



# GRANDFACTS

## THE CATAWBA INDIAN NATION FACT SHEET FOR KINSHIP/GRANDFAMILIES

This fact sheet includes national data and information on the Catawba Indian Nation's tribal-specific programs that can assist kinship/grandfamilies. GrandFacts fact sheets for each state and the District of Columbia are also available [online](#).

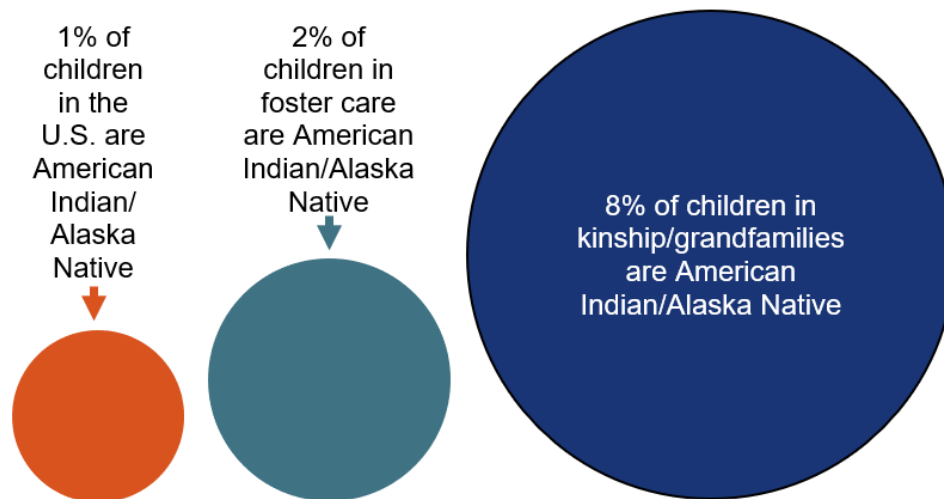
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### American Indian and Alaska Native Children Disproportionately Live in Grandfamilies

While the overrepresentation of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) children in kinship/grandfamilies is likely a product of the centuries-long shameful treatment of this community by the United States and the many inequities this community continues to face, it is also a reflection of their cultural strengths and resilience. The Catawba Indian Nation is currently serving 35 relative/kin families in their designated service area.

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### Kinship/Grandfamilies Data<sup>1</sup>



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<sup>1</sup> The data presented in this graphic is from the [United States Census Bureau](#), the [Annie E. Casey Foundation Kids Count Data Center](#), and the [Adoption and Foster Care Analysis Reporting System \(AFCARS\)](#).

## The Catawba Indian Nation Programs That May Help

The Catawba Indian Nation is the only federally recognized tribe in South Carolina. There are currently 3,300 enrolled members and the Catawba Indian Nation's modern-day lands are in York County, South Carolina. To learn more about the community's long history and rich culture, visit [www.catawba.com/about-the-nation](http://www.catawba.com/about-the-nation). The Catawba Indian Nation offers an array of thriving programs for its citizens and surrounding communities. Services and programming encompass family services, housing, culture and recreation, education, health and wellness, and justice services, among other offerings.

### **Catawba Indian Nation relative and kinship definitions:**

**Relative:** Being a relative is a shared responsibility that extends beyond the child's birth parents to encompass the child's extended family (i.e., grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and in-laws), close non-related caregivers, and community members. This collective group forms an interdependent network of nurturing caregivers, all sharing the responsibility of supporting and guiding the child.

**Kinship care:** Kinship care is when a non-parent relative provides parental care and supervision to a child.

### **Catawba Indian Nation service area defined:**

The Catawba Indian Nation's service area comprises the State of South Carolina and six counties in North Carolina: Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Gaston, Union, Cleveland, and Rutherford. The programs and services listed in this fact sheet are available to relative/kin families, Catawba citizens, and other enrolled tribal members who reside within the service area and meet program eligibility requirements.

## Services for Kinship/Grandfamilies

### Kinship Foster Care Stipend Program

**Phone:** (803) 366-4792

**Eligibility:** Caregivers must be licensed by the South Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS) as a foster parent; non-parental relatives caring for a child who is not in the custody of the DSS may be eligible but must meet eligibility criteria (contact Family Services for more information)

**Description:** The Kinship Foster Care Stipend Program is intended to help offset the cost of caring for a child in foster care, ensuring that kinship families have the resources they need to provide a safe and nurturing environment. Kinship families receive a stipend for up to 52 weeks or for the duration of the placement, depending on the availability of funding. The stipends provide financial assistance to cover the child's essential needs, including food, clothing, shelter, and everyday expenses. The program provides additional support such as access to healthcare services for the child, training, support groups, and respite care. Licensed kinship families may also receive a monthly board rate stipend from the state's DSS or social services entity for each foster child placed in their home.

## RESOURCES

On the following pages, resources are listed under the following categories:

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## Family Services

### General Assistance

**Website:** [www.catawba.com/family-services](http://www.catawba.com/family-services)

**Phone:** (803) 207-4967

**Eligibility & Description:** The Catawba Nation Family Services General Assistance Application assesses a variety of household needs to provide comprehensive support. It covers areas such as transportation, childcare, housing, disability assistance, and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. Additionally, it identifies challenges related to mental health, substance abuse, criminal history and employment, and other issues affecting school, employment, or training opportunities. Services seek to address both financial and material needs, including access to food and clothing pantries, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIWAP), and assistance with tribal IDs, driver's license and reinstatement fees, birth certificates, and more. These services are designed to support households in their physical, emotional, spiritual, and mental well-being.

### Child Welfare

**Website:** [www.catawba.com/family-services](http://www.catawba.com/family-services)

**Phone:** (803) 203-3297

**Email:** [Angela.Branham@catawba.com](mailto:Angela.Branham@catawba.com)

**Eligibility & Description:** Provides Indian Child Welfare Act advocacy for Catawba children in state child welfare custody, conducts home studies and home visits to support licensed foster families, and offers Positive Indian Parenting (PIP) classes and a foster care stipend program.

### Nūti Yapę (Morning Sun) Tribal Home Visiting

**Phone:** (803) 384-4698

**Email:** [hilary.harris@catawba.com](mailto:hilary.harris@catawba.com)

**Eligibility & Description:** Nūti Yapę (Morning Sun) Tribal Home Visiting program serves expectant families and families with children up to age three living within the service area. Available services include maternal mental health education and support, prenatal and postpartum care, lactation assistance, health promotion and vaccine education, child development screenings, depression screening, and intimate partner violence screening, as well as referrals and connections to community services.

## Senior Services

**Website:** <https://catawbaindian.net/senior-center>

**Phone:** (803) 415-4252

**Email:** [amanda.walker@catawba.com](mailto:amanda.walker@catawba.com)

**Eligibility & Description:** The Catawba Indian Nation Senior Services program serves Catawba citizens, their spouses, and widows/widowers of tribal members ages 55 and up. The program provides nutritional services, caregiver support, case management, home visits, information sharing, outreach, and referrals to community providers. The Catawba Indian Nation operates a Senior Center five days a week, providing breakfast, lunch, and social activities.

## Adult Protective Services

**Phone:** (803) 984-0715

**Email:** [nancy.mullis@catawba.com](mailto:nancy.mullis@catawba.com)

**Eligibility & Description:** Provides legal services to help caregivers retain custody and support for Catawba adults through home visits, risk assessments, and resources for vulnerable adults.

## Behavioral Health

### Prevention Services

**Phone:** (803) 367-6224

**Email:** [lacey.brooks@catawba.com](mailto:lacey.brooks@catawba.com)

**Eligibility & Description:** Prevention services provide Healing of the Clay, a culturally specific mental health, substance misuse, and suicide prevention curriculum for youth and young adults up to age 24.

### Adolescents Treatment Services

**Phone:** (240) 338- 6462

**Email:** [jennifer.downs@ihs.gov](mailto:jennifer.downs@ihs.gov)

**Eligibility & Description:** The behavioral health team provides comprehensive, culturally tailored, long-term residential treatment for youth ages 13-18 years old. Services include counseling, educational support, cultural and spiritual programs, family counseling, and follow-up care.

### Mental Health & Substance Abuse Treatment Services

**Phone:** (839) 214-9280

**Email:** [suze.joseph@catawba.com](mailto:suze.joseph@catawba.com)

**Eligibility & Description:** Provides mental health and substance abuse services, including individual, family, and group therapy, intensive outpatient programming, drum assisted therapy, referrals to withdrawal management, referrals to residential treatment, medication assisted treatment (MAT), case management, crisis response, and life skills.

### Peer Support Services

**Phone:** (803) 833-2133

**Email:** [Ericka.pursley@catawba.com](mailto:Ericka.pursley@catawba.com)

**Eligibility & Description:** Peer Support Services provides culturally specific, peer-based recovery support through a peer recovery group. Services assist individuals considering, seeking, or working on recovery.

### Traditional Healing

**Phone:** (803) 323-7893

**Email:** [monty.branham@catawba.com](mailto:monty.branham@catawba.com)

**Eligibility & Description:** The Catawba Indian Nation Behavioral Health Department provides traditional healing options such as sweat lodge, smudging, drum assisted therapy, and traditional art therapy.

### Health and Wellness

#### Catawba Lifeblood T2 Diabetes Prevention Program

**Website:** [www.catawba.com/wellness](http://www.catawba.com/wellness)

**Phone:** (803) 366-4792

**Description:** A year-long program for Catawba citizens to encourage and support healthy lifestyle changes to prevent type 2 diabetes. Classes are offered once a week for the first six months and then once a month for another six months. Class topics include healthy eating, physical activity, healthy ways to deal with stress, coping with food-centered challenges, and healthy food planning.

#### Food Sovereignty Programs

**Website:** [www.catawba.com/wellness](http://www.catawba.com/wellness)

**Email:** [hayley.brezeale@catawba.com](mailto:hayley.brezeale@catawba.com)

**Description:** The Catawba Indian Nation Wellness Department organizes fresh produce box distributions for Catawba citizens, has raised garden beds around the reservation, hosts bi-monthly cooking classes and work

group meetings, and launched the Hunter Voucher Program. These efforts focus on strengthening the Catawba Indian Nation’s food system by offering healthy and accessible food through outlets that honor the Catawba Indian Nation’s vast history and culture.

## Wellness Services

**Website:** [www.catawba.com/wellness](http://www.catawba.com/wellness)

**Phone:** (839) 214-8201

**Email:** [tolani.franks@catawba.com](mailto:tolani.franks@catawba.com)

**Eligibility & Description:** Wellness Services provides prevention programming for diabetes, obesity, and heart disease, which includes promoting access to healthy traditional foods. Other services include Indigi-fit classes, building balance, food sovereignty, cooking classes, community gardens, spirit sprinters running program, and smoking cessation. The program also advocates for policy and environmental change that supports healthy living.

## Housing

### Catawba Indian Nation Housing Rehabilitation Program

**Website:** <https://catawbanation.org/arpa-programs>

**Phone:** (803) 389-3158

**Email:** [jennifer.mcadams@catawba.com](mailto:jennifer.mcadams@catawba.com)

**Eligibility & Description:** Provides low-income Catawba citizens housing rehabilitation and modernization assistance.

### ISWA (“People of the River”) Development Corporation – Housing Opportunities

**Website:** [www.catawba.com/housing-services](http://www.catawba.com/housing-services)

**Phone:** (803) 366-2750

**Email:** [jennifer.mcadams@catawba.com](mailto:jennifer.mcadams@catawba.com)

**Eligibility & Description:** Offers housing programs for low-income Native Americans in the Catawba Indian Nation service area. View housing opportunities outlined below.

### Rental Housing

**Eligibility & Description:** Units available for low-income families. Payments based on 30% of household income. Applicants must meet minimum income requirements based on household size. Fill out a [rental application](#) and send the completed application to [rehab.housing@catawba.com](mailto:rehab.housing@catawba.com).

### Emergency Housing

**Eligibility & Description:** Provides housing for Catawba citizens who are facing hardship, such as domestic violence, fire or natural destruction of their home, or homelessness. Service can be provided for up to six months. The program seeks to move tenants to long-term rentals at the end of their emergency housing stay. Fill out an [emergency housing application](#) and send the completed application to [rehab.housing@catawba.com](mailto:rehab.housing@catawba.com).

### Other Housing Programs

**Eligibility & Description:** ISWA Development Corporation offers a lease-to-own program, a rehabilitation program for homeowners, first-time homebuyers down payment assistance, home ownership and credit counseling, and 184 loan lending.

## **Culture and Recreation**

### **Catawba Cultural Center**

**Website:** <https://catawbaculture.org/>

**Phone:** (803) 493-9862

**Email:** [teresa.dunlap@catawba.com](mailto:teresa.dunlap@catawba.com)

**Eligibility & Description:** The Catawba Cultural Center offers Catawba citizens and community members a variety of programs and resources, including cultural classes (e.g., pottery, dance, foraging, basketry, history, and more), a community library, language classes, public programs that educate the non-Catawba public of Catawba history, traditional stories, language, trail walks, food, and more, as well as digital archives, a historic preservation office, and an opportunity to shop Catawba pottery, art, and other objects through the Trading Post.

### **Library**

**Website:** <https://catawbaculture.org/library>

**Phone:** (803) 417-0826

**Email:** [rachel.hooper@catawba.com](mailto:rachel.hooper@catawba.com)

**Eligibility & Description:** The Catawba Indian Nation library is a hub for Indigenous literature. Catawba citizens, their household members, and Catawba Indian Nation employees can register for a library card to access books and other member-only resources. The library offers delivery services to tribal members' homes for those who are not able to visit the library themselves.



## Education and Child Care

### ISWA Head Start and Early Head Start

**Website:** [www.catawba.com/headstart](http://www.catawba.com/headstart); [www.iswaheadstart.com](http://www.iswaheadstart.com)

**Phone:** (803) 328-2267

**Email:** [melissa.harris@catawba.com](mailto:melissa.harris@catawba.com)

**Eligibility & Description:** Catawba Indian Nation Head Start and Early Head Start programs provide education to children ages six weeks to five years old. The curriculum is based on Catawba culture and language. Services provided include developmental assessments, speech therapy, home visits, family goal setting, and kindergarten readiness.

### Suuk Hinu Child Care

**Website:** <https://www.catawba.com/suukHinu>

**Phone:** (803) 659-6935

**Eligibility & Description:** Licensed daycare facility located in the Green Earth community. The curriculum focuses on early learning; physical activity; social-emotional learning to nurture healthy bodies, happy hearts, and growing minds; and supporting children through key developmental milestones.

### Teen Center

**Phone:** (803) 493-3408

**Email:** [Heather.wurdenmann@catawba.com](mailto:Heather.wurdenmann@catawba.com)

**Eligibility & Description:** A culturally tailored after-school program and summer camp for children and youth from elementary through high school.

## Justice Services

### Catawba Indian Nation Justice Department Victims of Crime Services

**Website:** [www.catawba.com/victim-services](http://www.catawba.com/victim-services)

**Phone:** Victims Advocates: (803) 415-0188 or (803) 415-4152; Child & Youth Victims Advocate: (839) 500-8999; Counselor: (803) 366-4792 ext. 269

**Eligibility & Description:** Provides an array of services intended to help victims through difficult times. Program staff can assist with information on the court process, victim rights, transportation to and from court, assistance with forms and impact statements, and 24/7 crisis response. View victim support programs outlined below.

### Victim Services

**Website:** [www.catawba.com/victim-services](http://www.catawba.com/victim-services)

**Phone:** (839) 214-8195

**Email:** [melissa.martin@catawba.com](mailto:melissa.martin@catawba.com)

**Eligibility & Description:** The Catawba Nation Victim Services Department provides legal assistance, counseling services, domestic violence support services, court advocacy, financial assistance, and safe housing for the Catawba Indian Nation.

### Youth Victim Services

**Website:** [www.catawba.com/victim-services](http://www.catawba.com/victim-services)

**Phone:** (803) 322-3443

**Email:** [kimberly.fields@catawba.com](mailto:kimberly.fields@catawba.com)

**Eligibility & Description:** The Catawba Nation Youth Victim Services provides support for children and youth aged 0-18 who are victims of abuse. The program helps identify appropriate treatment and counseling options and works in partnership with community service providers and schools to determine the most effective care for these young people.

## **Other Community Services**

### **Economic Development**

**Website:** [www.catawba.com/economic-development](http://www.catawba.com/economic-development)

**Email:** [tiffany.moore@catawba.com](mailto:tiffany.moore@catawba.com); [michael.guidry@catawba.com](mailto:michael.guidry@catawba.com)

**Eligibility & Description:** The Economic Development Department provides Catawba citizens information on job opportunities both on and off the reservation, assistance with business plan development, resume support, on-the-job training, and scholarship offerings for students in the Catawba community.

### **Farmers' Market**

**Website:** [www.catawba.com/black-snake-farm](http://www.catawba.com/black-snake-farm)

**Email:** [Katie.Lambiasi@Catawba.com](mailto:Katie.Lambiasi@Catawba.com)

**Eligibility & Description:** A free weekly farmers' market is available to tribal households. The farm has cows, chickens, honeybees, and large plots for growing produce. The farm seeks to feed Catawba families and serve as a source of easily accessible food. The farmers' market takes place at the Catawba Indian Nation's Food Distribution Center and offers free delivery to homebound Catawba Seniors. Open on Saturdays from

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with the first hour reserved for seniors (55+). All households must apply prior to attending the market. To apply, contact Katie Lambiasi or Family Services.

### **Catawba Transit Service**

**Website:** [www.catawba.com/transit](http://www.catawba.com/transit)

**Phone:** (803) 366-4793; (803) 366-4792 ext. 227

**Eligibility & Description:** Catawba Transit Service offers tribal members rides on reservation and to the neighboring community. Rides can be reserved by Catawba citizens with advance notice, subject to schedule availability.

### **Community Planning and Events**

**Website:** [www.catawba.com/about-community-services](http://www.catawba.com/about-community-services)

**Phone:** (803) 412-3502

**Email:** [laney.buckley@catawba.com](mailto:laney.buckley@catawba.com); [media@catawba.com](mailto:media@catawba.com)

**Eligibility & Description:** Updates on community events can be found on the Catawba Citizen Portal or on social media ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#), and [LinkedIn](#)). General council meetings are held the second Saturday in January and July, and as requested by the General Council, at 10:00 a.m. Open forum meetings are held the third Monday of every month at 2:00 p.m.

### **Veterans Affairs (VA)**

**Email:** [rodney.oldham@scdva.sc.gov](mailto:rodney.oldham@scdva.sc.gov); [mary.culley@va.gov](mailto:mary.culley@va.gov)

**Eligibility & Description:** The Catawba Veterans Affairs Office assists with claims, resources, county VA offices, Cooper Veterans Cemetery, employment services, support for women veterans, mental health resources, and tribal government relations.

### **Winthrop University Veteran's Outreach Program**

**Phone:** (803) 322-9810

**Email:** [brooke.wright@catawba.com](mailto:brooke.wright@catawba.com)

**Eligibility & Description:** Winthrop University is a Catawba community partner that provides financial assistance to Catawba veterans to cover essential needs such as rent or mortgage, utilities, groceries, medications, and other needs.

## Emergency Numbers

### Catawba Nation Tribal Police Department (CNTPD)

**Phone:** (803) 412-3509 or (803) 992-5655

**Email:** [Shawn.butler@catawba.com](mailto:Shawn.butler@catawba.com)

**Eligibility & Description:** CNTPD provides community policing, restorative justice, and mentorship. In an emergency, call 911 and the appropriate emergency response team will be dispatched.

### Emergency Management

**Phone:** (803) 984-0298

**Email:** [mike.channell@catawba.com](mailto:mike.channell@catawba.com)

**Eligibility & Description:** Catawba Nation Public Safety provides emergency management services during emergency weather situations, including evacuation support and power assistance for individuals who depend on electrically operated medical devices.

## Health Facilities

### Catawba Service Unit

**Website:** <https://www.ihs.gov/nashville/healthcarefacilities/catawba/>

**Phone:** (803) 366-9090

**Eligibility & Description:** The Catawba Service Unit is an ambulatory outpatient care facility serving the Catawba Indian Nation and other federally recognized American Indians and Alaska Natives. The service unit includes a medical clinic, dental clinic, pharmacy, laboratory, nutritional department, and community partners that provide additional services. These services are available by appointment. Saturday clinics are offered once a month for pediatric and women's health. The service unit is not an urgent/emergent care facility, so in a medical emergency, call 911 or report to your nearest emergency room.

Please visit [www.GKSNetwork.org](http://www.GKSNetwork.org) for [state and territory fact sheets](#) and click [here](#) for the South Carolina GrandFacts state fact sheet.

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The Grandfamilies & Kinship Support Network: A National Technical Assistance Center (Network) helps government agencies and nonprofits in states, tribes, and territories work across jurisdictional and systemic boundaries to improve supports and services for families in which grandparents, other relatives, or close family friends are raising children whose parents are unable to do so. For more information, please visit [www.GKSNetwork.org](http://www.GKSNetwork.org).

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