

Community Roundtable Presentation
NCACBSS
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The Rowan Board of Social Services adopted one of the Leading by Results outcomes, “**There are effective community partnerships in place to understand social issues and prevent social problems.**” This outcome reflects the board’s mandate listed in NC GS 108A – 9 (2), ***to advise county and municipal authorities in developing policies and plans to improve the social conditions of the community.*** The idea of holding community roundtables became one mechanism for accomplishing this result.

Roundtable Purpose – to raise awareness of current issues, concerns, and gaps in services and to address the community’s role in responding to social issues. The community includes citizens, civic and faith organizations, human service professionals – no one is excluded.

The topics are identified by the board from their awareness of what’s going on in the community as well as what is happening on a broader field, and from issues that DSS and our partner agencies are experiencing. They are also identified by roundtable participants who give feedback on what they see as an issue that needs attention.

Topics for the 9 Roundtables, since 2002:

- Senior Issues – presentation on financial planning, guardianship, long term care
- Child sexual abuse – 4 presenters on these topics: CPS investigations, legal issues, community protocol which is a description of procedures Rowan follows to address CPS reports, and law enforcement
- Bridging the Gap – 4 Discussion groups of 30 minutes each: Children and Families; Disabled and Elderly; Latinos; and Unemployed – groups identified needs and discussed resources for that group, And every 30 minutes participants would choose another group
- Recognizing and Responding to Gangs – this roundtable was one of several on-going initiatives to address gang violence in the county
- Healthy Child Discipline – Dr Steven Bavolek, author of Red, White and Bruises, presented.
- Child Well Being – This was a panel discussion using local experts – a child psychologist, a delinquency prevention counselor, a board of education member, a law enforcement officer who is assigned to gang investigations -- led to the formation of a committee that applied for and received a grant that was used to develop a parenting video, using local

people in that video who discussed. This video is now in waiting rooms of places that parents frequent.

- Factors that Put Infants at Risk
- Teen Abuse of Prescription Medications
- Prescription Drug Abuse