

## Congratulations to the Recipients of the 2004 Pratto Family Life Scholarship

The Pratto Family Life Scholarship was awarded to 5 graduating high school seniors from Guilford County who will be attending college this fall. All recipients are teen mothers who are providing hope and a future for their children by continuing their education. The Pratto Family Life Scholarship provides funds to teen parents who have successfully completed Family Life Council's parent education program, Good Beginnings for Teen Parents. Good Beginnings is a voluntary program offered in many Guilford County high schools to pregnant and parenting teens. The scholarship is intended to encourage young parents to pursue their education in order to provide for their children and achieve their goals.

Family Life Council held a luncheon for the recipients on July 16, 2004 to recognize their efforts. Family and friends of the recipients as well as scholarship committee members attended to show their support for these graduates and share in their accomplishments. We wish them much success in all their endeavors!

The 2004 scholarship recipients are:

- Jennifer Arnold** - Graduated from Greensboro Middle College and will attend UNCG
- Dominique Byers** - Graduated from High Point Central and will attend GTCC
- Atoya King** - Graduated from Dudley High School and will attend NC A&T State University
- Rachel Shaw** - Graduated from Dudley High School; will attend GTCC
- Shawana Smith** - Graduated from Dudley High School and will attend NC A&T State University

Family Life Council wishes to thank Catering by Elyn and Dick's Sporting Goods for their donations for the Scholarship Luncheon.



## 2004 Family Life Scholarship Recipients Preschoolers Win with PIE Recipe

The south has long been known for its recipes for pies – pecan pie, apple pie, peach pie, just to name a few. The Guilford County Partnership for Children and the Family Life Council has used this last year to “cook up” a PIE of their own. Funded by a grant from the Guilford County Partnership, the Family Life Council has successfully worked out the ingredients for a winning program called Partners In Education. Between September 2003 and June 2004, over 500 parents and teachers in 21 local childcare centers have come together to learn just how beneficial it is to children when teachers and parents work together as a team.

The premise for the training sessions is that parents and teachers each have information about a child that should be shared. Teachers have expertise about the educational needs of children, while parents have expertise about the personal needs of children. This shared information helps children be more successful in school. Pre-schoolers whose parents understand the importance of parent involvement are more likely to be involved and supportive.

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The Pratto Family Life Scholarship is made possible by generous donations from individuals and community groups. We need your help to ensure that this scholarship will be available in the future. To make a donation to this scholarship fund, please call 333-6890 ext. 224.

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# WORKSHOPS/TRAINING

## Advanced registration required for ALL courses

### PARENTING CHILDREN OF DIVORCE

Attend this program to learn more about how to help children cope positively with their parents' separation or divorce. This program focuses on parents, but is also appropriate for stepparents and grandparents. Each session is led by an attorney and a mental health professional with experience working with families. Pre-registration is required.

**Thursday classes 7:00 - 9:00pm**

**Saturday classes 8:30am - 12:30pm**

**\$25.00/person per series**

**Dorothy Bardolph Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Board Rm**

September 16 & 23

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### ACTIVE PARENTING NOW

Learn effective ways to teach responsibility and cooperation as well as build self-esteem in our children. This innovative, video-based parenting program is ideal for parents of 2-12 year olds. The program is sponsored by Wesley Memorial Church Preschool and is open to non-members of the church.

Facilitators: Emilie Gottsegen, M.S.

**Wednesdays, October 13, 20 &**

**November 3, 10 & 17, 2004**

**6:30 - 8:00pm**

**Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church**

**1225 Chestnut Drive, High Point**

**Cost: \$25 /family, \$20 refundable book fee**

### ACTIVE PARENTING OF TEENS

Discover ways to create respectful and rewarding relationships with your teens through improved communication and problem solving skills. The program is sponsored by Guilford Park Presbyterian and is highly recommended for parents with teens or pre-teens or anyone who works with adolescents.

Facilitators: Diane Boger, RN

Ellen Weiner, MS

**Sundays, September 12, 19, 26 &**

**October 3, 10 & 17, 2004**

**10:00 - 11:00am**

**Guilford Park Presbyterian Church**

**2100 Fernwood Drive, Greensboro, NC**

**\$20 refundable book fee, no cost for the program**

### ACTIVE PARENTING FACILITATOR TRAINING

Attend this one-day training that prepares you to lead both the *Active Parenting Now* (for parents of 2-12 year olds) and *Active Parenting of Teens* (for parents of teens and pre-teens) programs. Cost \$129 if registered by September 10, \$139 after September 10. **Call Active Parenting Publishers at 1-800-825-0060 to register today.**

**Friday, October 1, 2004**

**8:30am - 4:00pm (8:00am registration)**

**Dorothy Bardolph Building**

**2nd Floor Board Room**

**301 E. Washington Street**

### POSITIVE PARENTING

Attend this six session workshop to become a more effective parent! This course is specifically designed for parents who are working to regain custody of their children or prevent having their children placed in the care of foster parents. Topics include: health and safety, discipline, communication, and problem solving.

**Dorothy Bardolph Building**

**2nd Floor Board Room**

**Cost: \$20 per series**

**Monday Morning series**

**10:00 - 11:30am**

September 13, 20, 27 & October 4, 11, & 18

November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & December 6

**Monday Evening series**

**6:00 - 7:30pm**

September 13, 20, 27 & October 4, 11, & 18

### GROWING UP...ONE STEP AT A TIME

Attend all or one of these programs on enhancing children's growth and development. Appropriate for anyone who works or lives with children. Cost is \$5 for childcare credit (1.5 hrs) and pre-registration is required. All classes will be held at Benjamin Branch Library, 1530 Benjamin Parkway from 6:30 - 8:00pm

**Making Music Fun in the Pre-school Classroom**

**Monday, September 13, 2004**

Presenter: Mary Lou Dickey, Coordinator of Parent/Teacher Training, Family Life Council

**Parents and Teachers Can Work Together**

**Monday, October 11, 2004**

Presenter: Terri Smith, Director of West Market Street Methodist Church Early Childhood Center

**How to "GROW" a Reader**

**Monday, November 1, 2004**

Presenter: Sandra Canipe, Director of First Baptist Church Preschool Program

### UPCOMING TRAINING FOR PRESENTERS FOR PARENTING CHILDREN OF DIVORCE.

Attorneys and mental health professionals interested in volunteering with this divorce education program should call Rebecca Starnes at 333-6890 ext 227

# WORKSHOPS/TRAINING

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### COUPLE COMMUNICATION I

Get out of your communication ruts. Attending this four-week workshop will help partners increase their satisfaction and improve their ability to resolve conflicts collaboratively. There is no charge for the program.

\$43 refundable workbook fee.

Presenters: Mary Lee Rembert, MSW  
Rebecca Starnes, MS

Tuesdays, September 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2004

6:30 - 8:30p.m.

Dorothy Bardolph Bldg - 2nd Floor Board Room

### COUPLE COMMUNICATION II

This advanced program extends the use of skills taught in Couple Communication I. Learn how to take charge of your relationship, manage anger better, and build a collaborative partnership. Couples must have attended the Couple Communication I series.

\$43 refundable workbook fee.

Presenters: Eileen Hogan  
Rebecca Starnes, MS

Tuesdays, October 19, 26 & November 2 & 9, 2004

7:00-9:00p.m.

Dorothy Bardolph Bldg - 2nd Floor Board Room

### AFRICAN-AMERICAN HEALTHY MARRIAGE SUMMIT

Friday, September 10 and Saturday 11, 2004

**The African-American Healthy Marriage Summit will focus on specific strengths and challenges facing marriages and relationships in the African-American community. Check [www.gcmarriage.org](http://www.gcmarriage.org) to register.**

### PREP Training - *Preparation and Relationship Enhancement Program*

As part of the Guilford County Marriage Resource Center, a limited number of enrollments are available *free of charge* for this training to learn to implement this marriage preparation and enrichment program to be used to support strong marriages. *This training normally costs more than \$400 per person.* Call Rebecca Starnes at 333-6890 ext. 227 for more information.

**Thursday, Friday & Saturday, September 16, 17 & 18, 2004**

**8:00am – 3:30pm**

### MARRIAGE MENTOR TRAINING

This workshop is for religious and lay leaders who are interested in developing a church/synagogue-based marriage preparation mentoring program for engaged couples. You will be given the essential tools needed to create your own mentoring program. A panel discussion is included to hear how others have started or are in the process of starting a mentoring program in their faith community. Check [www.gcmarriage.org](http://www.gcmarriage.org) soon for details.

### PREPARE INVENTORY FOR COUPLES

Any couple who is engaged or thinking about becoming engaged can take the Prepare Inventory free of charge (a \$ 250 value) through the Guilford County Marriage Resource Center. This inventory is a wonderful tool that prepares couples for a strong, healthy marriage. Call Rebecca Starnes at 333-6890 ext.

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**Life Skills for Today's Families**

## Preschoolers Win with PIE Recipe

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Dozens of studies point to one important conclusion: what a family does to support a child's school success is much more important than family background (ie; income, parental education, marital status, family size, etc.). When parents are partners with the school system in the education of their child, children are more successful, socially, academically, etc.

In fact, decision making is one of the five pieces of this "pie." The other four pieces emphasized in the trainings are: *supporting one another, teaching one another, learning new skills from one another, and communicating with one another.* Guilford County Partnership and The Family Life Council are helping to spread the word that public schools are ready and willing for parents to be involved in their child's education. Call Mary Lou Dickey at Family Life Council for more information.

### African-American Healthy Marriage Summit

Free of charge!

As part of the Guilford County Marriage Resource Center, we will be hosting a summit to honor the strengths of African-American Marriages. We will also learn how to best support healthy marriages at all stages of life. You don't want to miss this exciting opportunity to be a part of a community supporting and celebrating families. Go to [www.gcmarrriage.org](http://www.gcmarrriage.org) for more information or call 333-6890 ext. 240 to request information or a registration packet.

Friday, September 10

6:30am -8:00pm      Opening Celebration

Saturday, September 11

8:30am - 3:30pm      Keynote Address,  
Breakout Sessions, Lunch

## Wise Guys & Jovenes Sabios Break New Ground in Summer '04

Wise Guys is the Family Life Council's nationally recognized program targeting males for the purposes of preventing teen pregnancy and developing healthy relationships.

The summer of 2004 has seen a number of exciting developments in the Wise Guys program. While Jovenes Sabios, the Hispanic component of Wise Guys, has been very successful during the school year, summer programming in the past had been a struggle due to limited sites offering programs for Hispanic students. This summer we are proud to report Jovenes Sabios programs at 5 sites with over 110 Hispanic youth being served! These sites include The Center for New North Carolinians and Christ the King Church.

Wise Guys is also proud to announce an effective collaboration with the Department of Parks & Recreation. By offering Wise Guys at 8 Recreation Centers this summer we served nearly 200 additional youth ages 10-12 in Greensboro. As we continue to nurture relationships with these day camps the possibility for future program development is substantial.

One other program initiated in the spring of 2004 and continued over the summer is the addition of a Violence Prevention Component to Wise Guys. This program is in its earliest stages of development, but initial evaluation data has been VERY EXCITING!! It is being used in the Recreation Centers mentioned above, stay tuned for more detailed evaluation data to come!



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