

## Teacher assistants spotlighted in new video

*State services create opportunity for individuals and families throughout North Carolina, and the videos from Together NC's Speak NC campaign document how this works across our state*

**RALEIGH (June 21, 2011)** – Teacher assistants deliver invaluable support in the classroom by providing individualized attention to students, monitoring student behavior, and sometimes even driving the bus to school.

But the NC General Assembly recently cut over \$450 million from our public school system, which will cost thousands of people their jobs and deprive children from the education they deserve. A [new video](#) documents the vital role teacher assistants play in creating quality schools.

The Speak NC video, released by the Together NC coalition, is part of a campaign documenting the positive impact of state programs and services on families and communities throughout North Carolina.

The teacher assistant video is available online at: <http://www.speaknc.org/2011/04/teaching-assistant/>

The video is the sixth in a series produced by Together NC. The videos highlight North Carolina residents who benefit from vital public investments. The videos are available on the new [Speak NC](#) website. [Speak NC](#) aims to show the human impact of state programs and services that touch thousands of North Carolinians every year.

[Speak NC](#) creates videos that document how an individual, family, or group of people benefits from various state services. Many of these services face severe cuts based on the state budget.

“Missing from our state budget debate was a real sense of how state services impact real people, their families, and communities amidst all the numbers,” said Louisa Warren, a coordinator of Together NC. “Speak NC is about changing that and bringing forth the voices of North Carolinians to speak for themselves about how public investments have enriched their lives and paved the way for economic opportunity.”

Together NC invites citizens to watch the stories on [Speak NC](#) and share them with friends, family, and local legislators to demonstrate how many of these programs provide crucial aid to families and bolster local economies.

Visit Speak NC at [www.speaknc.org](http://www.speaknc.org)

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Together NC is a collection of more than 115 non-profit organizations, service providers, and professional associations who have come together to promote wise choices for shared prosperity for all North Carolinians. For more information, visit <http://www.togethernc.org/>

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