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Holton Career and Resource Center

"A site that aims to provide education, health, and recreational benefits to the Citizens of Durham"

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Hours of Operation

Mon –Thurs: 8:30a – 9:00p Fri - 8:30 a– 11:00p

Sat 8:30a-6:00p Sun 1:00-6:00p

Dynamic organizations of Holton Career and Resource Center

The Holton Career and Resource Center collaboration consists of the following organizations:

- City of Durham
- Durham County
- Durham Parks and Recreation
- Durham Public Schools
- Duke Medical Clinic

Staff at Holton Career and Resource Center

5 Full time staff positions

Recreation Supervisor (1)

Recreation Asst Supervisor – (1)

Recreation Asst Supervisor-SP/I and Mature Adults(1)

Recreation Specialist – (1)

Administrative Asst – (1)

16 Part-time staff positions

Master Program Specialist –Youth, Teens and Mature Adults (3)

Facility Supervisors – (3)

Facility Attendants - (5)

Group Leader – (2)

Program Specialist (2)

Community Relations Coordinator (1)

Holton Career and Resource Center Facility Amenities

- Gymnasium and Locker Rooms
- Auditorium
- Dance studio
- Music studio
- Art room
- Computer lab
- Learning center
- Game room
- Mature Adult room
- Athletic Field

Holton Career and Resource Center has built unique programs, partnerships and sponsorships with the Community

- Interfaith Food Shuttle of Durham
- Salvation Army + Boys and Girls Club
- KidZ Notes (Sponsorship)
- NAACP Afro – Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics Program
- East Durham Children's Initiative (EDCI)
- Read Seed, Inc (Sponsorship)
- Stories through Murals Project by Duke University and Hector Blanco of Dominican Republic.

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Holton Career and Resource Center News Teen Night

the Northeast Central Durham Community
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At Holton Center:

Teen Night is more than just hoops

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Growing up in a city can be very difficult for young African-Americans. Many distractions come with the territory of being an inner city youth. Peer pressure to hang out with friends and smoke, drink, and get into trouble lingers in many cities across the U.S.

In Northeast Central Durham, one place that strives to get inner city youth off the streets is the Holton Career and Resource Center which hosts "Teen Night" every second and fourth Friday of the month through Durham Parks and Recreation.

The center is open to all kids up to the age of 17, the doors open at 7 p.m. and teens are allowed to play basketball (as long as they have on tennis shoes), sociatize and use the computers in the recreation center. Before this, the teens must sign in and go through a quick educational session.

"The messages are good," said Benny McCray, a Northern High School student. "They keep us educated and keep us motivated not to do bad things."

Lester Thomas, mentor and president of The Ujima Group, Inc., meets with the students for this required component.

"I try to tailor my message around leadership and character building... the key to keeping their attention is finding something interesting that they will take with them when they leave," Thomas said.

Thomas is one of several volunteers at the center. Norris Jordan, parent of one of the teens who uses the center, monitors the students in the gymnasium while they play basketball.

"I started bringing my son up here as soon as it opened and once I started volunteering, I was picking up other people's kids and bringing them," Jordan said.

The open gym nights attract a diverse group of students from different schools including Kestrel Heights, Southern, Northern, Mount Zion and Hillside.

Teen Night isn't just about the basketball though. Many of the teens come just to hang out.

"I come mostly because I have practice here, but I stay because I get to see all my friends from school and meet new people," said Danielle Graham of Southern School of Engineering.

Many of the kids have no places to play in their own community which is why the center is very important. Some students even walk from as far as Campus Hills to come and play.

"Every community needs a center like this one," Jordan said.

Kids mix it up at Holton Center's weekly Teen Night, held the second and fourth Friday of every month.

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KidZNotes Program

Kathryn Wyatt plans to serve as executive director of KidZNotes, a program intended to foster classical music skills that might be hindered by poverty, substance abuse or broken homes.
PHOTO BY VIRGINIA BRIDGES

KidZNotes to bring classical music to East Durham

KidZNotes

is coming to your school!

Pre-K, Kindergarten and Third Grade Students of **E.K. Powe, Y.E. Smith** and **Eastway Elementary** will be selected this fall to participate in an after-school and Saturday morning **FREE orchestra program**.

KidZNotes is inspired by El Sistema, the 35-year-old Venezuelan orchestra program that has transformed the lives of over 2 million children in need.

Children participating in KidZNotes will receive: a violin, 10 hours of instruction/week in violin, music literacy, and ensemble opportunities to excel and perform in their communities.

In this our **first and pilot year**, we will be taking applications from families who qualify for free and reduced lunch. In future years, we plan to expand to additional grade levels and families.

Interested families should please complete the application form and return to your **MUSIC TEACHER** at your school.

Lillian Presley – Y.E. Smith
Mike Truzy – Eastway
Jessica Brown – E.K. Powe

More information is available on our website:
www.kidznotes.org

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Women's History Month

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Kaye Sullivan (from left) and Lillie Cannady perform with the R.O.S.E. Dancers during the Women's History Month Celebration on Sunday at the Holton Career and Resource Center.

Passing down valuable lessons for Women's History Month

'A Talk Over Tea' in Durham includes panel discussion

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DURHAM — Taking time to listen, fostering talents in other people, becoming self-sufficient and understanding the importance of passing down valuable lessons from mothers to daughters were some of the discussion points a panel of six women made during "A Talk Over Tea," held in observance of Women's History Month.

Durham Parks and Recreation hosted the event, held Sunday at Holton Career and Resource Center. Alexis Pauline Gumbs, a doctoral candidate in the Women's Studies Department at Duke University, moderated the panel. Panelists were Lynne Walter, of the N.C. Coalition Against Sexual Assault; Vimala Rajendran, of Curry Blossom Cafe and with the People's Channel network; Kifa Faruq, of Greenspace Initiative; Tanya Dingle of Workforce Initiative and Jobs Link; Muata Faruq Farrow, of A Pound of Prevention; and Praycious Wilson-Gay, a student at the Josephine Dobbs Clement Early College High School.

Gumbs asked the panelists to share some "stories of resilience," and Walter cited her mom, who raised her and her brother after a divorce, as an "amazing example" of a woman of strength.

Dingle, who said she formerly worked in victim assistance, said she was inspired by the ability of women in that situation to maintain a sense of hope. "That was my story of resilience — just to keep your head up high," Dingle said.

Kifa Faruq expressed thanks for her mom who told her she could be whom she wanted to be. Faruq said she never had to choose between being a

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Alexis Pauline Gumbs (left) leads a panel discussion of six women, including Kifa Faruq (right) during the Women's History Month Celebration on Sunday at the Holton Career and Resource Center.

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Inter-faith Farmer's Market

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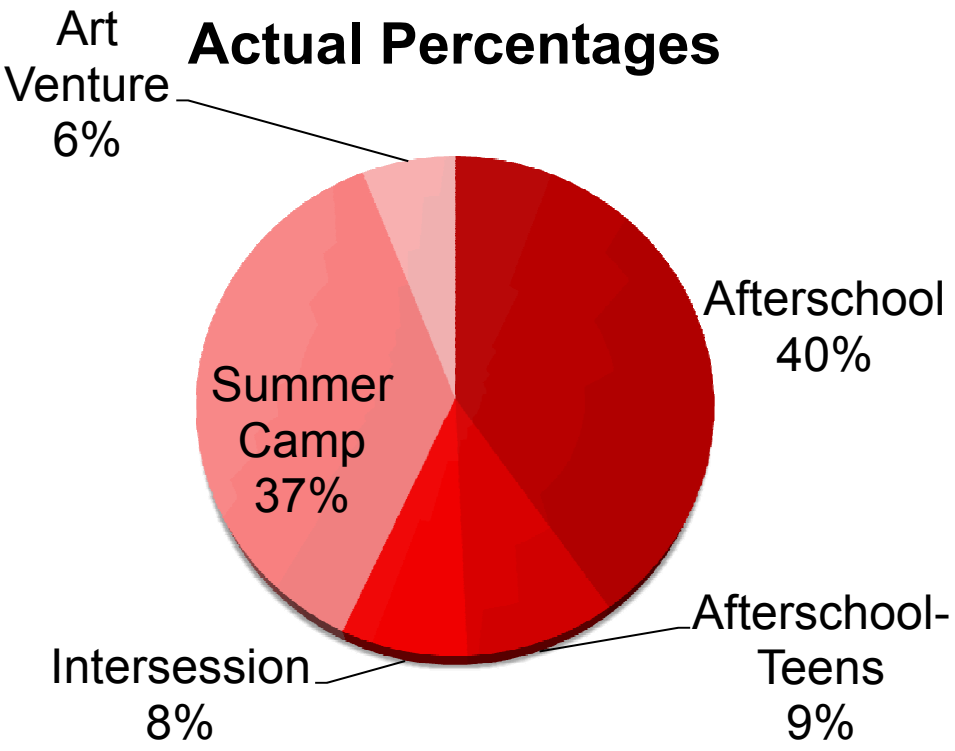
Holton Career and Resource Center Health -Education and Mentoring Programs

- Boot Camp Fitness
- D.R.E.A.M
- West African Drumming
- Sunshine Garden Group
- Parent and Child Art
- Belly Dancing
- Kids Craft
- Media Intro and Lab
- Sustain
- Tall Tales
- Zumba
- Art Venture

Special Events

- City of Durham Leadership Conference
- Kwanzaa
- Grandparent Conference
- El Centro Health Fair
- Read Seed- A- Thon
- Walltown: Children's Theater
- Latino Film Festival
- Back to School Book Bag Giveaway

Holton Career and Resource Center Afterschool/Intersession Summer Programs &Percentages



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Sliding Fee Waivers for Youth Participants August 8, 2009-July 5, 2011

Afterschool Program (Includes teens)	$ 27,290.34
Intersession Program	$ 3,375.90
Summer Camp	$ 57,900.00
Fun Days	$118.80
Total :	$ 88,685.04

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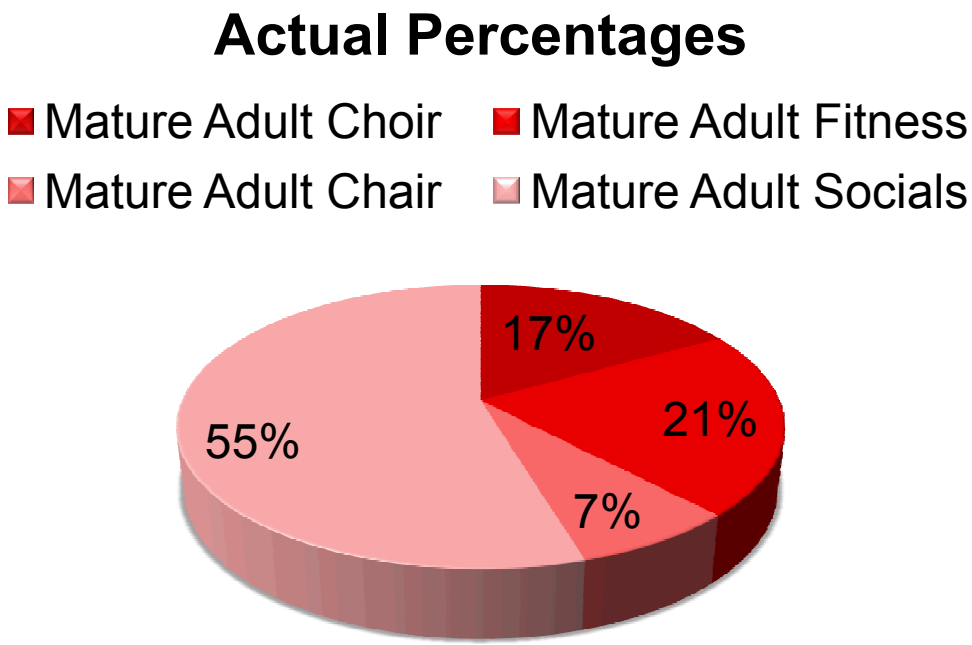
Holton Career Resource Center Mature Adult Programs &Percentages



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Where do we go from here?

- Implementation of enhanced-technology youth programs.
- Ongoing researching and implementing programs that targets risk/low income communities that are identified as Empowerment Zones.
- Provide additional mentoring/learning opportunities for College students.
- Search and Implement effective programs for girls and women in hope to positively change their lives and communities.
- Continue promoting healthy, aging and wellness programs for Mature Adults.
- Offer a number of health fairs to provide valuable health information and screening services to large number of City and County Citizens.
- Offer extensive Community Meetings to expose customers to DPR Programs.

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