

# Fairfield County Faith-Based Successes

## Faith Based Quarterly Meetings

During the two year period of May 2012 – September 29, 2014, Fairfield Behavioral Health Services was awarded two grants under the theme “*All Aboard for Healthy Fairfield*” in partnership with Fairfield Community Health Partners from the **Healthy South Carolina Initiative** including grant funders such as *SCDHEC, Eat Smart Move More SC, and the SC Tobacco Free Collaborative.*

Fairfield Behavioral Health Services’ target audience was faith-based organizations in Fairfield County.

The overarching goal was to *reduce deaths and disabilities often associated with tobacco use, obesity and heart disease.*

Year 1 focused on tobacco education efforts.

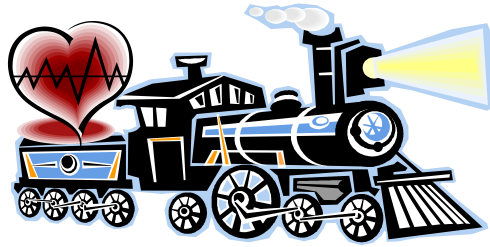
Year 2 focused on helping faith-based organizations implement a *comprehensive Health Ministry* to address health from a *holistic* perspective and encourage members to not only make *healthier lifestyle choices*, but to also *create environments that support healthy behaviors* -- at home, church, and in the broader community.

**Faith Based Quarterly Meetings** was initiated in Year 2 to provide a setting for faith-based organizations to collectively receive and share

- Updates on Grant Objectives
- Progress/Needs with Tobacco Education Efforts
- Progress/Needs with Health Ministry
- Lessons Learned
- Recognition for their efforts
- New education materials
- Information about community resources and services

Though Fairfield Behavioral Health Services’ grant ended September 29, 2014 with the Healthy South Carolina Initiative, it was decided by the organization and participating faith-based organizations that the quarterly meetings should continue, especially since the new FAN grant project with the USC Prevention Research Center began on September 30, 2014.

## *All Aboard For a Healthy Fairfield*



*Faith Based Tobacco Prevention • Healthy & Active Living*

*(May 2012 – December 15, 2014)*

- ✓ **88** Faith Based Organizations (FBO) have participated in tobacco education training from **12** Countywide trainings;
- ✓ **64** Adopted a Model Tobacco-Free Policy;
- ✓ **58** FBOs hosted separate tobacco free education activities at their church;
- ✓ **862** Families adopted tobacco free policies for their home/vehicle;
- ✓ **507** Completed ALL Tobacco Education objectives earning \$175;
- ✓ **55** FBOs adopted a Healthy Living Policy;
- ✓ **1504** Faithful Families Interest Surveys were completed by FBO members representing 44 FBOs;
- ✓ **44** FBOs completed ALL Health Ministry objectives earning \$325; and
- ✓ **3390** members impacted from FBOs

### **FAN Project Success**

*(September 2014 – September 2018)*

- ✓ **133** churches confirmed in Fairfield County (March 2015);
- ✓ **87** churches completed an interest form indicating whether to participate in FAN;
- ✓ **68** churches were interested and **19** were not;
- ✓ **60** churches were eligible to participate and were randomly assigned to the early or delayed group to receive training and implement FAN;
- ✓ **40** churches assigned to the *early group* with **36** churches trained in Oct/Nov 2015 (**142 people**);
- ✓ **20** churches assigned to the *delayed group* with **19** churches trained in Oct/Nov 2016 (**63 people**);
- ✓ **42%** adoption rate for FAN implementation
- ✓ **3,500** people in these **55** churches were reached by FAN





### **Marijuana Education & Training Initiative (*July 1, 2016 - Present*)**

- ✓ **21** churches participated in education and training (*63 people*)
- ✓ **9 (43%)** churches conducted an education session for their members (*309 surveys completed*)

Rock Hill Baptist, Pleasant Grove AME Zion, Macedonia Baptist, Bethesda AME Zion, Ebenezer AME Church, St. Luke Baptist Church, New Hope AME Church, Bethel United Methodist, Gethsemane Baptist Church, River of Life, Bible Light Holiness Church, St. Mark Baptist Church, Black Jack Baptist, White Oak Baptist #1, Mt. Visit AME Zion, First United Methodist, St. John AME, New Life Worship COGOP, Mt. Olive Baptist, Mt. Zion AME, Nazareth Church of God

### **Opioid Education & Training Initiative (*July 1, 2018 - Present*)**



- ✓ **25** churches, **44** people
- ✓ **18 (72%)** churches conducted an education session for their members (*733 surveys completed*)

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, St. Paul Baptist Church, Bible Light Holiness Church, New Life Worship Center, Black Jack Baptist Church, Bringing Down the Walls, White Oak Baptist Church #1, St. John Baptist Church, Zion Pilgrim Church, Red Hill Baptist Church, County Grove Baptist Church, Mt. Zion AME, Rock Hill Baptist Church, Bethesda AME Zion, River of Life, Rock Hill Baptist Church (Longtown), Bethlehem Baptist Church, Upper Hope Station Missionary Baptist, St. Mark Baptist Church, New Hope, St. John AME, Smalls Chapel, St. Luke Baptist, Gethsemane Baptist, Speak to My Heart