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**Moore County Health Department and MooreHealth, Inc. Release  
the 2011 State of the County Health Report**

The Moore County Health Department and MooreHealth, Inc. (local Healthy Carolinians Task Force) have released the 2011 edition of the State of the County Health (SOTCH) Report. The Report is required by the North Carolina Division of Public Health of all health departments during the interim years between the Community Health Assessment (CHA) which is conducted every four years. The most recent Moore County CHA was conducted in 2009 and the next CHA is scheduled for 2013.

The SOTCH Report highlights several key health indicators including morbidity and mortality data specific to the community, new funds or grants secured to address health issues, new and ongoing initiatives and partnerships, and emerging issues that affect health status. Additionally, the report covers the overall progress in priority areas selected by MooreHealth, Inc. to be addressed in the 2009 Community Health Assessment including Access to Healthcare; Obesity Prevention; Substance Abuse Prevention; and Teen Pregnancy Prevention.

Over the next year, the Health Department and MooreHealth, Inc. will continue to collaborate with community partners to develop and implement interventions, explore available resources including funding opportunities, and guide the work for each selected health priority issue. In March, a retreat being held at Little River Resort in Carthage will bring together Healthy Carolinians Task Force and Health Department representatives from the thirteen member counties of the South Central NC Partnership for Public Health to discuss priority health issues identified in each county's community health assessment. The retreat will provide opportunities to foster innovative collaborations to address common public health issues through sharing of best practices, securing resources including funding opportunities, and exploring solutions that provide benefits across county lines.

To view the 2011 SOTCH Report and the 2009 CHA, please visit the health department website at: <http://www.moorecountync.gov/health>.

For more information or to become involved in improving the health of Moore County, please call FirstHealth of the Carolinas, Community Health Services at (910) 715-3487 or the Moore County Health Department at (910) 947-3300.

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