



## Quarterly Report to Steering Committee / Co-Chairs March through May 2005

The implementation of the Active Balanced Community grant for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 began December 1, 2004, following approval from the State Bureau of Juvenile Justice. Monthly reports are being submitted to the State; this quarterly report is provided as a formal avenue for keeping the Steering Committee informed of activities, as well as to present challenges that may need to be addressed.

### I. Committee Updates

- F. **Communications Committee.** [Sandie Pierce, Facilitator] This Committee is co-chaired by Kate Ebli, 4M Consultant, and Connie Carroll, United Way of Monroe County.

The ABC web site ([activebalancedcommunity.org](http://activebalancedcommunity.org)) has been updated to include a page that has the planning year separated from current activities. These changes went live on March 8, 2005. Updates to the web site have been on-going and have included pictures from the various events, as well as the quarterly report and other information.

Events during the quarter included:

- Bedford Trade Fair - March 12 and 13, 2005.
- Celebrate Children Festival on April 9, 2005 - children were asked to place their handprints on an "I am my community" wall that was displayed at the Frenchtown Square Mall through the month of April. "I am my community" bracelets were given to all of the children who participated.
- Law Day Koffee Klub on April 29, 2005 was sponsored in partnership with the Monroe County Chamber of Commerce and Monroe ISD. Chick Moorman, author of *Parent Talk* discussed ways of promoting accountability and responsibility among children (and adults).
- End-of-the-Year Graduation Events were attended at Jefferson High School (May 31), Monroe High School (June 3), and Bedford High School (June 5). The graduates were asked to pledge to drive responsibly and to commit to three hours of community service over the summer. There were 484 graduates who pledged - 112 at Jefferson, 203 at Monroe, and 169 at Bedford. As incentives to participate, drawings were held for \$10 gas cards at each of the events. Graduates also received "I pledged" bracelets. Students who complete the community service will also be entered in a drawing. Participation in these events was seen as a way to increase awareness about ABC and to develop community involvement among youth.

The Committee is in the process of finalizing its logic model that specifically outlines all of the goals and objectives for the year, as well as the outcome processes and measures.