Mentoring
This is a school-based mentoring program.
- Mentors
  - CIS-Lancaster provided a YouthBuild mentoring program called “Dare Mighty Things.” Our goal was to match each participant in the YouthBuild program with a mentor. One of the main differences in this program and traditional mentoring programs is that the participants have input in the selection of the mentors. CIS provides the training, screening, on-going support and matching of mentors to mentees.
  - 21 YouthBuild students were matched with mentors this past year.
  - We continue to offer school based mentoring for students in elementary and middle schools as well. In this program, mentors are not allowed to have contact with their mentees outside of the school.

YouthBuild
Len Moorefield is the project director for YouthBuild. She is also the chair of the South Carolina YouthBuild Coalition.
- Over the past seven years, 225 individuals have participated in YouthBuild.
  - Sixty-two of these students have earned either a GED or a diploma.
  - Fourteen have gone on to post-secondary education and
  - Eighty are currently working either full or part-time.
- A total of eight houses have been built for Habitat For Humanity over the past years.
- Students completed a 1,400 square foot addition to Hope of Lancaster.
- YouthBuild participants built a handicapped accessible picnic shelter at USC-Lancaster and 2 picnic shelters as part of the renovation of Southside Park.
- YouthBuild participants also perform landscaping services for the City of Lancaster
- YouthBuild trainees have contributed over 2,000 hours of community service over the past year.
  - Community service projects included building numerous handicapped ramps, rehabilitation of owner-occupied homes of elderly residents and assisting numerous other local non-profit organizations.

Traditional School Model Programs (Classroom)
These programs were in operation at Andrew Jackson and Buford middle schools.
- Students are referred to this program usually for one of three reasons; attendance, discipline or grades.
- Four curricula are currently being used. They are Botvin’s Life Skills, Making a Difference, Making Proud Choices and Draw the Line/Respect the Line. All of these curricula with the exception of Botvin’s Life Skills are abstinence-based pregnancy prevention curricula approved by the district’s Comprehensive Health Committee.
- Over 300 students participated in this program last year.
School Tools

• This is a partnership with WSOC-TV, BB&T and numerous other businesses in Lancaster County.
• Last year, over 6,000 pounds of school supplies were collected and delivered to every school in the county.

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