

# BASIC SKILLS

North Carolina  
Community College  
System Office

2007-2008  
Annual Report

Motheread<sup>Inc.</sup>

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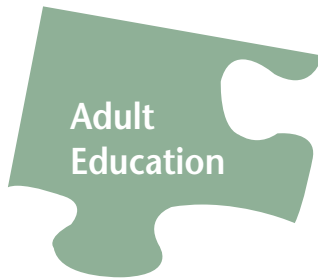


What is it about jigsaw puzzles? Many times at family gatherings, at retirement centers, and on vacations, a large puzzle occupies a table over in the corner, where people are welcome to stop by and try to add a few tiles before moving on. But sometimes, you will see someone who is dedicated to the task and spends hours scanning and matching in hopes of completing the picture. For those of us who work in Basic Skills, it often feels like we're putting together a jigsaw puzzle—trying to match needs with resources, all the while keeping track of each piece of our program. In Basic Skills, each element is distinct, and yet each one fits together to make something bigger, something that meets the needs of the most vulnerable adult students.

This report presents an overview of our work with each of the program components that make up Basic Skills programs across the state. In it we report on professional development opportunities, technical assistance, and monitoring visits. What we have learned this year is that no matter how different each program area seems to be on the surface, each one shares a common belief in giving second chances and realizing impossible dreams. Like the person putting together a puzzle, Basic Skills staff try and try again to make the pieces come together for each and every student.

# Community College Family Literacy and Even Start Site Visits 2007-08

## What We Learned

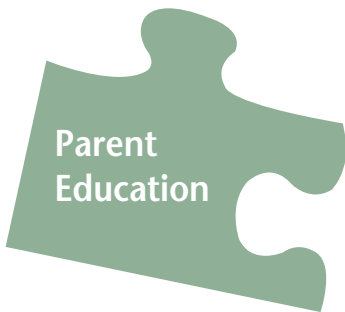


### Observations

- At least 70 percent of classroom time is spent developing and practicing skills.
- Majority of programs have instructional assistance available.

### Recommendations

- Integrate more adult-oriented, contextually relevant materials into instruction.
- Provide adult learners with more opportunities to choose, plan and implement a variety of activities.



### Observations

- Staff possess strong knowledge and skills in parenting education.
- Focused and intentional activities and materials are used during home visits.

### Recommendations

- Provide more opportunities for involvement at the elementary school level.
- Increase use of informal methods to assess issues and concerns for parenting content.



### Observations

- Activities and materials encourage interactions and conversations between parents and children.

### Recommendations

- Staff improve ability to model/facilitate conversations and play.
- Include pre and post PACT discussions and reflection opportunities.



### Observations

- Teachers display a strong knowledge and understanding of child and literacy development.
- Care given to children meets high program standards.

### Recommendations

- Continue to develop meaningful interactions with parents.

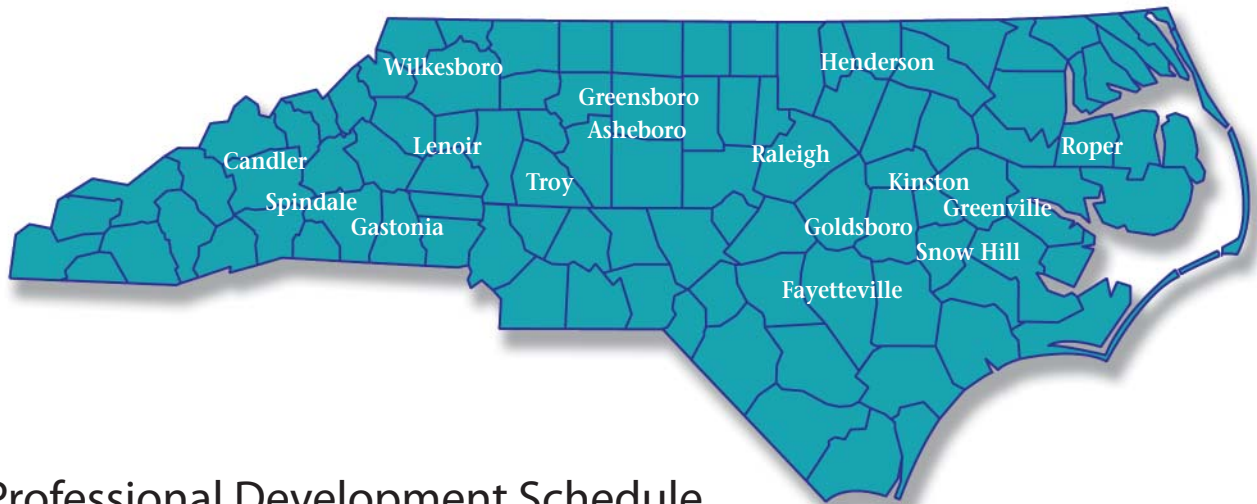
## Where We Went

Community College/Site(s)	Date
<b>Fayetteville Technical Community College</b>	
■ Cumberland County Even Start	12/04/07
<b>Central Carolina Community College</b>	
■ William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy	12/13/07
<b>Isothermal Community College</b>	
■ Rutherford County Schools Even Start	01/24/08
<b>Sandhills Community College</b>	
■ Family Literacy (Community College Campus)	02/12/08
<b>Sandhills Community College</b>	
■ Family Literacy (Hoke County)	02/12/08
<b>Western Piedmont Community College</b>	
■ Burke Even Start Family Literacy (Evening Program)	04/17/08
<b>Western Piedmont Community College</b>	
■ Burke Even Start Family Literacy (Day Program)	04/18/08

## Technical Assistance Visits

<b>Craven Community College</b>	October 5, 2007
Component Integration	
<b>Central Carolina Community College</b>	February 1, 2008
Interactive Literacy Best Practice	
<b>Martin Community College</b>	March 2, 2008
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<b>Vance-Granville Community College</b>	April 9, 2008
Needs Assessment	
<b>Fayetteville Technical Community College</b>	May 13, 2008
Motheread, Inc. applications	
<b>Gaston Literacy Council</b>	May 22, 2008
Recruitment and Implementation	
<b>Lenoir Community College</b>	May 30, 2008
Component Integration	
<b>Martin Community College</b>	June 12, 2008
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<b>Sampson Community College</b>	June 20, 2008
Implementation	

## 327 participants at 16 locations across the state



### Professional Development Schedule

Training	Location	Date	Average Rating	Most Frequent Rating
Institute	Gastonia	Aug. 22-24, 2007	5.86	6
B.A.B.Y.	Gastonia	September 13-14, 2007	5.55	6
Story Exploring	Asheboro	October 8, 2007	5.79	6
Empowering Families: The Power of PACT	Lenoir	October 12, 2007	5.51	6
My United States	N. Wilkesboro	October 18-19, 2007	5.82	6
Empowering Families: The Power of PACT	Goldsboro	November 2, 2007	5.73	6
Story Exploring	Roper	November 30, 2007	5.73	6
Fatheread Institute	Troy	January 7-9, 2008	5.64	6
Story Exploring	Spindale	January 25, 2008	5.85	6
Institute	Kinston	March 12-14, 2008	6.00	6
Exploring Stories with Adults who Have Developmental Disabilities	Kinston	March 14, 2008	5.68	6
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Exploring Stories with Adults who Have Developmental Disabilities	Henderson	April 9, 2008	5.66	6
Exploring Stories with Adults who Have Developmental Disabilities	Candler	April 11, 2008	5.91	6
Exploring Stories with Adults who Have Developmental Disabilities	Candler	April 11, 2008	6.00	6
Story Exploring	Snow Hill	April 18, 2008	5.84	6
Exploring Stories with Adults who Have Developmental Disabilities	Raleigh	April 18, 2008	6.00	6
Exploring Stories with Adults who Have Developmental Disabilities	Kinston	May 2, 2008	6.00	6
Exploring Stories with Adults who Have Developmental Disabilities	Greensboro	May 9, 2008	5.67	6
Exploring Stories with Adults who Have Developmental Disabilities	Greensboro	May 9, 2008	5.78	6
Exploring Stories with Adults who Have Developmental Disabilities	Fayetteville	May 13, 2008	5.90	6
Exploring Stories with Adults who Have Developmental Disabilities	Greenville	May 23, 2008	6.0	6
Exploring Stories with Adults who Have Developmental Disabilities	Goldsboro	June 14, 2008	5.6	6

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