



AYE - Making a difference in 2011

Real Talk for Youth –

- **148** middle and elementary school girls completed the Girls Circle Program at 6 different Aiken County Schools.
- **358** youth were educated through Single Session presentations.
- **378** youth were educated at Aiken Technical College and USCA through our College Health Initiative.
- **62** middle school aged girls were educated through the Young Women's Empowerment Conference.



I've learned to follow my dreams and goals

Real Care Baby Infant Simulators

- **248** young people have experienced the 24/7 demands of the Real Care Babies.

I learned that at this point in time, I do not need to have a child.

BrdsNBz Aiken Teen Textline (Birds n Bees)

- Through a grant by the SC Blue Cross/Blue Shield Foundation, in October we launch **BrdsNBz Aiken**, a text messaging service for adolescents. BrdsNBz is owned and operated a North Carolina non-profit and a Texas-based company.
- BrdsNBz Aiken is for youth in our community who have questions about issues related to growing up, preventing pregnancy/STDs and relationships and don't have a trusted adult they can turn to for answers. Teens can text their question to BrdsNBz, and a trained staff member will provide a medically accurate, non-judgmental, confidential and free answer within 24 hours.



Parent Power

- Approximately **144** parents and other caring adults were educated through single-session educational presentations.
- Approximately **130** teachers and administrators were trained in Stewards of Children, a child sexual abuse prevention workshop, through a partnership with Aiken County Schools and Child Advocacy Center.

It is an excellent, eye-opening training. Everyone needs this training on a regular basis.

Positive Outcomes

- **213** young people utilizing the adult health services at the Aiken County Health Department received individual educational counseling.

*** Unfortunately due to budget cuts this program has been discontinued for 2012.*

To see more pictures and highlights of 2011 – go to www.aikenyouthempowerment.org