

Communities of Opportunity Initiative

Community Progress Report
April 1, 2010 thru June 30, 2010
Due July 15, 2010

Name of Community: Colquitt County **Local Champion:** Colquitt County Family Connection
Date: July 15, 2010

Co-Op Strategies	List Measures of Success, (Or Barriers If Applicable)	Action Items Completed for Each Strategy	Cost Estimate	Provide a Brief Description of Issues and Action Items to be Addressed Next Quarter
Develop and implement a Community Involvement Plan for Colquitt County High School Achievement Center students	Colquitt County will improve its graduation rate from 59.6% to 61%	Completed year with favorable turnout and favorable review from all involved, especially the alternative school staff. Community partners were proud to participate and reported no problems. Participating at-risk students completed an exit survey. Nearly all noted an improved attitude toward staying in school. Those who offered comment suggested larger blocks of time be allocated to enrichment classes.	Included in last quarter's expenses.	Plan and begin expanded program for first semester of school year 2010-11
Utilize "Partners for Progress" report to identify target audience to market free tax services	Increase the number of individuals receiving EITC and Child Tax Credits. Decrease the number of individuals utilizing refund anticipation loans.	Continued marketing effort within targeted areas of the community.	none	none
Develop and implement a Tax Prep Assistance program combined with a financial education component for target audience.	Increase the number of individuals receiving EITC and Child Tax Credits. Decrease the number of individuals utilizing refund anticipation loans.	Received report: Brought in more than \$106,000 in tax refunds to Colquitt County. Recognized volunteers during an honors ceremony at Moultrie Technical College. Principal organizers attended an EITC conference in Savannah and came away with strategies to expand services next tax season. Formed an Asset Building/Financial Education Strategy	\$1,200	Develop EITC coalition and recruit more volunteers to train as certified tax preparers.

		Team within the collaborative with the intent for this team to also serve as a local EITC coalition.		