

FY2025 Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant Report

Organization Name:	ABCCM	
Project Name:	Educational Support Services for Women at Transformation Village Year 2	
Reporting Quarter: (Check one)		Quarter 1 (July 1, 2024 - September 30, 2024)
	X	Quarter 2 (October 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024)
		Quarter 3 (January 1, 2025 - March 31, 2025)
		Quarter 4 (April 1, 2025 - June 30, 2025)

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>Of the women residing at Transformation Village, 33 participants were enrolled in Asheville Buncombe Technical Community College or other programs to further their education beyond high school. Courses of study include but are not limited to Human and Social Services (Drug Abuse Certification), Community Healthcare Worker, Mental Health First Aid, and Medical Billing Office Administration. An additional 7 participants are currently working to obtain their GED. For 14 participants, we provided the tools needed for program success such as a computer, noise canceling headphones, a wireless mouse, a laptop sleeve, a flash drive, bedside computer table, and/or a backpack full of education supplies.</p> <p>Of the participants enrolled in post-secondary training or GED studies, 19 out of 33 or 58% are also working part-time or full-time jobs. Jobs in the community range anywhere from food service at local restaurants and fast-food establishments to hotel hospitality services including housekeeping and dishwashing. Several other ladies are working toward their medical coding/office administration degree working at local assisted living facilities.</p> <p>We have purchased 40 Chromebook laptops using grant funds. We have distributed 10 this quarter. Grant funds also purchased school supplies (bookbags, notebooks, headphones, etc.) for 14 participants. We have assisted with tuition and fees for several of the participants who did not qualify for financial aid for their courses/materials. Participants first utilize available scholarships from Goodwill and WIOA (Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act) to attend courses. We have assisted with the financial costs of certifications and transcripts this quarter.</p>
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Quarter 2	<p>During this quarter, 25 participants were enrolled in Asheville Buncombe Technical Community College or other programs to further their education beyond high school. Courses of study include but are not limited to Social and Human Services (Drug Abuse and Mental Health Certification); Sign Language; Medical Terminology I; and Medical Billing Office Administration. An additional 5 participants are currently working to obtain their GED. We provided the educational tools needed for 25 participants to set them up for success, such as a computer, noise canceling headphones, a wireless mouse, a laptop sleeve, a flash drive, bedside computer table, and/or a backpack full of supplies.</p> <p>Of the participants enrolled in post-secondary training or GED studies, 17 or 68% are also working part-time or full-time jobs. Jobs in the community range anywhere from food service at local restaurants and fast-food establishments to hotel hospitality services including housekeeping and dishwashing. We also have had several ladies working toward their medical coding/office administration degree working at local assisted living facilities.</p> <p>Of the 40 Chromebooks laptops purchased in Q1, we have distributed an additional 12 this quarter. We have distributed school supplies (bookbags, notebooks, headphones, etc.) to 25 participants. We have assisted 8 with tuition and fees for those participants residents who did not qualify for financial aid for their courses/books. Participants first utilize scholarships from WIOA (Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act) and the Carolina Textile Industry to attend courses. We have also assisted 3 with the financial costs of certifications, transcripts, and supplies this quarter.</p> <p>See attached testimonial of a program participant.</p>
Quarter 3	

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Progress toward annual goals

Only include new, unduplicated data for each quarter

		Actual Results (Enter Data)				
		Please only include new data for the specific quarter				
Measure	Annual Goal	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Progress toward Annual Goal
# of participants enrolled and attending classes and training will receive laptops and/or supplies/textbooks/curriculum supplies	40	14	25			39
# of participants enrolled who will have licensing and/or testing fees covered	40	5	3			8
# of participants enrolled who will have tuition and registration provided	40	14	8			22
# of participants to secure employment for 30 or more hours per week	40	19	17			36

Comments:

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Use of funds to date and any budget considerations

Any budget changes of more than 10% to any line item must be approved by County staff in writing in advance.

Spending Category	Starting Budget	Total Spending (Enter Data)				Amount Remaining
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
Training	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 1,680.76	\$ 58.61			\$ 9,760.63
Supplies & Materials	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,280.00	\$ 155.83			\$ (435.83)
Licensing, Memberships, Dues and Testing	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 84.40	\$ 45.00			\$ 4,870.60
Professional Services (Legal, Acct, etc.)	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 875.00	\$ 875.00			\$ 1,750.00
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Total	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 22,920.16	\$ 1,134.44	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,945.40

Comments:

A bulk purchase of chromebook laptops was made in Q1 for the program's needs for the fiscal year. We assist with other school supply and materials as needed. We also assist with certification fees, testing fees, and transcript fees.

Attachment – Q2 report

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ABCCM – Educational Support Services for Women Living at Transformation Village

Kelly Massey has been a resident of ABCCM's Transformation Village for six months. During this time, she has worked extremely hard to complete her Steps to Success program. She enrolled in A-B Tech right away; working on her Associates Degree in Social and Human Services. Kelly also gained full-time employment at the Hampton Inn in housekeeping. She has maintained an A average while working and has recently joined the Code Purple team adding hours to her workload. Kelly shared, "I can be extremely tired, worn out and achy all over, but as soon as I walk into Code Purple all that pain goes away. I love working at Code Purple and interacting with the ladies. I know I have been called to do this." Kelly shared, "I have never imagined having a good life for myself; much less an ABUNDANTLY good life. I was really anxious and fearful of my life, or what was left of it, after serving 9 years in prison but I knew I had to try. That's why I chose going to Transformation Village (TrV) over going home to my family. I didn't have any direction or any clue how to get a home. I heard that TrV had resources and could help me get on my feet. What has transpired since arriving at TrV in June is still hard for me to wrap my mind around. I have finally found God's purpose for me. He has given me the angels of TrV to lead, to guide and encourage me from step one. I've hit many roadblocks that I didn't think I'd overcome but with the help of my case manager, education advisor and many others time after time. I'm learning that obstacles were meant to be overcome and TrV has stood by their promise to help me, not only get on my feet but to take flight! Thank you to my TrV Angel army!"

Kelly checks in with Porscha Orndorf, Social and Human Services Department Chair for the Social and Human Services program at A-B Tech. Kelly is also a member of our Residents' Council and is constantly encouraging others and providing support.

(Written by Denise Lawson in collaboration with Kelly Massey)



Kelly with Porscha Orndorf recently during one of the check-ins.