



Community Action Opportunities

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Black Mountain Family Center is reaching out into the community to families who live on low incomes!

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Located on the campus at Black Mountain Primary School, this resource center is now a program of Community Action Opportunities! We are reaching out into the Black Mountain community to help families improve their lives.

A Life Works coach is now working at the Center to serve Black Mountain and Swannanoa families to help them increase their self sufficiency.

Year-round services and activities include:

- Preschool play groups for adults and children with specialized activities to help parents better understand how to support their child's growth and development
- Comprehensive child care where parents share child care among themselves without exchange of money so parents can attend meetings and classes
- Red Cross Babysitter Training Course offered at the Center for 11-15 year olds to help them lighten their family's financial burdens by earning money for school
- Children Clothing Closet for sizes 4T-10 (Donations welcomed!)
- Parent Lending Library, stocked with over 450 books and videos on various parenting topics and a variety of children's books
- Annual "First Day of Kindergarten Support Social" for August 18th and 19th at 7:30 p.m. with coffee, pastries and boxes of Kleenex tissues to help parents and grandparents through the sometimes difficult transition that occurs when young children enter Kindergarten.
- Life Works services providing access to job training and steady employment

The Center is also holding a Community Yard Sale to support Center activities for families. Yard Sale donations can be made under the covered porch at any time and are greatly appreciated. Mark down August 6th as a tentative date for the sale!

The Center is also planning a Face Lift. Volunteers from Student Life will get on their overalls (or any old thing!) and supply the labor to paint Black Mountain Family Center building. Lowes graciously donated the paint for the outside and inside of the building.

