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Project: Professional Conference/Training

Additional counties served: Surrounding counties

*****Below are excerpts from their final report*****

About the Project: In Carteret County, 25% of meconium screenings test positive for drugs. The “Addressing Substance Abuse During and Following Pregnancy” conference brought together approximately 100 nurses, social workers, physicians, and substance abuse counselors from Carteret and surrounding counties. Workshop attendees received substance abuse screening information from a highly trained OB/GYN physician. Attendees also received patient literature to take back to their practices along with brief, patient screening intervention tools for use by physicians and their staff. Also provided was a booklet of local and regional resources for persons facing alcohol and drug addictions.

Successes: This workshop provided a useful gathering of a wide range of professional persons who care for women during pregnancy. Everyone agrees there is a substance abuse problem. This was an opportunity for people to discuss the issues with a wider audience and to receive tools that help patients get the assistance they need.

