Community Hosts Teen Maze
Over 200 volunteers turned out at Hawkinsville High School on April 3 to host the community’s second Teen Maze. Organized by Family Connection Coordinator Vonnie Berryhill and the UGA Archway Partnership, the Maze provided students in grades 7-12 the opportunity to learn the consequences of poor choices in a safe and fun environment. Student participants saw an accident scene, an emergency room, juvenile court, rehab and the Salvation Army Safe House first hand. They also experienced the consequences of teen pregnancy and STD’s. This effort brought together local higher education partners: Middle Georgia State College, Mercer University’s Walter F. George School of Law, Central Georgia Technical College and UGA’s Cooperative Extension office; as well as, community health resources from the South Central Health District and Taylor Regional Hospital.

21st Century Partnership visits Pulaski Executive Committee
Gen. Bob McMahon, President and CEO of the 21st Century Partnership, spoke to the Archway Executive Committee in March. The 21st Century Partnership, a Georgia nonprofit, is the only community enterprise dedicated solely to preserving and growing the military presence at Robins Air Force Base and protecting the $2.9 billion in annual economic impact that is generated from the Base. Gen. McMahon talked about the need to diversify and expand the region’s economy, improve education and reduce crime. These are all challenges that have been identified in anticipation of the next round of BRAC committee hearings.