

FY2024 Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant Report

Organization Name:	ABCCM	
Project Name:	Educational Support Services for Women Living at Transformation Village	
Reporting Quarter: (Check one)		Quarter 1 (July 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023)
		Quarter 2 (October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023)
	X	Quarter 3 (January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024)
		Quarter 4 (April 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024)

Narrative summary of grant related activities

Please provide a brief summary (no more than 1500 characters). You may attach supplemental documents if needed.

Quarter 1	<p>The Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant is a part of our Steps to Success program. ABCCM has used this program successfully since 2001. The program is based on best practices, developed in collaboration with the UNC School of Social Work, MAHEC, and other organizations. It is a four-step program: Stabilization, Socialization, Education/Job Training, and Integration into the Community. This project supports the third step of our program: educational services and supplies for qualified women living at Transformation Village enrolled in post-secondary education and job training programs. From July 2023 to September 2023, eleven residents enrolled in Asheville Buncombe Technical Community College to further their education beyond high school. Courses of study include Human Services Technology Certification (Substance Abuse Counseling); Human Services Technology Associates Degree; Medical Office Administration Diploma; Pre-Engineering Transfer Degree Program; Construction Management; Automotive Technology Degree; Community Healthcare Worker Certification; Phlebotomy Certification; Advanced Industrial Sewing; and Bakery and Pastry Arts. Four residents are currently working to obtain their GED. Seven of the eleven residents enrolled in AB-Tech courses were given a laptop computer along with a backpack filled with school supplies. The school supplies included a binder; paper; highlighters; pens; pencils; paper; notebooks; etc.</p> <p>See attached testimonial story of a program participant.</p>
------------------	---

Quarter 2	<p>The Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant is a part of our Steps to Success program. ABCCM has used this program successfully since 2001. The program is based on best practices, developed in collaboration with the UNC School of Social Work, MAHEC, and other organizations. It is a four-step program: Stabilization, Socialization, Education/Job Training, and Integration into the Community. This project supports the third step of our program: educational services and supplies for qualified women living at Transformation Village enrolled in post-secondary education and job training programs. From September 2023 to December 2023, sixteen residents enrolled in Asheville Buncombe Technical Community College to further their education beyond high school. Courses of study include Human Services Technology Certification (Substance Abuse Counseling); Human Services Technology Associates Degree; Information Technology Certification; Community Healthcare Worker Certification ; Advanced Industrial Sewing; and Computer Skills Certification. Five residents are currently working to obtain their GED. Six of the residents who enrolled in AB-Tech courses were given a laptop computer and/or a backpack full of school supplies. The school supplies included a binder; paper; highlighters; pens; pencils; paper; notebooks; etc.</p> <p>See attached testimonial follow-up story of a program participant.</p>
Quarter 3	<p>The Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant is a part of our Steps to Success program. ABCCM has used this program successfully since 2001 and is based on best practices, developed in collaboration with the UNC School of Social Work, MAHEC, and other organizations. It is a four-step program: Stabilization, Socialization, Education/Job Training, and Integration into the Community. This project supports the third step of our program: educational services and supplies for qualified women living at Transformation Village enrolled in post-secondary education and job training programs.</p> <p>From January 2024 to March 2024, the following took place: Twenty-seven residents enrolled in Asheville Buncombe Technical Community College to further their education beyond high school. Courses of study include Human Services Technology Certification (Substance Abuse Counseling); Human Services Technology Associate's Degree; Geographic Information Systems Certification; Community Healthcare Worker Certification ; Beginning Sewist: Advanced Industrial Sewing; and Computer Skills Certification (to name a few.) Five residents are currently working to obtain their GED. Six of the residents who enrolled in AB-Tech courses were given a laptop computer Seventeen total residents were given school supplies.</p> <p>See attached testimonial story of a program participant.</p>

FY2024 Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant Report

Organization Name:	ABCCM	
Project Name:	Educational Support Services for Women Living at Transformation Village	
Reporting Quarter: (Check one)	0	Quarter 1 (July 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023)
	0	Quarter 2 (October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023)
	X	Quarter 3 (January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024)
	0	Quarter 4 (April 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024)

Progress toward annual goals

Measure	Annual Goal	Actual Results (Enter Data) Please only include new data for the specific quarter				Progress toward Annual Goal
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
# of participants provided with laptops, textbooks, and school supplies	40	13	6	17		36
# of participants enrolled that complete their GED, Nurse Aid, and/or other certification	40		24	21		45
# of participants who received subsidized tuition or registration fees	40	2	18	23		43
# of participants who enrolled in continuing education and secured employment	40	4	20	8		32

Comments:

For Quarter 3, the residents enrolled in these programs range in age from 18 to 66. Racial demographics are as follows: White 81%; African American 11%; and Other 8%. Also, 70% are Survivors of Domestic Violence, and 59% have been Justice involved and/or are currently on Probation or Parole. Program enrollment is broken down as follows: Veterans 3 or 11%; Civilian 20 or 74%; DHHS 4 or 14.97%; and Vaya (Medicaid) 1 or .03%. ABCCM provided soft skills training for employment and life skills training for 100% of all participants. Residents enrolled in post-secondary training are also working part-time or full time jobs; 7 of these residents are working for Transformation Village or ABCCM in some capacity. Jobs in the community range anywhere from food service, hotel hospitality services, to resident assistants.

FY2024 Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant Report

Organization Name:	ABCCM	
Project Name:	Educational Support Services for Women Living at Transformation Village	
Reporting Quarter: (Check one)	0	Quarter 1 (July 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023)
	0	Quarter 2 (October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023)
	X	Quarter 3 (January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024)
	0	Quarter 4 (April 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024)

Use of funds to date and any budget considerations

Spending Category	Starting Budget	Total Spending (Enter Data)				Amount Remaining
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
Training	\$ 11,500	\$ 1,690.40		\$ 846.79		\$ 8,962.81
Supplies/Materials	\$ 20,000	\$ 18,252.00		\$ 381.51		\$ 1,366.49
Licensing/Memberships/Dues/Subscriptions	\$ 5,000			\$ 109.00		\$ 4,891.00
Professional Services	\$ 3,500			1,750.00		\$ 1,750.00
Total	\$ 40,000	\$ 19,942.40	\$ -	3,087.30	\$ -	\$ 16,970.30

Comments:

We purchased thirty-six (36) Chromebooks (\$18,252) laptops from our grant funds. Of the 36, we have distributed 19 for the program year to date. Other supplies and materials have been purchased as well totaling \$381.51 for residents use for school purposes. We have also paid for tuition and fees for five of the residents who did not qualify for financial aid totaling \$8,962.81. A total of \$109 has been spent on certifications, transcripts, and/or study materials for state exams. Other school supplies and materials purchases in the first quarter met much of the need of all participants through the third quarter. We anticipate significant purchases in the fourth quarter.

Attachment – Q3 report

FY2024 Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant Report

ABCCM – Educational Support Services for Women Living at Transformation Village

Testimonial Story of Program Participant: Angel Segovia

Angel Segovia has been a resident at Transformation Village for five months. She came here after being released from prison and spending ninety days in rehab for substance abuse. Angel chose Transformation Village because she wanted to begin the road to recovery and continue a life of sobriety. She also shared that she decided to further her education because she wanted to get a better job and help people who struggle with addiction like she used to. Angel has chosen the Human Services pathway, specifically the Substance Abuse Counseling certification. Angel feels that since coming to Transformation Village she has changed for the better; she has been sober since July 2023 and her outlook on life is more positive. She is grateful for the opportunity to attend school and appreciates all of the school supplies she has received which has included a laptop, book bag, notebooks, pens, paper, headphones, mouse and mousepad. These school supplies help Angel tremendously as all of her classes are online. Without these supplies, she would not have been able to go back to school.

Angel's goals include obtaining her Associate's degree and securing a job in the Human Services Field. She is extremely grateful for the supplies and for all of the opportunities she is receiving.