

## The North Carolina Coalition Achieving Health Hand in Hand (Ahhh!) presents:

Coming Home: Caring for Veterans, Service Members and their Families

Saturday September 10, 2011 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Durham Public Schools Staff Development Center 2107 Hillandale Road - Durham, NC 27705

July 15, 2011

Dear Pastor and Community Leader:

We invite you and your Veterans to join us on September 10, 2011 at 9:00 AM to help us explore how we as a community might better serve those who have served our country in the military.

Reverend Wanda Boone, from Achieving Health Hand in Hand Faith and Community Partnerships of NC, Reverend Dr. John Oliver, from the Durham VA Medical Center and Nanci Appleman-Vassil, from the APLS Group will lead us through an outcome oriented learning experience designed to help us:

- Gain an Understanding of the Veteran and military culture
- Explore the needs of Veterans and their families
- Identify how trauma affects individuals and families mentally, physically and spiritually
- Develop a plan to care for survivors
- Discover how you can provide meaningful support

This six hour training event will focus on the needs of Veterans and their families. You will receive a toolkit, meet many local care providers and leave with your own action plan. <u>*Ahhh!*</u> and the Veteran community look forward to exploring how we can support Veterans and military families in our community.

- Registration is open to the first 100 who respond by August 19, 2011
- Registration fee: \$5.00 (Coffee breaks and Lunch provided)
- You may register on-line at www.DurhamTRY.org or mail payment to Ahhh! Attn: Earl Boone 2628 Melrose Ave., Durham, NC 27704

Sincerely,

Rev. Wanda Boone, North Carolina SAMHSA Team Lead Ahhh! Faith and Community Partnerships Initiative

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Nanci Appleman-Vassil, President/Chief Learning Officer APLS Group

Rev. Dr. John Oliver, Chief of Chaplain Services Durham VA Medical Center

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