**Accomplishments**

**Teen Pregnancy Prevention Issue Work Group**
Representatives from the College of Public Health, College of Pharmacy, Department of Biology, a representative from the Grady Archway Teen Pregnancy Prevention Issue Work Group, and the Georgia Coalition for Adolescent Power and Potential (GCAAP) met in Athens in January to discuss a potential research project on the effectiveness of the FLASH Comprehensive Sexual Education Curriculum in Grady County. Faculty will work with school system representatives to craft surveys for students to track knowledge gained and concepts that may bear reinforcing.

**Ongoing Efforts**

**College and Career Academy Promotion**
The Education/Business & Industry Issue Work Group continues to focus on the Cairo High School College and Career Academy. A public relations class from the UGA Grady College of Journalism has selected Cairo High School for a project to develop a comprehensive media kit for use in promoting the College and Career Academy and the new “Academy Concept” that will kick off with the formation of a 9th-grade academy at Cairo High School in 2016.

**College and Career Academy Update**
Representatives from the Cairo High School College & Career Academy, Southern Regional Technical College and Bainbridge State College met to refine a proposed “map” for higher education pathways and existing articulation agreements. Through conversations at this meeting, partners discovered that existing agreements and course listings were outdated. All agreed to organizing a workshop on articulation and faculty credentialing so that revised agreements can be in place by fall 2016.

**Engineering Capstone Projects**
Students and faculty from the UGA College of Engineering continue their work with Senior Capstone Design Project sites in Grady County, including a) conceptual wastewater system for the City of Whigham, b) Heritage Industrial Complex Analysis for the Cairo-Grady County Joint Development Authority and c) conceptual Water distribution plan at Tired Creek Lake for the Grady County Commission. Final designs will be completed and presented to community clients in spring semester 2016.

**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 UGA Lamar Dodd School of Art (LDSOA) 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.
**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. In prior years, over 20 different health and wellness providers offer activities, information and educational exhibits at this family-friendly festival. Tammy Harlow, Director of Nursing for Grady General Hospital, will serve as event chair. The event is tentatively planned for Saturday, April 30 at Davis Park in downtown Cairo.

**Renewed Focus on Community Leadership**
Cairo-Grady adult and youth leadership programs are forming new issue work groups, beginning with visioning and outreach. Current goals are to implement a youth program beginning fall 2016 and a re-imagined adult program in January 2017.

**Tourism Asset Promotion**
Tourism asset promotion is emerging as an issue that needs some attention. Betsy McGriff, the Grady Archway Professional, has met with the regional tourism representative and will schedule a local strategy session with stakeholders soon.