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Durham women

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE
DURHAM COUNTY WOMEN'S COMMISSION

*The Durham County Women's Commission is now completing its first
"Report on the Status of Women" in Durham County.
Below are some of the findings.*

Durham's 21st Century Challenges

Population. Women comprise over half – 51.8% -- of the county's population. Nearly 15 percent of all households are headed by women alone, and nearly 9 percent of all households are headed by women who are raising their dependents alone.

Poverty. 4,600 children in Durham County live below 50% of the federal poverty line.

Crime Against Women. Crimes against women remain stable, but a gap exists in the need for domestic violence between ethnic groups.

Sexual Health. There is a dangerously high rate of sexually-transmitted diseases in Durham County.

Citizenship Status. A significant segment 13 percent – of the adult Durham County female population is foreign-born. And four out of five of the foreign-born women in Durham County are not U.S. citizens. This may affect the ability of women in Durham County to receive government services, speak English, earn an adequate income and navigate non-profit services available.

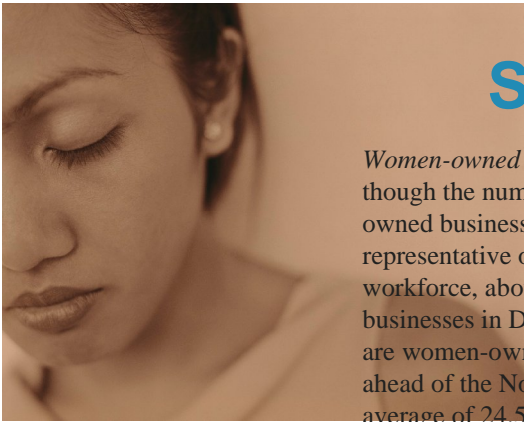
Public Assistance. Of families living with public assistance or supplemental government income, 64 percent are female householders with no husband present. Only five percent of families on public assistance are male householders with no wife present.



DURHAM'S GRADUATING GIRLS

A survey of 875 graduating female seniors in Durham public schools suggests that 49 percent of young women planned to attend four year public colleges. Another 17.7 percent planned to attend private colleges. 18.8 percent planned to attend junior colleges or community colleges.

More on the Status of Women



Women-owned Business. Although the number of women-owned businesses are not yet representative of women in the workforce, about 30 percent of businesses in Durham county are women-owned. This is ahead of the North Carolina

average of 24.5 percent women-owned businesses.

Educational Attainment. In Durham County, 85 percent of females and 81 percent of males have a high school degree or GED. Approximately 40 percent of women over age 25, compared to 41 percent of men, have at least of bachelor's degree. However, only 5.3 percent of women have a graduate or professional degree while over 10 percent of their male counterparts have graduate or professional degrees.

Women in Public Office. Women hold about 1/3 of Durham County, City and local public office (both those elected and major posts approved by elected bodies.)

Grandparent-led homes. Grandparents are raising their grandchildren in one of every two homes in Durham County

where grandchildren and grandparents live together. Of all grandparents living with grandchildren, 35 percent are grandmothers raising their grandchildren.

Domestic Violence. According to NC Coalition Against Domestic Violence, there were no murders in Durham County attributed to domestic violence in Durham County since January 1, 2005. However,

Half of Durham County's children—47 percent—are receiving free or reduced price meals. 19 percent of children are on food stamps.

using the number of calls to a statewide domestic violence resource in 2004, Durham County had the fifth highest number of calls in the state — 2,160 calls and 1,558 clients. Clients were disproportionately minority.

Free Tax Preparation Available:

Saturdays

(March 3, 17, 31; April 14)
Main Library 10am-1pm

300 N. Roxboro St.,
Call 560-0100 for directions.



COMMUNITY EVENTS: For Women



Until April 2: "Reclaiming Midwives" Exhibit, Duke Center for Documentary Studies

Until March 25: "The Bluest Eye" by Toni Morrison. Playmakers, Paul Green Theater, Chapel Hill; Tues.– Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m.

March 7: "Health Insurance on Your Own" The Women's Center, 6-8:30 pm

March 10: HIV/AIDS Walk-A-Thon & Screenings. American Tobacco Trail, 9 a.m. Durham Faith Community

March 19-21: Durham Affordable Housing Coalition "Homebuyer Workshops" evening sessions, 6-8:30 p.m. Free, but pre-registration required. Please call 919-683-1185 ext. 41.

March 21: Duke Center for Documentary Studies "Five Women at Duke" Exhibit Opening

March 23-24: Feminist Theory Workshop at Duke; for more information contact Susan Perry, (919)-684-3655

March 31: "I Almost Gave Up", a production about domestic violence. 5-7pm, NCCU Miller-Morgan Building. (Free)

