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Wilson, N.C. 27893**Phone:** 252-237-3141 ext. 6681**Website:** <http://www.wilson-co.com/index.aspx?NID=85>**Project:** Educational Resources for Teen Pregnancy Prevention*****Below are excerpts from their final report*****

About the Project: The grant was used to purchase two simulated Real Care Babies. The Real Care Babies program is a simulated program for teen pregnancy prevention. Each baby has a computerized infant simulator that must be attended to by the student at all times. The baby will cry and need to be fed, burped, rocked, and have its diaper changed. The student wears an ID bracelet that must be present whenever the student is taking care of the baby. Without the ID bracelet, baby will not accept care.

Successes: This project had a great impact on the students that participated. These students realize the responsibility of taking care of a baby in a more realistic way. They all said that they were not ready for a baby at this point in their lives.

We have had students from two local high schools and one middle school to participate. We have been asked to teach the class at a middle school in the fall. We had an article in the local newspaper about these babies and from the article we had calls from schools, churches, and even had one parent call from another county requesting that her daughter get involved in the program. We feel that this program will help reduce our teen pregnancy rate in Wilson County.

