

Sharing Success: Effective Practices in Dropout Prevention

The March 2nd Sharing Success: Effective Practices in Dropout Prevention Conference was a great success with local media coverage. Dr. Jay Smink of the National Dropout Prevention Center was the keynote and many local organizations and leaders presented including Mayor Bill Saffo. This was truly an interdisciplinary event with 18 faculty members across campus and 21 community partners involved with the planning. There were 140 people registered from all over Eastern North Carolina which included individuals from 8 counties coming as far as Raleigh. National, state, and local organizations were represented from both public and private sectors. There were individuals attending from preschool, elementary, middle school, high school, community colleges, and higher education. Additionally, we had services represented from diverse agencies such as churches, civic organization, social services, juvenile justice system, psychiatric, and recreation services. This was the kickoff event for the Southeastern North Carolina Dropout Prevention Coalition. For more information about the conference or coalition please contact Dr. Janna Robertson at robertsonj@uncw.edu. For additional information about the coalition also contact Dr. Robert Smith at smithrw@uncw.edu.