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CJH Happenings

- CJH celebrates its 16th Anniversary Year of proposal development for local agencies, institutions, and communities. (December 1, 2013 – November 30, 2014)
- News of the CAE abstinence program was captured in [The Henderson Daily Dispatch](#) (January 09, 2013) highlighting a front-page photo of Cliff Baskerville, Trainer from Atlanta (Choosing the Best) presenting to teachers at Southern Vance High School.
- CJH welcomes [Eastern North Carolina Evaluation and Research Services, Inc.](#) as program evaluator (Dr. Kevin Gross, CEO).
- CAE web pages coming soon.

Upcoming Events

- June – Partner Quarterly Meeting [TBA]
- May 29–31 – USDHHS conference for CAE grantees (Baltimore, MD)

Partner Spotlight

Daphany Hill, Executive Director, ECHSA, Inc. and Rev. Arthur Kelly of First Baptist Church of Kellutown, are shown below. (See [Student Activity Photos](#), Page 4)



CJH Educational Grant Services, Inc. Announces Abstinence Education Funding

Over 1,000 teens in ten (10) NC counties have an opportunity to participate in formal classes that encourage abstinence. Those selected for the program are considered high-risk, resulting from conditions such as homelessness, LGBT status, or residing in poverty communities or Foster care. These groups are more likely than their peers to experience unplanned pregnancies and STDs.

In fall 2012, CJH Educational Grant Services, Inc. (CJH) applied for and received a 2-year grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to offer the Competitive Abstinence Education Grant Program (CDFA #93.060). Only nine (9) projects were funded across the country with one in NC. As a result, company contracts with school districts and local youth-serving nonprofits (Partners) will engage adolescents in a medically-sound, age-appropriate curriculum. Curricula must be conducted with fidelity (as outlined in research studies) to be most effective. CJH selected *Choosing the Best Journey* in this first year. Teens will receive at least 8 hours of curriculum and activities to complete the program. Participation is voluntary.

Community Partners and their service counties include:

- *Together Transforming Lives, Inc.* (Northampton & Halifax Counties)
- *Vance County Schools* (Vance County)
- *Vance County Learning Center, Inc.* (Vance County)
- *Success and Beyond Global Enterprises, Inc.* (Vance County)
- *Divine Faith Baptist Church* (Nash and Edgecombe Counties)
- *Eastern Carolina Human Services Agency, Inc.* (Onslow and Duplin Counties)
- *St. Stephen's AME Church* (Randolph County)
- *Edwards Grove Baptist Church* (Randolph County)

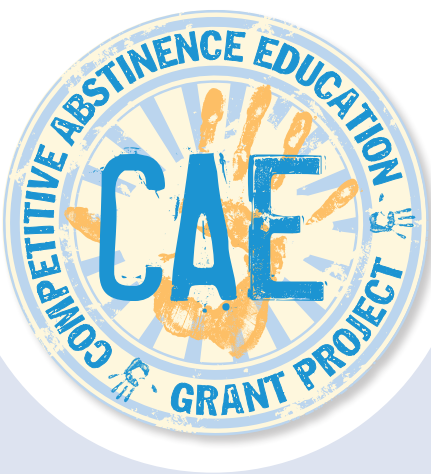
Services Partners include: NCCAA, Inc., Halifax Co. Health Department, and Elizabeth City State University.

Hoke and Robeson Counties will be served in the coming fiscal year.

Community contributions of time and services are welcome to meet a \$28,000 matching requirement for \$649,342 federal funding over 2 yrs. ■

“A loving relationship is one in which the loved one is free to be himself- to laugh with me, but never at me; to cry with me, but never because of me,” to love life, to love himself, to love being loved. Such a relationship is based upon freedom and can never grow in a jealous heart.”

— Leo F. Buscaglia



CAE Timeline

- **November 14, 2012** – CAE Partnership Orientation and Training meeting, North Raleigh Hilton (Raleigh)
- **January 8, 2013** – Teacher Curriculum Training (Part 1) in Choosing the Best (Southern Vance High School) (Henderson NC) Presenter: Cliff Baskerville
- **January 9, 2013**
 - Partners and Facilitators Curriculum Training Workshop presented by Cliff Baskerville (Choosing the Best Journey) Best Western Inn (Raleigh)
 - Teacher Curriculum Training (Part 2) in Choosing the Best (Southern Vance High School) (Henderson NC) Presenter: Cliff Baskerville
- **January 15, 2013** – Curriculum Training for Together Transforming Lives, Inc. (Raleigh)
- **January 30, 2013** – 2nd Curriculum Training for additional faculty at Southern Vance High School (Henderson)
- **January 30, 2013** – Strategic Planning Meeting with NCCAA Executive Director, Sharon Goodson
- **March 6** – Individual interviews with EDs of VCLC and Success and Beyond
- **March 16** – ECHSA, Inc. student activity and site visit
- **March 22** – 21st CCLC grant due to NC DPI
- **April 13** – Elizabeth City State University Open House

Community Partners for CAE Grant Attend 1st Partners Training Meeting

A *meeting of the minds* took place at the North Raleigh Hilton Hotel in Raleigh on Tuesday, November 14, 2012. Community Partners for the CAE grant attended the first Partners Training Meeting for the Community Abstinence Education Grant Program (CAE), representing each county being served. Thirty persons were in attendance. Topics included program design, fidelity, deliverables, contracts, accountability, and curriculum training needs to launch the program at Partner sites.

Facilitators included:

Sharon C. Goodson (*Executive Director, North Carolina Community Action Association*) welcomed the group and discussed the nature of partnerships, poverty programs, and economic self-sufficiency.

Harriett Walker Pavon-Rosado (*retired educator/administrator, Weldon City Schools and Community-Based Abstinence Education coordinator*) spoke to the group about the profound emotional, social, and psychological effect on teens who participated in the

CBAE abstinence program and CAE similarities.

Dr. Kevin Gross, (*CEO, ENCERS, Inc.*) elaborated on program evaluation and compliance issues such as age-appropriateness (13-19 years), avoiding duplicate counts, and CAE as a voluntary program. He reviewed pre/post survey needs and data-base management. Eastern North Carolina Evaluation and Research Services, Inc. will provide independent project evaluation.

Cynthia J. Harris (*CJH President*) recapped the meeting and reviewed the annual calendar of events and plans.

Partners left the training anticipating a successful, informative, and exciting CAE program in their counties. ■





CAE Partners at Training with Cliff Baskerville

Reaching Out to Teens With Our Partners...

Gloria Williams-Wilson and colleagues at Divine Faith Baptist Church in Edgecombe County has already served thirty (30) students who completed the program. After the final classes, teens were treated to PG movie tickets. Their assignment was to write an essay on relationships in the film and alternative ways the movie could demonstrate affection and love.

Deryl von Williams serves youth at Vance County Learning Center who have varying goals. Some are participants in Job Corp, walk-ins, attending Western Vance High School, confined in Juvenile Justice facilities or jail. Participants may be dropouts or those who demonstrate a need for additional academic and social support. To date their agency has served twenty-six (26) teens. "Adolescents think they know a lot about sex and seem to enjoy sharing. This program gives trained facilitators the opportunity to educate youth and clear up miscommunication. Thank you for allowing us to help you get the message of abstinence out to the public. Vance County residents seem ready to hear a message of hope for our teens."

According to **Daphany Hill, Executive Director of the Eastern Carolina Human Services Agency, Inc. (Onslow County)** educating youth on the

importance of abstaining from sex at early ages is key to the prevention of unplanned pregnancies and STDs. "This program will aid youth in having high standards, morals, and values that will ultimately lead to success in their lives. The partnership between CJH and ECHSA has been enlightening and can lead to the quality services that youth in Onslow and Duplin deserve," Hill states.

Latezes Bridges meets the social and educational needs of Latino teens and families at Success and Beyond Global Enterprises in Henderson, NC. "In addition to Choosing the Best, SBGE provides a powerful teen support series for Vance County's Latino youths called Life & Death Decisions. Youth are learning to make wise choices and investing in their futures by abstaining from violence, drugs, and pre-marital sex as a way of life." ■

Curriculum Fidelity

Choosing the Best is the abstinence curriculum of choice. It is research-based which is a USDHHS requirement for replication among CAE teens. There is a 4-part series for varying grade levels. CJH chose "Journey" for this school year.

The other three are **Choosing the Best Way, Path, and Soul Mate**. All Partners agreed to implement the project with fidelity—meaning adhering to the core elements that render the program effective. Cynthia and Harriett participated in a USDHHS webinar on February 26 entitled: *How Much Change Is Too Much Change? Preserving Fidelity while Making Informed Adaptations*.

Information will be shared with Partners.



Curriculum training on January 9, 2013. Cliff Baskerville, Trainer (Choosing the Best) (center), Harriett Pavon-Rosado, Trainer (right), and Dr. Kevin Gross (Evaluator) (far right)



Above: Curriculum training.

At left: Tannis Jenkins, Counselor, Southern Vance High School (left) surrounded by teachers and Cliff Baskerville.

Student Programs in Action

Eastern Carolina Human Services Agency



Trudy Murray (Abstinence Coordinator) engages teens, Sat., March 16.

Vance County School Board Presentation

February 28, 2013

Harriett Pavon-Rosado (CAE Coordinator) presented at the Vance County Curriculum Board Meeting on February 28, 2013 to School Board Members. She was a guest of Tannis Jenkins, Guidance Counselor for Southern Vance High School and their CAE facilitator.

The presentation's focus was to share the overall objective of the program, which is "to teach students to embrace abstinence education and to move from the cognitive understanding of facts to personal behavioral changes."

Superintendent Ronald Gregory reiterated the importance of having the Competitive Abstinence Education Grant Program taught in Vance County Schools. ■



Posters have a **positive** message for teens.

At left: Staff members Commander David Graves and Kim Gatewood, at right, speak with teens.



Deryl and VCLC students

Latezes and SBGE students

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