Stephens County School System
ANNUAL REPORT FORUM
NOVEMBER 17, 2011
Moving Forward........

TOGETHER
Business, Community, and Schools

Moving Forward....Together
Partners for Success

Family Connection & Communities In Schools

Working together to improve results for children and families in Stephens County.
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Who we are....

FAMILY CONNECTION
• CONNECT families to local resources
• COUNT relevant data, access community needs through interviews with stakeholders & families and mobilize the community to action
• COMMUNICATE trends to inform planning, budget and policy decisions that drive positive change for our children, for our families, for our community, for our future

COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS
• Number ONE dropout prevention program in the nation

Working Together To Make A Difference!
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MENTORING PROGRAM

Volunteer Commitment
- One Hour
- One Student
- Once a Week
- One Year

Student Response
- Improved Grades
- Improved Attendance
- Improved Behavior

Make a Difference – Become a Mentor!
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Mentoring Program

Last Year:

100 adults volunteered
3,624 hours to mentor
125 students

They need you!

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Reading Is Fundamental

• 441 students received 3 FREE books
• 60 volunteers read to students
• 441 parents received 3 newsletters

A special thank you to 1st Franklin Financial for co-sponsoring this program.

Make a Difference – Become a Classroom Reader!
Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library

- 2,360 children have been registered since August 2005
- 54,052 books have been mailed since August 2005
- 919 children have aged out and are now in our school system

Make a Difference – Become a RAH Volunteer!
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Sight for Students

Gift Certificate for Eye Exam & Glasses

50 STUDENTS have received gift certificates since January 2009

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Reading Tutorial Program

59 students receive FREE tutoring

AmeriCorps Members:
Terry Wertan – Eastanollee Elementary
Sharon Edgar – Liberty Elementary
Jan Evans – Toccoa Elementary

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Newborn Welcome Bags

100 Families received a welcome bag at Stephens County Hospital – New Impressions Maternal Child Unit

Getting Ready for School Begins at Birth!
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Family Connection Collaborative Meetings

Network
Build relationships
Discover new resources
Learn about community programs

Join us the 1st Wednesday of each month!
“There is no greater insight into the future than recognizing when we save our children, we save ourselves.”

-Margaret Mead
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To volunteer or for more information contact:

Toni Childress at (706) 886-2880 x 2010
Mark Butler,
Commissioner
Services Provided to Employers

Recruiting and Staffing

• Advertise openings online.

• Recruit, screen, and refer applicants.

• Schedule recruitment interviews at our career center or your location.
Tax Credits

Ask about the Work Opportunities Tax Credit for employers who hire certain employee groups.

Unemployment Consultation

Consultation regarding unemployment insurance tax issues and the unemployment appeal process, as well as trends in employment law.
Employer Bonding

Fidelity bonding offered as means of expanding employment options for employers and job seekers.
Labor Market Trends

Info available on prevailing wages, labor markets, employment & income statistics, employee availability, current employment trends, and economic indicators.
Downsizing & Layoff Assistance

Provide job placement, retraining opportunities and other services to help reduce economic impact of layoffs.
What is an Employer Committee?

Group of local business representatives who establish & maintain a working relationship between the Ga. Dept. of Labor and the employer community.
Partnership Involves

• Act as sounding board for proposed and ongoing department policies, procedures and programs.
• Identify & recommend ways to meet community and employment related needs.
• Further employer awareness of the Department.
Why Join Employer Committee?

• Share ideas and concerns with others.

• Enhance your company’s awareness of important employment issues & their impact on business.

• Help educate the employer community on important employment issues and legislations that affects the way you do business.
Two Final Considerations:

• Help your community identify & meet its employment needs.

• Obtain a better understanding of the department’s local career centers and use that knowledge to save your company time and money!
Stephens Works:

Roadmap to Success

Stephens Works Group goal is to develop workforce skills that will produce self sufficient citizens in Stephens County.
Stephens Works Roadmap includes:

- Decreasing Drop-Out Rate
- Connecting Students and Businesses/Industries in Stephens Co.
- Career Education
- Workforce Readiness
- Career and Job Fairs
- Career Exploration & Planning
If you would like to join the Employer Committee or the Stephens Works Group, please contact:

Danette Smith
GDOL Toccoa Career Center
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STEPHENS EDUCATION LITERACY FOUNDATION

“IT’S NEVER TOO EARLY OR TOO LATE TO MAKE EDUCATION A PRIORITY IN YOUR LIFE!”
THE STEPHENS EDUCATION LITERACY FOUNDATION PROMOTES AND SUPPORTS THE MANY LITERACY PROGRAMS AVAILABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

WE ACT AS A RESOURCE AND REFERRAL AGENCY FOR ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY PROGRAMS IN STEPHENS COUNTY.
PROGRAMS SUPPORTED BY SELF

GED Graduation 2011

• ADULT EDUCATION:
  – NORTH GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE-CURRAHEE CAMPUS
  – TOCCOA-STEPHENS COUNTY LITERACY COUNCIL
STEPHENS COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

• DICTIONARY PROJECT – EACH THIRD GRADE STUDENT RECEIVES THEIR OWN DICTONARY

Looking toward the future
• Focus – Graduation!
STEPHENS COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

• “MY DREAMS~ MY FUTURE” – ESSAY CONTEST FOR ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES K-5

• FOCUS – THE ROLE EDUCATION PLAYS IN PROVIDING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FUTURE.
EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY

• SELF SUPPORTS STEPHENS COUNTY READ AT HOME – FREE BOOKS FROM ‘DOLLY PARTON’S IMAGINATION LIBRARY’ FOR ALL CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY AGE BIRTH TO FIVE.

• FOCUS – ALL CHILDREN COME TO SCHOOL PREPARED TO LEARN.
NORTH GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE
– CURRAHEE CAMPUS

• ADULT EDUCATION - FY 10
  • 266 students were served in Stephens County
  • 161% Male, 39% Female
    31.7% were employed; 59.3% were unemployed; and 9% were not in the labor force
    24.3% received public assistance
  • 11.7% were under 19 years of age
  • 32.3% were between ages 19 and 24
  • 36.5% were between the ages of 25 and 44
  • 19.5% were over age 45

• 72 GEDs in Stephens County
  • According to the U.S. Census, a person with a GED credential earns $7,459 more annually than someone who fails to complete secondary education.
NGTC-CURRAHEE CAMPUS
CLASS SCHEDULE

• Monday – Thursday
• 7:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
• 11:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

• Monday – Wednesday
• 4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
The Toccoa Stephens County Literacy Center is open Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m, Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

- One-on-one adult literacy tutoring
- GED classes, computer classes, and parenting classes
- More tutors needed. One hour a week can make such a huge difference in a person's life!
BeeSmart 2011
Spelling and Trivia Bee

• ANNUAL FUNDRAISER FOR SELF - ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT LITERACY PROGRAMS IN OUR COUNTY.

• 2011 WINNERS:
  • SCHS FACULTY
  • ROTARY CLUB
  • BETA CLUB – STUDENT WINNERS
6th Annual “LEAP FOR LITERACY”
• Annual Fundraiser for SELF/Read At Home
• February 218th, 2012
• Gather your courage and your teammates and get ready to “LEAP FOR LITERACY”!
• Lake Louise Georgia Baptist Conference Center
• FUN…….FUN……..FUN……FUN……FUN......FUN
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Class of 2012 is Work Ready
-3rd year the Work Ready Assessment has been given to the senior class.

-202 students were given the Work Ready Assessment on Wednesday, October 12th.

-91% of those assessed received a Platinum, Gold, Silver, or Bronze certificate.

-3 students received a Platinum certificate

-46 students received a Gold certificate
SCHS
Number Assessed

- Class of 2010: 197
- Class of 2011: 237
- Class of 2012: 202
*Goal: Decrease number of silver, bronze, and no certificates and increase the number of platinum and gold certificates.
Stephens County vs GA and US

Percentage of those assessed that become Work Ready certified that obtained a platinum certificate. Stephens County had 29 Platinum certificates out of the 2,420 Work Ready Assessments taken in Stephens County through 9/30/11.
Percentage of those assessed that obtained a level to become certified Work Ready. The total number assessed in the United States was not available.
SCHS and Stephens County have both been successful on the Work Ready Assessment — something we can all be proud of.