Sumter County

Monthly Key Accomplishments – January 2015

Grant Awarded for Positive Action and Nurturing Parents Program
Sumter County was awarded $62,104 in grant funds for the Positive Action and Nurturing Parents program. Positive Action is an evidence-based, comprehensive pre K-12 program that systematically builds positive behavior and character. The program focuses on social and emotional learning by basing its lessons on values, empathy, self-control, social skills, social bonding, self-efficacy, honesty and goal setting. Students are taught that when you feel good about yourself, you will have positive thoughts and ultimately do good things. The award was made by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council in response to a federal RFP calling for proposals addressing Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention and Treatment Programs. The award will make it possible to hire a specialist to work with an existing team that interfaces with the juvenile court circuit and school systems, purchase needed materials and provide for initial and additional trainings. The program will begin in the juvenile court system in January 2015 and in the fall of 2015 training in the program will be offered community wide for implementation in the school system, faith-based community and other youth-centric organizations.