Ongoing Efforts

Teen Pregnancy Prevention Work Group
The Teen Pregnancy Prevention Issue Work Group continues to identify stakeholders’ additional community and regional resources to expand and deepen the impact of the initiative. To date, over 20 teachers (a minimum of three per school) have been trained in an evidence-based sexual health curriculum. In the coming months, the group will focus on building community awareness of this issue and promoting the intervention strategy. Additionally, there is an emerging desire to implement a case management strategy for expectant and new teen mothers to ensure social supports are in place for them to continue to pursue education and gain employment.

Cairo Train Depot
Progress continues in the interior re-design of the City of Cairo Train Depot. This project involves collaboration between the city of Cairo, Archway Partnership Downtown Issue Work Group and the Lamar Dodd School of Art and is an action item in the downtown renaissance plan. Archway Operations Coordinator Sharon Liggett has met with Thom Houser a faculty member from LDSOA who is working on the designs.

College and Career Academy Update
The Education/Business & Industry Issue Work Group continues to focus on the Cairo High School College and Career Academy. The major activity this month was working with local higher education partners (Bainbridge State College and Southern Regional Technical College) to clarify post-secondary programs that line up with existing CCA pathways. This alignment will help students see the high school -> college -> career continuum more clearly. Operations Coordinator Sharon Liggett, along with two local school system representatives, attended a three day workshop hosted by the Academies of Nashville. The visit highlighted their success in the College and Career Academy model and gave an in-depth look at best practices that can be implemented in Grady County.

Ochlockonee River Landing Enhancements
Archway graduate assistant from the UGA College of Environment & Design Rachel Haddon is working on designs to enhance amenities at two Grady County landings along the Ochlockonee River. Haddon is working with Ochlockonee River Water Trail founder and local outdoor recreation enthusiast Margaret Tyson and Grady County Administrator Carlos Tobar to increase access to and use of the river.

Engineering Projects
Three teams of students from the UGA College of Engineering, under the direction of Engineering faculty Dr. Jason Christian and Dr. Stephen Durham, are working with officials from the city of Whigham on enhancements to city infrastructure. One team will design an expansion plan the existing water system to serve projected growth from the eventual developments near Tired Creek Lake. A second team will examine several options for waste water disposal. A third set of students will work with members of the Grady Joint Development Authority to analyze the structural integrity of the former Roddenberry Foods plant, now known as the Heritage Industrial site.
**Tourism/ Cultural Promotion Efforts**
Students from the Grady College of Journalism are working with representatives from the Grady County Chamber of Commerce, Calvary Lions Club, city of Whigham, and the Ochlockonee River Water Trail in Grady County to develop media kits to assist with promotion of tourism and cultural assets. Students will provide clients with social media posts, press releases, PSAs, and web site recommendations, as well as formation information to be easily uploaded to Explore Georgia’s new web tool.

**GATEway Grant Refresh**
UGA College of Environment + Design students are working to refresh the planting plan designed for GA-112 at US-84 to comply with the recently updated Georgia Department of Transportation guidelines. The grant will be submitted for consideration this fall.

**Looking Forward**

**Youth FitFest**
The Archway Partnership Community Health and Wellness Issue Work Group will host the third annual Youth FitFest as a strategy to address childhood obesity. Tammy Harlow, Director of Nursing for Grady General Hospital, will serve as event chair.

**Community Resource Guide Database**
Building on the work of Mark Huber’s MIS class for the Sumter County SOWEGA CASA Community Resource Guide, Huber’s class will use the same infrastructure to build a searchable database using Grady County’s Community Resource Guide. He has assigned two student teams to the project.