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## **REACH expands Violence Prevention Education**

Macon, N.C. (June 1, 2016) - REACH of Macon County will expand violence prevention education in Macon County Schools through a \$25,000 grant received from the North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation.

REACH is focusing on enhancing and expanding current violence prevention efforts targeting 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. Bystander intervention, healthy versus unhealthy relationships, domestic and teen dating violence, sexual violence, and anti-bullying are all part of the curriculum. By empowering adolescents with knowledge and skills, and working to implement protective factors, the desired outcome to prevent violence from occurring the first time is a closer reality for these students. An additional goal of the program is to create a positive school climate that leads to improved test scores and academic performance.

REACH of Macon County, a non-profit 501c3 that provides prevention and intervention services to domestic and sexual assault victims, children, and non-offending family members. REACH, which has been serving Macon County for 25 years, is looking forward to a continued partnership and collaboration with Macon County Schools and the North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation.

For more information about REACH of Macon County or our services, please contact Andrea Anderson, Executive Director, at 369-5544 or [reach@reachofmaconcounty.org](mailto:reach@reachofmaconcounty.org).

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