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YWCA LOWER CAPE FEAR TO DISTRIBUTE BABY SUPPLIES FOR TEEN PARENTS IN COLUMBUS COUNTY

WILMINGTON, N.C.— The YWCA Lower Cape Fear will be distributing supplies for teen parents at the Columbus County Fair, October 9 through October 14, in connection with their newest community outreach program, the Early Parenthood Program of Columbus County. Supplies are for teen parents or pregnant teens residing in Columbus County that are in need of diapers, baby wipes, hygiene kits, and grocery or fuel gift cards, as relief after Hurricane Florence.

The Early Parenthood Program is for young women, ages twelve to nineteen, that are currently pregnant or have children. The goal of the program is to provide young mothers with the tools needed to stay enrolled in school and graduate, improve access to prenatal and community resources, reduce repeat teen pregnancies, and develop strong parenting skills to raise healthy and school-ready children.

The program was created in partnership and supported by with the North Carolina Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, and the Columbus County Partnership for Children. This new project will offer services to young parents and their children, a vulnerable and high-risk population in Columbus County.

Eligible mothers must be attending school, or enrolled in an equivalent program, and residing in Columbus County. The program is free to qualified participants. The Early Parenthood Program uses the “Parents As Teachers” Curriculum, designed to promote optimal childhood development, learning and engagement.

Services provided by the program support the YWCA Lower Cape Fear’s mission to empower young women. For more information on the Early Parenthood Program, visit the YWCA booth at the Columbus County Fair, October 9 through October 14 or contact Program Coordinator Monica Deese at 910-520-4819.

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About the YWCA Lower Cape Fear

The YWCA Lower Cape Fear is on a mission to eliminate racism, empower women, stand up for social justice, help families, and strengthen our community. YWCA Lower Cape Fear has a 104-year history in Wilmington, and is part of an international movement serving over 2 million in the United States and 25 million worldwide. For comprehensive information about this important work, go to ywca-lowercapefear.org

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