

**North Carolina Department of Transportation
Division of Highways
Traffic Engineering and Safety Systems Branch**

**STANDARD PRACTICE
For
Children's Homes and Orphanages Signing**

It is the standard practice of NCDOT, based on engineering judgement, to install directional signs to qualifying **Children's Homes and Orphanages** as defined in GS 110-45. Signs shall be designed, located, and erected according to the standards of the Manual on Uniform Traffic of Control Devices (MUTCD), the North Carolina Supplement to the MUTCD, and the North Carolina Roadway Standards.

CRITERIA

- Signing is restricted to facilities licensed by the state of North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services as described in GS 110-45.
- Directional signs for Children's Homes and Orphanages may be erected from the nearest US or NC route to the facility, not to exceed three (3) miles in urban areas and five (5) miles in rural areas. Signing from Secondary Roads may be installed at the Division Engineer's discretion.
- Children's Homes and Orphanages signs shall not be allowed on full control of access facilities.
- Children's Homes and Orphanages shall be licensed for a minimum of 50 residents to qualify for signing.

A qualifying Children's Home or Orphanage shall submit their request in writing to the appropriate Division Engineer.

- All costs associated with Children's Homes and Orphanages signs are the responsibility of the requester.

Children's Homes / Orphanages in North Carolina

The American Children's Home (Lexington)
 Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina (Winston-Salem)
 The Children's Home, Methodist, (Winston-Salem)
 Central Children's Home of North Carolina (Oxford)
 The Masonic Home for Children (Oxford)
 Free Will Baptist Children's Home (Middlesex)
 Presbyterian Home for Children (Black Mountain)
 Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina (Kinston)
 Elon Homes for Children (Elon)

The above are the sites we have identified at this time.

Article 3

Control Over Child-Caring Facilities

GS 110-45 Institution has authority of parent or guardian. Every indigent child which may be placed in any orphanage, children's home, or child-placing institution in this State, which shall be an institution existing under and by virtue of the laws of this state, shall be under the control of the authorities of such institution so long as, under the rules and regulations of such institution, the child is entitled to remain in the same. The authority of the institution shall be the same as that of a parent or guardian before the child was placed in the institution; but such authority shall extend only to the person of the child. (1917, c. 133, s. 1; C. S. , s. 5063)