

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: November 7, 2005

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for Adolescent Parenting Program Grant Application

ATTACHMENTS: Letter of Support

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Henderson County Department of Social Services and the Children and Family Resource Center have requested that the Board formally voice its support for their Adolescent Parenting Program and, specifically, a grant application being submitted by these agencies. A draft letter of support of is attached.

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION/ACTION REQUIRED:

Staff recommends the Board approve the attached letter and authorize Chairman Moyer to sign the letter.

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Ms. Valerie Russell
Family Planning and Reproductive Health Unit
Division of Public Health
NC Department of Health and Human Services
1929 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699

Dear Ms. Russell:

I am writing in support of a grant request from the Henderson County Department of Social Services for our Adolescent Parenting Program. As you may be aware, this program has been affecting Henderson County since 1995 and is operated in a cooperative effort with the Children and Family Resource Center.

This program is a secondary pregnancy prevention program that serves adolescents who are pregnant or parenting for the first time. The objectives include help teens in avoiding a second pregnancy, to remain in high school with a goal to graduate, utilize health care, to enhance parenting abilities, to learn job skills and to eliminate abuse and neglect.

Unfortunately, the need for this program continues in our community. Both the number of first time teen pregnancies has increased as well as repeat pregnancies. We are currently serving 23 teens in the program with 6 on the waiting list.

The Board of Commissioners support this program and request that you consider the award of this important grant.

Sincerely,

William L. Moyer, Chairman
Henderson County Board of Commissioners

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Cc: Members, Henderson County Board of Commissioners
Liston Smith, DSS Director
Elisha Freeman, Children and Family Resource Center