

Our History

It was the South Carolina Daughters of the American Revolution (SCDAR) that first saw the need for a school to serve children located in the poverty stricken Blue Ridge Mountains of South Carolina.

The location was selected for the school and with the help of local residents, land was donated to begin construction of the first building. In 1919, the school opened and accepted its first student.

Since that time, Tamassee DAR School has served countless children in need of a home, love, and education.

Mission: Supporting children and families in crisis through residential, educational and outreach services.

Who We Are

Tamassee DAR School is a private 501-(c)(3) non-profit children's home and family service organization offering multi-faceted programs to serve children and families with a variety of needs. Year round services are provided for up to 68 children in residence, 54 children through the children's center, 60 children in after care services and 20 children within our middle-school academy program.

Our programs and services include seven child care homes that house up to 8-10 children, middle-school academy opened to the public and residential students, individual and group counseling, enrichment and recreational activities and an after care program for reunified families and students enrolled in college.

Location & Directions

From Asheville, NC: Take I-40 to I-26 East, take exit 54 to Hwy. 25 South to Hwy. 11 South toward Cleveland. Follow Hwy. 11 South (approx. 35 miles) then turn left onto Bumgardner Drive just past Tamassee-Salem Elementary School.

From Columbia, SC: Take I-26 to I-385 (Greenville) to Hwy. 123 toward Easley/Clemson. See below to follow directions from Clemson.

From Greenville/Clemson/Seneca, SC: Take Hwy. 123 toward Easley, Clemson, and Seneca. Right onto Hwy. 28 toward Walhalla. Right onto Hwy. 11 toward Tamassee-Salem.

Go 9 miles and turn right onto Bumgardner Drive at sign for Tamassee DAR School.



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Tamassee DAR School



Children & Family Services

Our Services

Residential Program

Tamassee DAR School has been a home for thousands of children from across the United States. The residential program offers a stable nurturing home-like environment to children while their family works to resolve circumstances contributing to the crisis situation.



Whether it is a family illness or conflict, school difficulties, financial issues or marital problems, the professional and caring staff of Tamassee DAR School is ready to help families in need. The primary goals of care for every child is to improve communication, trust and understanding within the family along with a strong education component for each child.

Children are cared for in one of seven same gender homes located on the campus and is staffed by two Teaching-Parents. Teaching-Parents and teachers work with each child and family to help them reach their individual goals.



Residential Life

Academy Program

The Anson G. and Marian Beardslee Raymond Academy is housed on the first floor of the newly renovated Robert Building and is staffed by professional certified teachers and assistants. The Academy serves 6th-8th grade residential students and day students from the surrounding community. Teachers use experiential and hands-on instructional methods for students that may struggle in a traditional classroom setting. These are smart and interactive children that have the ability to be successful, but have often been limited by their learning differences and environment.



Our goal for each child that completes the Academy Program is that they will have the educational background and skills necessary to begin their high school career. Success in high school provides the child with a better opportunity and the confidence to pursue the career of his/her choice after graduation.

Children's Center Program

The Pennsylvania Children's Center is owned and operated by Tamassee DAR School and is licensed by the Department of Social Services of South Carolina to care for up to 54 children. The program is the only licensed day care facility in the community.

The Children's Center is a quality driven program designed to meet the needs of children throughout the community for infants and children up to age 12. The Pinnacle Curriculum is the core of the program. It is faith based and built around state standards to offer developmentally appropriate activities within a nurturing environment.



After Care Program

The Aftercare Program is designed to provide our children and their families with a "safety net" as they transition to their next step in life to a brighter future or higher education.

Care Coordinators follow and work with the child and family utilizing community resources to enhance needed life skills for the child. If for any reason, the new living arrangement is not working for the child or family, Tamassee DAR School is able and ready to return the child to our residential program. This gives both the family and child the comfort of knowing their home away from home will always be there.

In the fall of 2015, a four unit apartment complex was purchased to provide safe housing and individual guidance for students transitioning to independent living by providing an on-site After Care Coordinator.

To learn more, visit us online at www.Tdarschool.org.

