
Welcome to the Southeastern North Carolina Dropout Prevention first monthly Newsletter. We will be highlighting dropout prevention activities and accomplishments in the region. So please send us your stories, highlights, accomplishments and upcoming events. Additionally, we will give you some notice to local and national events, resources, funding and research.

News and Events

- Join us at the **24th Annual At-Risk Youth National Forum!** The Dropout Prevention Coalition is a co-sponsor of this well attended national conference and we have several members presenting. <http://www.dropoutprevention.org/home>

Where: Embassy Suites at Kingston Plantation, A Hilton and Embassy Suites Resort, 9800 Queensway Boulevard, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572 USA

When: Sunday February 19, 2012 1:00 pm to Wednesday, February 22, 2012 noon

There is a discount code just for us. Both presenters and non presenters will pay \$210. Here are the directions from the National Dropout Prevention Center/Network.

"All Dropout Prevention Coalition individuals who wish to attend the Forum should choose Individual Registration as their "registration type" in the drop down menu on the registration invitee information page. They'll choose the Individual Registration Fee of \$295. On the final "Payment Page" they'll need to enter UNCW11 in the discount code box and click apply. All individuals presenting at the FORUM should choose Presenter as their "registration type" and choose the Presenter Fee of \$235. On the final payment page they'll apply UNCW12 as their discount code."

- The Dropout Prevention Coalition in collaboration with the Outreach Alliances Watson School of Education and the NCPTA is sponsoring the **Emerging Leaders Conference**. Parents, educators and individuals who care about students are invited to attend! Participants will strengthen their leadership skills and engage in empowering networking opportunities.

Where: UNCW- Watson School of Education

When: Saturday, March 17, 2012

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

<http://ncpta.org/pta/EmergingLeaders.html>

\$10 registration includes lunch and materials.

Conference online registration will open on Feb. 1

- **NC Healthy Schools Summer Institute at UNCW.** Save the Date! June 18-20, 2012. For more information go to <http://www.nchealthyschools.org/> or call 919-807-3939 for Information.

Regional Resources

New Regional STEM Website! <http://www.uncw.edu/ed/stem/>

The website is the result of a joint effort by the Watson School of Education (WSE) at UNCW and Cape Fear Future (CFF) to promote the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs for K-12 students. This resource provides a listing of camps, field trips, after-school programs, contests, learning resources and places to visit for STEM-related activities. We hope the website will help facilitate teacher/parent access to STEM programs and resources, and increase student participation in STEM programs.

Member Updates

- Congratulations to coalition member Chandra Roughton, team leader, for sending in the UNCW Digital Story Telling program (Drop-out Prevention Grant/Boys and Girls Club/Williston) to the **Emerging Issues Innovations** in dropout prevention competition! The prize is a \$1,000 to keep the program going and we are a finalist for a \$5,000 prize!
<http://www.ncsu.edu/iei/index.php/news-events/emerging-issues-prize-for-innovation>
- Coalition member Catrechia Bowman from **The New Hanover County Housing Authority** invited Dr. Janna Robertson and Delores Rhodes with UNCW students to be the Friday presenters for the participants in their vocational program. The workshop topic was “How to Win Friends and Influence People.”
- Coalition member Pam Johnson, Team Leader for NC PTA FACT TEAM INITIATIVE is pleased to announce the **University of New Hope** will begin their first semester, January 28, 2012 with the graduation ceremony to be held on February 18, 2012. The first 25 families to graduate successfully from the University of New Hope will receive University t-shirts, and free transportation/registration for the NC PTA Emerging Leaders Conference. The University of New Hope’s membership consists of inclusive and diverse family, school and community members. Together they bring to the neighborhood a 4 week model of fun ways for parents and communities to be involved outside of the school setting. Come join the families and community for their First Semester Kick-off at Creekwood North (W. Hayes Community Center) located 1302 Kornegay Avenue, Wilmington, NC. for festivities, food and fun at the FUN FACT FESTIVAL on January 28, 2012 from 3:00-5:00p.m. Volunteers needed. Contact: Pam Johnson, 910.616-0927.

Did your school or organization have something you want to share with the coalition members? Let us know about it and we will spotlight you here!

Dropout Prevention Information

[Risk Factors: What are the risk factors for dropping out of school?](#) This list lets you know at what school level risk factors relate to students dropping out of school.

[15 Effective Practices for Dropout Prevention](#). This compilation from the National Dropout Prevention Center is a nice overview of interventions that work!

Funding Sources

- [New Search Tool](#) helps users find federal grants to fund youth programs
- [Luther I. Replogle Foundation: Grants for Youth Services Costas Awards](#) - Feb 15
- [The Big Read funds 75 grants up to \\$20,000 for schools, libraries and nonprofits](#) - Feb 1
- [The Earthwatch Institute fellowships for hands-on learning with leading scientists](#) - Feb 13
- [12 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards of \\$10,000 each.](#) - Jan 31

For additional funding sources and national resources please check out the most recent newsletter at the National Dropout Prevention Center/Network at:

<http://www.dropoutprevention.org/e-newsletters>

NOTE: Please send any items you want included in future newsletters to Pam Johnson at gardenfairy@ec.rr.com