

Competitive Abstinence Education Partners

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NC Law Requires Sex Education

The Competitive Abstinence Education Grant Program is aligned with North Carolina's Healthy Youth Act, passed in 2009 by the North Carolina General Assembly. The Act requires school-based Reproductive Health and Safety Education in public schools. According to the Healthy Youth Act, local school systems are required to include the following in instruction in grades 7–9:

- *Abstinence*
- *Transmission and prevention of sexually transmitted infection (STIs) and HIV*
- *All FDA-approved contraceptive methods*
- *Sexually assault/abuse awareness and risk reduction*

The Healthy Youth Act requires all information to be medically-accurate and based on peer-reviewed scientific research.

For more information on the local CAE project, contact Leadership Training & Site Coordinator, Harriett Pavon-Rosado at (919) 832-0306 or (919) 497-2064.



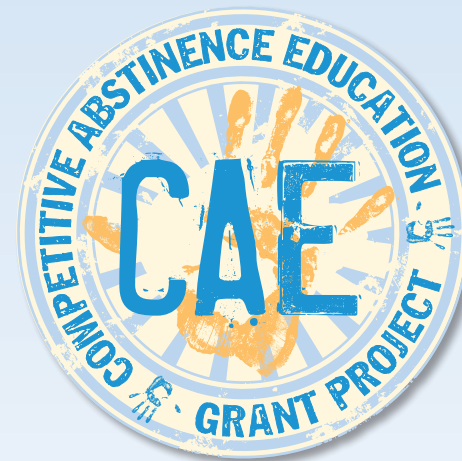
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Abstinence Education Grant Awarded

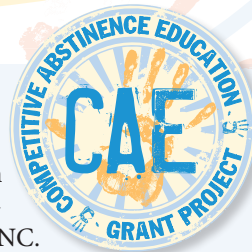
In the fall of 2012, CJH Educational Grant Services, Inc. (CJH) was awarded a 2-year grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to offer the Competitive Abstinence Education Grant Program (CAE). Only nine (9) projects were funded across the country with one in NC. CJH will contract with school districts and local youth-serving nonprofits (Partners) to engage adolescents in a medically-sound, age-appropriate curriculum. Participating teens will receive at least eight (8) hours of instruction with supporting activities to encourage abstinence. Participation is voluntary. Over the next 2 years, CJH and Partners will reach and serve 2,000 adolescents from the following counties: Duplin, Edgecombe, Halifax, Hoke, Nash, Northampton, Onslow, Randolph, Robeson, and Vance County.

The Mission

Program purpose is to provide abstinence education to adolescents as defined by Section 510(b)(2)(A)-(H) of the Social Security Act. An "A-H" program is one that has all of the Act's components including: "(A) has as its exclusive purpose, teaching the social, psychological, and health gains to be realized by abstaining from sexual activity; and (B) teaches abstinence from sexual activity outside marriage as the expected standard for all school age children." Federal grant administrators are "committed to promoting the behavioral health and social and emotional well-being of vulnerable young people through a strengths-based, positive youth development (PYD) approach," (CAE RFP, p. 2 - 3).

Target Groups

Each year, over 1,000 eligible teens in ten (10) NC counties have an opportunity to participate in informal classes, cultural and college activities, plays, skits, and reflection. Those selected for the program are considered high-risk, resulting from conditions such as homelessness, LGBT status, teen parents, residing in poverty communities or Foster care. Research indicates these adolescents are more susceptible to STDs and unplanned pregnancies than their peers.



Center for Disease Control Facts

An independent study of CtB indicated, after 12 months, a 47 percent reduction in the initiation of teen sex among those students who received the CtB program compared to a control group who did not receive the program.

— The Center for Disease Control, Institute for Research and Evaluation and Prevention (Dr. S. Weed) and National Survey of Teens (Kaiser Family)



CHOOSING THE BEST JOURNEY

Choosing the Best Journey Curriculum

Community Partners agreed to offer the Choosing the Best (CtB) curriculum series during this first year. *Journey* is one of several programs including CtB Way, *Path*, and *Soul Mate*. The curriculum teaches teens to delay sexual involvement or to become renewed virgins. Discussions include ways to demonstrate affection without being sexually involved. Key components of the curriculum include: parent involvement, presentations, discussions, presentations, activities, and personal application. Facilitators and teachers from each Partnership attend training from the curriculum developers. For more information on the curriculum log on to: <http://www.choosingthebest.org>



Top: CAE Partnering agencies participate in formal training by Cliff Baskerville, CtB Trainer (Atlanta). **At left:** Administrators (TTL, Inc.) complete a "CtB Goal Setting" activity "See it, State it, and Start it" during Training on January 15, 2013. **At right:** Western Wake High School teens receive CtB Journey training.



CAE facilitator, Belinda Williams, talks with youth at Divine Faith Baptist Church.