



TEAM 10

OUR FUTURE ENC - OPPORTUNITY YOUTH

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OUR BACKGROUND

Our Future ENC - Youth is a collaboration of 9 counties in eastern North Carolina. Our purpose is to create educational and economic opportunities for thousands of youth in our 9 County Region.



OUR PROGRESS

Nine counties encompasses an abundance of people. Our first priority was to build a solid foundation. We felt it was best to stand up a County Work Team with a team lead in each county and then schedule focus groups to invite key stakeholders for the work of that county. We also held focus groups for Opportunity Youth Individuals. Also began work on a QR Code for signage for the counties.



WHAT WE LEARNED

- Community members are very concerned about what is happening in the lives of the youth in their county.
- Connecting with youth requires out of the box thinking.
- The two biggest barriers for all youth is transportation, and awareness of resources in their perspective counties.
- We need to go where the youth are instead of expecting them to come to us.
- Greatest resource - Faith Based organizations



PLANS FOR SUSTAINABILITY



Next Steps...

Our biggest opportunity for growth is the focus groups and recruiting County Work Team Leaders.

We have chosen to focus on two counties instead of all 8, and get those counties working well before focusing on building the work teams for the other 6.

Our greatest strength as a team is the passion that we have for the Opportunity Youth and the vision that will lead us forward to change the lives of thousands of youth in our 9-County Region.

What we need most to continue our work is the ongoing support of NC Impact and their encouragement, as well as the encouragement and ideas of the other Project Managers.