

FROM THE CENTER OUT

The Center encourages people to voice their reactions to our projects. Below is a sampling of the letters we have received regarding the report Health Education: Incomplete Commitment written by Center Project Director Susan Presti and the conference which we recently sponsored, "Public Policy and Native Americans in North Carolina: Issues for the '80s."

Health Education

I found your report *Health Education: Incomplete Commitment* rather interesting and refreshing. You see, if we just change the name of the state, the report would reflect exactly what is happening in Maine. What a small world.

I would be interested in obtaining a copy of the report as a model for reporting on health education.

Sincerely,
Nancy H. Stevens
School Health Education Project
Augusta, Maine

You asked for our reaction to the report. We attempted to offer help and suggestions at the time it was in draft form. Our suggestions were not received with favor. We have no particular problem with the report. It is less than completely accurate in some instances. We expressed the belief prior to publication that it generalizes on exceptions and is heavy on editorial comment that can be substantiated only through opinion. However, I believe those who read it will probably understand the limitations and probably benefit from reading it.

There is much to be done in health education. We think we have some thrusts underway that will strengthen the program. There is no question as to the commitment of the State Board and this office to that end.

Sincerely,
A. Craig Phillips
State Superintendent
of Public Instruction

In my work as a school health nursing consultant, I need ready access to it! The publication beautifully points our directions in school health education to which all concerned citizens need to subscribe. Health professionals need the report's implications pointed out to them. I feel I can help!

Sincerely,
Tina Fisher, Nursing Consultant
School Unit
Maternal and Child Health Branch
Department of Human Resources

The report, *Health Education: Incomplete Commitment*, was an outstanding piece of work. You deserve a great deal of praise for your effort. In most cases what was said is common knowledge throughout the state. However, the Center's Report accentuated the need for *real* support of health education in North Carolina. I can only hope your effort will "wake some people up," it certainly has caused a great deal of discussion around the state.

Cordially,
James A. Fitch
Coordinator
Health Education Division
University of North Carolina
at Greensboro

Indian Conference

On behalf of all Indian people in Guilford County and in North Carolina, I would like to thank you and the N.C. Center for Public Policy Research for the excellent workshop that you sponsored on Friday, April 24 in Raleigh. I have heard numerous positive comments from Indian and non-Indian participants, both panelists and moderators and workshop attendees.

I especially thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as a panelist for the workshop on economic status of Indian people. I only wish we had had additional time for more questions and comments from the audience. I hope you are planning to share the final and overall recommendations with us.

I strongly support the idea that Indian people need strong and vocal advocates from the non-Indian communities throughout this state to support us in our efforts toward achieving our goals of social and economic self-sufficiency and self-determination. You as individuals and as an agency can be part of those advocates.

Sincerely,
Ruth L. Revels
Executive Director
Guilford Native American
Association