

## **GOVERNOR'S ONE-ON-ONE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

### **One Page Summary 2000-01**

#### **OVERVIEW:**

- The Governor's One on One program provides technical assistance, training, monitoring and funding for local program coordinators who recruit, screen and match adult volunteers who agree to spend at least four hours a week for one year in a one to one relationship with a troubled young person.

#### **PROGRAM INITIATIVE:**

- In February 1982, Governor Hunt created the Governor's One on One Program through an Executive Order.
- First funding was in July 1982. Twelve programs were started by June of 1983. Over the next two years 22 additional programs were started.
- Additional funds for program support and expansion were appropriated in 1987 and 1994
- In 1998 a federally funded grant supporting 15 Americore Fellows to promote volunteerism was added to the program.

#### **PROGRAM ORGANIZATION:**

- Programs may operate either as:
  1. A component of an existing state or county agency, or
  2. A component of a private non-profit organization, or
  3. A newly chartered private non-profit organization.
- Each program must maintain a local Advisory Board or, in the case of a newly chartered corporation, a Board of Directors.
- State funds may be used to off-set the personnel expenses of the program Coordinator and support staff with all other operating funds being raised locally by the program.

#### **SERVICES AND FUNDING FY 2000-01**

- 59 programs served 1,841 youth in 61 counties
- 734 new matches 87% referred by juvenile court or law enforcement
- 61% were minority youth and 49% were male
- Only 11% were living with both parents
- Total funding breakdown: State funds \$1,781,176, local support approx. \$1.5M
- Estimated State cost per child per year \$2,662.

#### **OUTCOME - the 669 youth who completed the program in 1999-00...**

- Were involved in the program an average of 474 days;
- Received 58,203 days of one on one mentoring (87 days/youth);
- Were suspended from school 67% less than in the previous year;
- Referred to juvenile court 89% less than in the previous year; and
- Only 1.49% were committed to training school; and
- 93% were actively enrolled in school.



## **Governor's One-On-One Volunteer Program**

The Governor's One-On-One Volunteer Program is a statewide initiative that Governor Hunt began in 1982 to promote the development of adult volunteer programs. In these programs, troubled young people (court involved and “at-risk” youth) are matched with adult volunteers who are willing to give their time, energy, and compassion so that young lives can be redirected.

The role of the volunteer is that of a friend and role model for the youth. The volunteer and youth work on a one-to-one basis, meeting approximately 4 hours each week for one year. Volunteers are carefully screened, trained, and supervised. Through developing the friendship with youths, volunteers impact positively on every aspect of the children’s social, emotional, intellectual, and physical lives. Examples of this interaction include: teaching ways to channel energy constructively, tutoring to improve school grades and offering encouragement to stay in school, teaching better social skills, and providing preparation for and help in finding a job. All of these serve to increase the young person’s self-esteem, resulting in altered patterns of behavior and leading to a more productive life.

As of February 2002, there are 54 Governor's One-On-One Volunteer Programs serving 59 counties in North Carolina. The programs have been formed in one of the following ways:

- ◆ Added as a component to an existing state or county agency (DSS), Mental Health, School System, etc.)
- ◆ Added as a component to an existing non-profit organization (4-H, YMCA, etc.)
- ◆ Formed by a group of citizens as a private, non-profit organization.

Each program has a local volunteer Board of Directors consisting of judges, attorneys, social workers, teachers and other concerned citizens. The board monitors the program and raises money locally to complete the budget. Each program also has a paid full-time or a paid part-time director responsible for: recruiting, screening, training, matching and supervising volunteers, in-service training for volunteers, group activities for the volunteers and children, working with the board of directors, evaluating the program, and record keeping.

The Governor's One-On-One Volunteer Program is a major component of the Intervention/Prevention Division of the Department of Juvenile Justice and

Delinquency Prevention and is administered at the state level by two staff members: a coordinator and a program assistant.

The state's role in this initiative is: to provide training and on-site technical assistance to the staff and Board of Directors of the programs; and to monitor the programs for compliance with state program standards. A 40-hour training session is provided to new program directors and ongoing training is offered through quarterly, regional meetings and an annual conference.

This statewide program began in 1982 with federal funds-- Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) totaling \$564,000. In 1989 the General Assembly appropriated \$187,000 to increase the allocation to each program and to start four new programs. The 1994 Special Session on Crime of the N.C. General Assembly appropriated 1.15 million dollars to start 23 new programs and to increase the allocation to each program.

Currently, each full-time program receives \$30,000 to be used only toward personnel costs. The average operating budget is \$55,000. Each local program must raise approximately \$25,000 to complete its budget. Each half-time program receives \$15,000 towards personnel costs only. The average budget for half-time programs is \$25,000 with each half-time program raising approximately \$10,000 locally to complete the budget.

During FY 2000-2001 the state provided the 56 programs serving 60 counties a total of \$1.6 million. In turn, programs raised \$984,428 in fundraising events and grants; secured in-kind administrative funds of \$326,430, and \$559,538 from in-kind services for children, i.e. free medical and dental care. Many programs secured additional local funds in order to add components to serve more children in a variety of ways through, for example, juvenile restitution and summer programs.

A primary objective of One-on-One Programs is to serve as a deterrent to training schools. Ninety (90) percent of the children referred to these programs during the 2000-2001 fiscal year were referred by juvenile court and law enforcement. A total of 1,841 youth were served in one to one relationships with mentors during the 2000-2001 fiscal year. Less than 1.5% of these youth were committed to training school while in the program. Out of school suspensions were reduced 67%, and new court referrals reduced 90% while youth were in the program. The estimated cost per child is \$1,700 per annum.

In addition to the 1,841 young people matched with mentors during 2000-2001, an additional 1,227 were helped by volunteers in other capacities, i.e. tutors, recreational activities, skill-building workshops, medical assistance, etc.

As of February 2002 the 54 Governor's One-on-One Volunteer Programs exist in the following 59 counties: Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Beaufort, Bladen, Buncombe, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Caswell, Chatham, Chowan, Cleveland, Columbus, Cumberland, Currituck, Dare, Durham, Forsyth, Franklin, Gaston, Graham, Guilford,

Harnett, Haywood-Jackson, Hoke, Lee, Lenoir, Lincoln, Madison, Mecklenburg, Moore, Nash-Edgecombe, New Hanover-Brunswick, Northampton, Onslow, Orange, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Person, Pitt, Randolph, Robeson, Rockingham, Rowan, Scotland, Stanly, Stokes, Surry, Wake, Warren, Watauga-Avery, Wayne, Wilson, Yancey-Mitchell.

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County	Program Size	Current Matches 6/30/2001	Total Youth Served 1on 1 2000-01	Youth Served Thru Other Activities	Volunteers Other Than 1 on 1	Total Volunteer Hours	Youth on Waiting List	DJJDP Contract
Alleghany	1/2T	12	20	0	2	1,718	5	\$15,00
Anson	Full	10	29	0	5	1,024	25	\$30,00
Ashe	1/2T	6	12	0	15	1,034	6	\$15,00
Beaufort	1/2T	10	14	36	23	1,070	1	\$15,00
Bladen	Full	23	50	48	20	3,844	23	\$30,00
Buncombe	1/2T	10	17	0	0	1,838	1	\$15,00
Cabarrus	1/2T	3	10	5	10	918	23	\$15,00
Caldwell	3/4T	14	19	0	0	1,681	3	\$22,50
Caswell	1/2T	12	17	0	12	480	0	\$15,00
Chatham	1/2T	8	18	96	51	1,775	130	\$15,00
Chowan	3/4T	17	24	21	2	1,211	1	\$22,50
Cleveland	Double	53	59	95	6	8,008	52	\$60,00
Columbus	1/2T	9	10	208	27	1,280	5	\$15,00
Cumberland	Full	13	28	32	0	1,545	23	\$30,00
Currituck	3/4T	14	24	5	6	1,487	7	\$22,50
Dare	Full	24	49	20	20	3,557	22	\$30,00
Davidson	Full	14	28	7	2	1,696	1	\$30,00
Durham	Double	33	63	2	10	3,256	15	\$60,00
Forsyth	Full	17	33	0	0	3,303	31	\$30,00
Franklin	1/2T	10	12	0	0	641	15	\$30,00
Gaston	Full	21	29	29	32	3,251	72	\$30,00
Graham	1/2T	9	9	9	8	1536	0	\$15,00
Guilford	Double	67	137	14	10	4,480	11	\$60,00
Harnett	Full	15	15	0	1	484	34	\$30,00
Haywood/Jackson	Full	17	22	45	9	2,120	0	\$30,00
Hoke	1/2T	0	0	0	6	0	8	\$15,00
Lee	Full	11	32	14	5	1,007	15	\$30,00
Lenoir	Full	24	34	0	24	2,880	80	\$30,00
Lincoln	1/2T	12	18	4	3	1,814	0	\$15,00
Madison	Full	6	12	6	0	789	5	\$30,00
Mecklenburg	Full	29	21	5	3	3,780	11	\$30,00
Moore	Full	20	25	16	4	1,680	12	\$30,00
Nash/Edgecombe	Double	14	33	27	50	2,280	100	\$60,00
New Hanover/Brunswick	F + 1/2	16	32	39	114	2,088	22	\$45,00

