associations, clubs, and businesses for promotion.