



A whole-way house.

Our house plans include much more than most. www.summithouse.org

The Summit House mission is to break the multigenerational cycle of poverty, crime, and substance abuse by intervening in and strengthening the lives of mothers who have committed non-violent crimes and their children.

The services children receive at Summit House help prevent them from repeating the cycle of crime and substance abuse that has been the pattern of their mothers, and diminish the potential for these children to enter the foster care system. Some of the services the children receive include:

Nurturing Self-Esteem Development Counseling Educational Support

Because of the services facilitated by Summit House, our graduates return to the community equipped to be financially stable and eager to be positive contributing members of society. To help the women accomplish these considerable goals, they receive many services including:



Parenting Skills Responsibility Education/GED

Behavior Modification Life Skills

Personal Counseling Substance Abuse Counseling

Budgeting & Financial Management Job Skills & Employment

Summit House graduates have a 93% success rate!

The re-incarceration rate for NC prison, over a three-year period, per NCSPC* is 36.2%.
The re-incarceration rate for graduates of Summit House is under 7%.**

Summit House is the alternative to prison that works!

Winner of the U.S. President's Service Award and the

Improvement of Justice Award

*NC Sentencing and Policy Commission

**For the past 5 years



Parents of minor children held in the nation's prisons increased by 79% between 1991 and midyear 2007.

The Children

- ⇒ 3,353 minor children living in NC have mothers incarcerated for non-violent crimes.
- ⇒ In NC, the average daily cost for a child in a childcare group home (foster care) is \$141.00.
- ⇒ Children of incarcerated parents are 6 times more likely than other children to be incarcerated themselves.
- ⇒ 3 out of 10 of the nation's homeless are former foster care children.
- ⇒ Statistics show 12 - 18 months after leaving foster care:
 - 27% of males and 12% of females have been in jail.
 - 33% were receiving public assistance.
 - 37% had not finished high school.
 - 50% were unemployed.



The Mothers

- ⇒ On any given day, approximately 2,887 women are in prison in NC.
- ⇒ Approximately 75% of these women are mothers.
- ⇒ The average daily cost of incarcerating a woman at the NCCIW* in Raleigh is \$74.77
- ⇒ The average daily cost of substance-abuse treatment per woman while in prison is \$15.37.

*NC Correctional Institute for Women

Mothers serving time where they're needed most...with their children.

The State

<u>Cost Comparisons</u>	<u>Per Day</u>	<u>Annually</u>
Foster Care: 66 children	\$ 54.79	\$1,319,891
Prison: 32 mothers, no rehab services	\$ 74.77	\$ 873,314
Total State of North Carolina		\$2,193,205
General Assembly grant to Summit House for Mothers and Children		\$1,108,164
Annual Savings to the Tax Payers of NC		\$1,085,041

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