



Our Own New Bern Dream Team

On Friday October 17th Cindy Gibbs of New Bern CCE-VR Monarch received an award from the New Bern Vocational Rehabilitation Unit for being the most productive Job Coach in both Job Placement and achieving Successful Employment outcomes for 2007 in the New Bern area.

Monarch also was awarded the distinction of being the most Productive Area provider in both Job Placement and Successful Employment outcomes for Fiscal Year 2007 in the New Bern area.

The dream team: William Beasley, Don Haines, Bethany Hamilton, Sarah Hargett, and their leader, Jamie Watson.

Their motto is, "It may be our jobs but it's their lives."

Helping Dreams take flight is for everyone.



From left to right:
Sindy Gibbs- Employment Specialist, Christopher Hansborough Sr.- Vocational Counselor, Sarah Hargett-Production Manager and Jamie Watson Program Manager.

Major funding cuts coming for state funded services

The office of State Budget has indicated that state agencies must reduce spending by 3%. The Department of Health and Human Services will face a reduction of \$50,684,291. The Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse share of that amount is \$20,146,737. Local management entities have been informed that they will experience these cuts as well. For those of you who are familiar with state funding these are called "IPRS" funds. Each LME will be determining where to make cuts in their area. If you have strong feelings, you should contact your LME to voice your opinion.

And more bad news

The state has indicated that the targeted case management rate will drop significantly on January 1. The Arc of NC is working to obtain agreement from the state to delay this rate cut to better understand the impact on families. Stay Tuned.