**Position**: Community Social Services Technician

**Department**: Department of Social Services

**Salary Range**: $22,875.70 - $32,322.77

**Opening Date:** October 12, 2021

**Closing Date:** October 26, 2021

**Responsibilities:**

An employee in this class assists the social work team, which respond to reports of abuse, neglect, and dependency of children by assessing the risk of harm and providing services (either voluntary or mandated) to reduce risk and promote safety, including invoking the court system when necessary. When children are unable to be safe in their own homes, this team explores alternative placement options and selects a solution that is in the child(ren)'s best interest.

The employee will assist the social work team by scheduling and supervising visits between children and their families; transporting children/parents to scheduled visits, medical appointments, etc.; providing homemaker services to reduce risk in families identified by social work staff; and scheduling and preparing for various other meetings. The employee works under the direct supervision of the Social Work Supervisor III within the Child Welfare Unit.

Regular working hours are Monday through Friday, 8 am - 5 pm; however, a flexible schedule is necessary to accommodate late afternoon visits and weekend transports (usually children to placements).

**Qualifications:**

* Graduation from high school or GED.
* Valid NC driver's license.
* Graduation from a two-year associate degree program designed to prepare support personnel for human services agencies which include a six-month practice/internship in a similar setting (one year of the above experience may be substituted for the practice);
* Or demonstrated possession of knowledge, skills, and abilities gained through two years of experience in performing similar instructional and community placement tasks.

**Who We Are:**

Located in the Foothills region of North Carolina, Alexander County is primarily rural in nature. Bordered by the Brushy Mountains to the north and the Catawba River to the south, residents can enjoy a quiet, more isolated area in the country or a more urban setting with lakeside living. The County is rich with history and demographically distinguished by a small town and several rural communities. Alexander County is governed by a five-member Board of Commissioners who are elected at-large, serving four-year terms, with a general operating budget of $43 million and approximately 700 employees. The County offers a wide range of training opportunities, a supportive work culture, and an excellent benefits package.