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Department of Public Instruction

Report to the North Carolina General Assembly

Life Changing Experiences School Program
Progress Report

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THE LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCES COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

This project offers the most sophisticated traveling 3D, scientifically grounded, interactive programs for schools in the USA. Goals of the project are to create community awareness on critical social issues facing modern day youth, support school screenings of the intervention and prevention programs at no cost to students, and conduct ongoing research on the effectiveness of the program.

Children and Parent Resource Group, Inc. received \$375,000 in January 2022. A subsequent check for \$125,000 was received March 2022 and the first screening was completed in March 2022. To date, CPR has completed programs in 24 schools and served approximately 18,000 students within Lincoln County, McDowell County, Wayne, Nash, Beaufort, Craven, Martin, Pitt, and Cleveland County. Students received interactive programs related to safe driving, alcohol and other drug prevention, and entrepreneurship. The preliminary data and feedback remain consistent with the positive results received in the past. A full report is forthcoming.

To date, \$179,000 has been used to cover the cost of design, implementation, and evaluation of the program. The Life Changing Experiences Community Education Project will resume school screenings in September 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year. The remaining funds will be used to further implement and evaluate the program.

A comprehensive report will be made available to the North Carolina General Assembly in June 2023.