Monthly Key Accomplishments – January 2011

I. **Childhood Obesity**
   Dr. Marsha Davis, College of Public Health (CPH) Faculty Member, and Rich Christiano, CPH Graduate Student, conducted two focus groups in Moultrie as part of an ongoing research project regarding childhood obesity. Parents were questioned about the meals provided at home for their children and the amount of physical activity children experienced outside of school. Discussions also included challenges that parents faced and additional resources that they felt could be helpful. Approximately 12 parents participated in each focus group. Childcare, a meal, and a $25 gift card were provided to all participants. This research is being conducted as part of a grant that focuses on preparing programing and/or curriculum that could be used to impact local rates of childhood obesity.

II. **Archway Public Health Committee**
   The Archway Public Health Committee for Colquitt County held their second meeting and made progress on narrowing down potential priorities. Additional facilitation is still needed but the group is working well together. They are very ambitious and determined to be productive and take advantage of the opportunity to utilize many of the resources available in the College of Public Health.