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**County Health Rankings Report Released**

The Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health (MATCH), *County Health Rankings* report was released today by the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The *County Health Rankings* are the first to rank the overall health of the counties in all 50 states by using a standard formula to measure how healthy people are and how long they live.

The report ranks Moore County 9<sup>th</sup> highest in North Carolina in Health Factors and 31<sup>st</sup> highest in North Carolina in Health Outcomes. Health Factor measures included individual health behaviors, quality of health care, education and jobs, access to healthy foods, and the quality of the air. Health Outcome measures included the rate of people dying before age 75, the percent of people who report being in fair or poor health, the percent of people who report being in poor physical and poor mental health, and the rate of low birth-weight infants.

"Although Moore County ranks in the top quarter of North Carolina counties for many of the measures used in this report, the data shows that there is work to do to address barriers to good health and help our citizens lead healthier lives", according to Robert Wittmann, Health Director.

In 2009, a Community Health Assessment was conducted by the Health Department and MooreHealth, Inc. Priority areas selected to address over the next 4 years are access to health care, obesity prevention, substance abuse prevention, and teen pregnancy prevention. The findings of the MATCH *County Health Rankings* will provide additional information for the MooreHealth, Inc. committees to use in the planning process to address priority health issues.

For more information about the MATCH County Health Rankings, please visit **[www.countyhealthrankings.org](http://www.countyhealthrankings.org)**.

For more information or to learn how you can become involved in MooreHealth, Inc., call 715-1925.

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