

NCDCDT Coastal Regional Meeting February 26, 2010

The North Carolina Division on Career Development and Transition (NCDCDT) held its Coastal Regional Meeting on Friday, February 26, 2010. The meeting was held at the Craven County Board of Education in New Bern, NC. There were 43 attendees at the meeting representing school systems from Beaufort and Carteret Counties; Clinton City; Cleveland, Craven, and Dare Counties; Elizabeth City/Pasquotank County; Greene, Lenoir, Martin, Pender, Pitt, Scotland, Union, Washington, and Wayne Counties. Vocational Rehabilitation representatives attended from Beaufort, Carteret, Craven, Johnston, and Pitt Counties and the Eastern Region Vocational Rehabilitation Center in Goldsboro.

Linda Little gave a very informative presentation on "Organizing a Transition Fair." A number of systems in the region already hold transition fairs and as a result of the presentation several systems indicated that they are going to begin planning one.

Sharon Jackson talked to the group about the Employability Seminar. Her presentation motivated 2 attendees to volunteer to be Regional Coordinators for the seminar in the Coastal Region. They are Suzie _____ from Pitt County and Rita Brown from Craven County. Both of these volunteers are new to transition!

The 2009 NCDCDT grant winner for the Coastal Region, Donna Alderman from Pitt County, gave a presentation on her award-winning grant titled "Bedazzled to Bedrizzled." She described how her class used the grant money to move their school-based enterprise of making beaded jewelry to a coffee service for the school.

During the regional sharing time everyone participated in a jigsaw group activity to explore ways to implement the new OCS Essential Standards and ideas for delivery of services under the new Highly Qualified teaching standards.

Everyone who attended gave us positive feedback about the meeting and even asked if we could have more than one each year!

