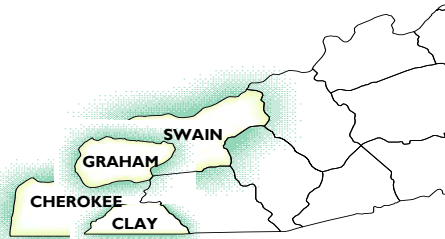


Counseling

Through the services offered by a part-time Marriage and Family Therapist, OEO/CSS is able to offer counseling assistance to individuals and families facing challenges that impede family strength and stability. Counseling services are offered in partnership with, and under the supervision of, the CSS Western Regional Office in Asheville, NC.

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Operating under the principle that even actions that seem simple and small can be transformed and results magnified and multiplied by God, OEO/CSS seeks to create collaborative, community driven efforts to achieve economic justice in the counties of Cherokee, Clay, Graham, and Swain.

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Far West Families First

Far West Families First (FWFF) is an outreach ministry that matches families in need with ecumenical faith teams who provide support and encouragement to the families as they strive to reach goals they have set for themselves. FWFF...

- ◆ fosters collaboration and education among churches, agencies, and families;
- ◆ trains and matches faith teams with families; and
- ◆ provides extended family support, encouragement, services, faith, love, and hope to participating families.

FWFF Coordinator: Netta McFaddin
Phone: 828-835-8093



Providing Help

Growing Opportunities Grants and Awards



OEO/CSS Growing Opportunities Grants provide grants to assist economic development activities of organizations committed to sustainable economic growth in western North Carolina through funds provided by a restricted Diocese of Charlotte Economic Development Fund.

OEO/CSS Awards honor: individuals who have demonstrated outstanding work in leadership, community advocacy and development, and empowerment; individuals who have demonstrated sacrifice and bravery; and women and families who have exhibited strength in overcoming obstacles and adversity.



Creating Hope

ABLE Financial Literacy Education

Financial literacy impacts lives. Marriages and families can be destroyed because of money and credit problems. Individuals can be defeated by debt. A public that is educated in financial literacy is an informed public that makes better financial choices.

The ABLE Program offers individuals and families the opportunity to attend financial literacy workshops and seminars. Staff are available for “one-on-one” sessions to develop a plan of action for debt repair, debt repayment or budgeting one’s resources.

The Msgr. West Financial Literacy Computer Lab offers access to financial literacy programs and software.



Changing Lives