



**Wilmington Youth Center for Inspiration, Recreation and Education (WIRE):** WIRE supports the needs of at-risk teenagers and their families in a safe environment by providing free positive, daily programming to New Hanover County students. WIRE's programming is designed to provide educational support; decrease New Hanover County's dropout rate; provide physical and mental health supports; provide resources and referrals as needed; and foster a spirit of collaboration among area service providers

**CIS Suspension Program:** Serves students suspended for 10 days or less. Instructors receive assignments from each student's teachers so that they stay on track academically for the duration of their suspension. Additionally, students are able to make up missed assignments and participate in on-line curriculum (NovaNet and SAS In The Classroom) designed to enhance their current course of study.

**Mary S. Mosley Performance Learning Center (PLC):** This non-traditional high school opened August 26, 2008. The PLC serves 100 students who are not succeeding in the traditional high school model. Learning is self-paced internet and project-based. Students graduate throughout the year as they have completed the credits required by the NHCS. During the 2008-2009 school year, 32 students graduated from Mosley, many of whom went on to pursue higher education. In fact, Mosley PLC received the national distinction of having the MOST college acceptances of any PLC across the Country.

**Graduation Coaches:** Graduation Coaches at Virgo Middle School, New Hanover High School, Mosley Performance Learning Center and each of Pender County's 5 middle schools provide case-managed services to students identified as being at-risk of dropping out, or in need of specific intervention services. The graduation coach links these students with resources and programs including mental health counseling, tutoring, attendance monitoring and mentoring. In addition, the Pender County Grad. Coaches supervise afterschool programs at their schools, encouraging all referred students to attend.

**Smart Start Baby FAST:** Baby FAST™ is a multifamily group intervention model for young parents and their infants. It is intended to protect vulnerable families with risk factors such as single-parent families, teen moms, isolated families, or those living within communities with higher risk factors. CISCF has implemented Baby FAST in New Hanover County for the past 3 years with support from Smart Start of New Hanover County. This year, through funding from the Safe Schools Healthy Students grant initiative, Baby FAST will expand into Pender County.

**Gang Prevention and Outreach Coordinator:** CISCF provides outreach, supervision, monitoring, and coordination of prevention and intervention activities for gang associated youth. The goal is to provide alternative activities and resources to the youth and their families. Referrals come from the Gang Task Force of the New Hanover County Sheriff's office, school counselors and social workers.

**Middle School Afterschool:** These programs serve students daily at each of the five middle schools in Pender County and at WIRE. While the programs are academically focused, students also receive pregnancy, obesity and substance abuse prevention programs through Coastal Horizons, as well as arts programming through DREAMS. In addition, a fitness component was added to each site this year.

**High School Afterschool:** WIRE's High School Afterschool program is funded by the federal 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center initiative. This program serves students who are not achieving in their core subjects at the state mandated level. More than 150 students are enrolled with an average daily attendance of 56. The program is designed to improve each student's math and literacy skills, as well as provide the same collaborative supports as the middle school program.

**Kids FAST (Families and Schools Together):** Kids FAST is a theory and research-based, multi-family group process that strengthens the family and student. The goals are to enhance family functioning, promote a child's success in school, prevent substance abuse by the child and family, and reduce parents' and students' stress levels.

**PaSS (Partnership for School Success) and PaSS-6:** Community members volunteer for 10-week s to tutor and mentor 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students who are identified by their teachers as not likely to pass their End of Grade tests. PaSS and PaSS-6 are offered to every public elementary and middle school in New Hanover and Pender Counties.

**Positive Peers:** Positive Peers is a Reality/Choice theory and Solution-Focused Therapeutic program which consists of weekly groups that meet for 8-10 weeks. This program serves youth in grades 2-12 and works towards the goal of developing better social and coping skills for participants.