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# Just In Time Report

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**September 1, 2018—September 30, 2018**

## PARTICIPANT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- Participants have been busy developing résumés and practicing workplace skills. They are preparing for Job Internships and learning soft skills.
- The counselor, Brad Peterson, continued group and individual counseling throughout the month. Counseling sessions are supported through community grants.
- Participants and staff visited the BGEN, the Gaffney business incubator, and received entrepreneurial guidelines. Participants then ate lunch with the USC Upstate students in the Upstate cafeteria.

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT

- Sept 5-26—Helen Merriweather attended and received certification for the *Fundamentals for Youth Serving Providers* through training at the Center for Child Advocacy and the Mary Black Foundation CDC grant.
- Sept 18—Susan Griffith attended the planning meeting for the Cherokee SC Works Job Fair to be held on October 4.
- Sept 19—Susan Griffith attended the SC Works Gaffney Partner meeting and heard a presentation from Goodwill.
- Sept 21—Susan Griffith attended the SC Works Spartanburg Partner meeting and participated in discussion with two agencies: Able SC and the Census Bureau. Able SC shared its five core services and the Census Bureau gave dates of recruitment for the 2020 census.
- Sept 21—Helen Merriweather attended the grand opening of the Healing Springs Health Center in Union.
- Sept 25—Helen Merriweather attended Ten at the Top regional meeting held in Greenville.
- Sept 27—Helen Merriweather and Lynn Nodine attended the IFA/MOU meeting to receive updates on SC Works Center costs.
- Sept 28—Janis Hendrickson attended the Spartanburg Youth Council meeting and learned about the services of the ReGenesis Teen Wellness Center.
- Sept 28—Susan Griffith attended an afternoon workshop at the Child Advocacy Center on childhood trauma and adverse childhood experiences.

## 2017-2018 Graduation

The ACHIEVE GED graduation was held on September 11, 2018, in the USC Upstate Sansbury Campus Life Center Ballroom. Diplomas were given as well as an Academic Achievement Award for scoring the highest overall score on the GED, receiving college credits for her high score, awarded to Sierra O’Bryant. Unfortunately, Sierra could not be with us at the ceremony but has received her award.



Left: Austin Powers

Below: Kacie Painter



Birth-Matters will visit ACHIEVE to train ACHIEVE youth in pregnancy and reproductive health through the SHARP curriculum.

Nancy Holmes and Associates will visit ACHIEVE to do personality analyses and emotional health training with the ACHIEVE youth. This training is provided by the Spartanburg County Foundation Compassion grant.

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