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Durham, N.C. 27701**Phone:** 919-560-7711**Website:** <http://www.durhamcountync.gov/departments/phth/>**Project:** Educational Resources (Centering Pregnancy® Curriculum)*****Below are excerpts from their final report*****

About the Project: This grant will allow the Durham County Health Department to move its Centering Pregnancy program into the community to make it possible to serve more women. Clinic supplies were purchased and a membership to the Centering Healthcare Institute was purchased. The membership provides ongoing support and communication needed to help assure success with the Centering mode. The grant was awarded on March 5, 2009. The funds were added to the budget on April 13, 2009 by the County Commissioners. Supplies were ordered and the membership was purchased on April 14, 2009.

No individual patients have yet been served, but an agreement is being negotiated with the local Latina resource center to hold Centering Pregnancy prenatal care at that center. Group prenatal care for eight to twelve women should begin this summer in this community setting with another group possibly starting in the Fall.

Successes: This grant will allow Durham County Health Department to expand its Centering Pregnancy program to help meet the needs of a rapidly increasing number of low income women who are requesting prenatal care. Research has shown that Centering Pregnancy group prenatal care has a positive impact on pregnancy outcomes and has been well received by most of the women who have tried it. Faced with a rapidly growing number of low income women in need of prenatal care who have shown an interest in Centering and very limited physical space at Lincoln Community Health Center where the prenatal clinic is located, this grant makes it possible for Durham County Health Department to provide care to more women in a timely, effective, and satisfying manner.

