

# Prevention Education

Under the direction of the Prevention Educator, Albemarle Hopeline provided prevention and awareness activities to school-aged children and the community at large. From October 1, 2005 to April 30, 2006, 192 programs were presented to 3,845 students, Kindergarten through college. This is an increase from 152 programs for 2,740 individuals the previous year (October – September).

These presentations covered topics including violence prevention, respect, conflict resolution, bullying, sexual harassment, domestic and sexual abuse, child abuse, and available area resources. In addition to schools and colleges, Hopeline staff provided programs for area church and civic groups and to the community-at-large through health/information fairs.

Education/Awareness activities include:

- 10<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Collaboration of Professionals: Connecting for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Child Abuse - four-day conference held in October at Ramada Inn, Kill Devil Hills
- Candlelight Vigils held in Pasquotank and Currituck Counties to commemorate Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- Participation in Health/Information fairs sponsored by Albemarle Hospital, the City of Elizabeth City, and Department of Social Services
- “Domestic Violence and the Law” and “Abuse in Later Life” trainings for area professionals
- Creation of Coordinated Community Response Team with a membership of more than 40 professionals from Camden and Pasquotank Counties
- Quarterly newsletter with readership of over 1,200
- Establishment of agency website
- Staff and agency volunteer participation in the PREVENT Institute sponsored by the UNC-Chapel Hill Institute for Public Health, UNC Injury Prevention Research Center and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

