

Wise Women Gathering Place presents:

# The Good News

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## TELEVISION TOUR

The C-BAC kids visited UW-GB's NEWIST (NorthEastern Wisconsin In-School Television) program on February 25, 2003. Eileen Littig heads the CESA 7 (Cooperative Education Service Agency) which uses the expertise and technical equipment at UW-GB's Public Television Department to teach students about producing for television. Quinncy McNeal host of Teen Connection guided the students as they watched the taping of the show, and the call-in process from the monitor room, briefing them on the project and answering their questions.

Chaperone, Alberta Zuchkkahosee and Chaperone, Linda Nockideneh, and students: Mike Grignon, Michael Awonohopay, Al Zhuckkahosee, Justine Pyawasat, Shandel Wychesit, Tiffany Peters, Lanita Cornelius, Darrel Skenandore, Dwight Hill, Winona Godfrey, JR Stevens, Eric Arce and C-BAC teachers from Menominee Tribal School and Oneida Nation Turtle School took tribal busses to the University campus to meet with the CESA 7 staff, have a circle talk, a fun supper, and tour the Television Studio. Mike Myers of Cass Lake, Minnesota, author well

Teen Connection Host, Quinncy McNeal, at UWGB on February 25, 2003



## From Alice's Desk:

WWGP is so happy to assist in raising community awareness to the 40 Assets all kids need to succeed. The "40 Assets", developed by the Search Institute identifies the building blocks that help young people grow up healthy, caring, and responsible. This valuable research is based on studies of over 100,000 youth in 213 towns and cities across the U.S. In this issue, and following WWGP newsletters, you will find an insert that explains each of the 40 Assets and how every community member can participate in providing these assets for every child.

WWGP is currently planning several events to promote the 40 Assets in our communities. Look for news about a parenting series and a 40 Assets Scavenger Hunt. It looks like we are going to have fun as we continue to create a positive environment for our families. With the help of our local and Tribal governments, local businesses, our wealth of community professionals, and friends, we are going to see that no child is left behind. That is our goal. Stay tuned.



known presenter, trains C-BAC staff to SEE-BACK

C-BAC students from Oneida and Menominee gather around

# Oneida C-BAC Project News

by Joyce Johnson

The last months have been both exciting and challenging. Both myself and Marlene Summers, Educator/Advocates for C-BAC, work with the eighth graders twice a week during school time. We enjoy presenting facts, information, and relationship building skills to our students. Each student is so unique, and they bring a wonderful and interesting variety of personalities to this work.

We have introduced "IT", a small animal like stuffed creature to our class. "IT" is used during interactive classroom activities. The students have been given an opportunity to give "IT" a different name, and for now, "IT" it is.

The "Turtle Club", C-BAC's Oneida after school club, meets every other Wednesday. Oneida Transit provides transportation after the meetings.

Hugh Danforth, accomplished Oneida Thespian, visited class and talked with "The Turtle Club". He is developing a play, using the ideas of the students, and plans to help them in the creation of a theater piece about abstinence.

Recently, Eileen Littig, Dean Thomas and Alex Zacharias from NEWIST, UWGB, visited the class to present how a PSA's (Public Service Announcement) are created. Eileen, Dean, and Alex will be working with the students who attend UWGB's, PSA summer camp in July 2003. Information regarding the camp will be sent to parents as the time of the camp nears.

We share in the delight of sharing C-BAC ideas and methods with your children.



## WAIY AWARDS WISE WOMEN

Wisconsin Abstinence Initiative for Youth (WAIY) has awarded a \$46,800 grant to WWGP to support the Community-Based Abstinence Culture (C-BAC) Project and establish five new youth abstinence clubs in high schools in the Shawano and Oconto area.



### Kids Quotes

"It is easier to get forgiveness than permission"  
"Age is a high price to pay for maturity"

Green Bay Area Midwives meet at WWGP at 1 PM the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month. Open to Doulas, apprentices and people interested in healthy birth.

"May is Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month."

Teen Night

May 22, 2003 5:30 – 8:00 pm

YWCA 230 Madison St. Green Bay

Oneida Turtle Club and Menominee Native DREAMS Club are participants. Poster contest winners will be on three billboards in Green Bay.

Please Come. There will be food, fun and games.

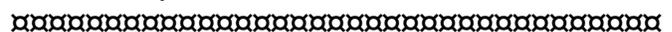
## MENOMINEE C-BAC PROJECT

by Sue Boivin-Denny

Melanie White and I express our sincere *waewaeen* (thank you) to all the Menominee Tribal School staff, parents, chaperones and students for welcoming our program into the school. The response, support and encouragement are all the right ingredients to make our abstinence program successful and more so to teach our youth lifelong skills to choose a safe and healthy lifestyle. The eighth grade students discuss and participate in activities to help them deal with teenage transitions.

Recently, we invited the former principal, Alan Caldwell, as our guest speakers. Alan did a great job explaining the roles our young native people have in the Menominee community and society.

The eighth grade students participate in an after school club which they named, Native Dreams which stands for Dating Reality Engagement Abstinence Marriage Success. The club members have options to come in and do homework, board games, and fun outdoor activities or to just simply hangout in a healthy environment. Please stop in the health class and observe and/or participate in the sexual abstinence curriculum your teens contribute to.



### Did You Know?...

Coca-Cola was originally green.  
Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the US Treasury.



All Volunteers Welcome at WWGP  
WWGP is always looking for volunteers to help with our projects. Please consider lending your time, skills, expertise and talents to the good work we are doing in our communities.



# “Peace on Earth Begins at Birth”

## Wise Women Gathering Place

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### Membership Application:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Annual Membership Dues: (check one)

Fire \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Earth \$50 \_\_\_\_\_

Water \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ Sun \$250 \_\_\_\_\_

Winds \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make tax-deductible checks payable to Wise Women Gathering Place.  
Thank you for your support.

WWGP is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, developed and staffed by Native American midwives. WWGP has been incorporated since 1998, however, has been operating for decades as a home-based women’s circle. Children in tow, native women gathered in each others homes discussing issues around childbirth, midwifery, breast-feeding, parenting, healthy relationship development and much more. Many women in our communities continue to attend the births of their sisters, daughters, relatives and friends providing support, information and advocacy.

WWGP currently administers the C-BAC program to help our youth develop into healthy, caring, responsible community members.

WWGP need the support of the entire community in order to continue our important work. Please consider becoming a member by sending your tax deductible contribution. Thank you.



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