

Programs of the Child Advocacy Commission

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PUBLIC ADVOCACY AND INFORMATION: General information and specialized advocacy based on identified needs. Recent projects include radio messages that target child safety; for example car seat safety and importance of bicycle helmets.

JUVENILE RESTITUTION PROGRAM: Provides youthful offenders with a positive sentencing alternative. Juveniles are placed at a community service agency and receive intensive supervision and structure, as well as an opportunity to enhance their sense of responsibility.

CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM: Provides financial reimbursement for food to child care providers based on rates passed down by the federal government. It is required that children receive nutritious, wholesome meals when providers participate in the program. They also provide training workshops for the enrolled participants.

CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION SPECIALIST: Intervention with children with possible developmental delays or behavior problems ages zero to five. Includes observation in the day care setting, possible diagnosis and referrals for treatment.

PROVIDER QUALITY INITIATIVE: Program representatives meet with child care providers who care for children in their homes. Representatives inspect homes for health and safety issues, do fingerprints and background checks.

FAMILY NURTURING PROGRAM: A sixteen-week course concentrating on anger management, conflict resolution, self-esteem, child management, and reduction of substance abuse activities.

PARENT RESOURCE TEAM: A community child protection team grant to assist families with problems relating to child management, anger control, abuse and neglect. Intervention includes home visitation, group sessions, asset building and follow-ups.

MENAGE PROGRAM: Menage is a mentoring program designed to provide resources and support to enhance assets in young black males at risk.

CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION: Provides advocacy to clients who contact the Child Advocacy Commission for support and referral information pertaining to child related matters. It also consists of presentations and workshops for parents, school personnel, child care personnel, church and the community; provides educational presentations to elementary school on "personal safety".

CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL: A program designed to assist parents in their search for child care. Recruitment, training, and technical assistance is available to child care providers. Additionally, assistance is given to employers and the community on child and family issues.

PROJECT SECOND CHANCE: A collaborative program with New Hanover County Schools for the first time offending substance abusers. The program involves four-week group work with parents and children together with follow-up separate break out sessions.

FIRM FOUNDATIONS: A pilot intervention, in collaboration with New Hanover County Schools, designed to build assets in 3rd graders who exhibit signs of aggression, lack of impulse control, and other behaviors that threaten others and themselves. The program involves home assessment and group sessions involving both child and parent.

ONGOING PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT: The Child Advocacy Commission is always looking for programs that fit the needs of the community. Some new programs include the Preschool Play Center, which is a fun interactive environment where adults and their children can come play and learn together. It is for the residents of the Creekwood Housing Complex.