

**Rural Solutions
Executive Director's Activity Report
For September 2009
Submitted by Jackie Reynolds**

Highlights of September

- I want to thank Rural Solutions staff, Maranda, Michelle, Glenda, and Mickie, for doing such a great job of leading the organization while I was on vacation. Europe was wonderful, the experience of a lifetime for me. Thank you, staff, for all your hard work while I was gone so that I could just relax and enjoy myself.
- Mickie Sjoberg started work as the SSUF grant coordinator in September. We are glad to have her as part of our Rural Solutions staff.
- The State Strategic Use Funds (SSUF) grant and the NECLAG/ARRA grant began September 1st. The grant will fund the *Getting Ahead Program* in the counties in NE Colorado. The grant is a collaborative grant with Washington County Connections, Resource Center in Yuma, Prairie Family Center in Burlington, Morgan County Family Center. It's going to be a great grant!!
- The Legislative Breakfast is set for October 29th. Thanks to Debbie for her work to plan the Breakfast. Details for the event are in the works!
- The FDC training began on September 18th in Akron. Workers from the family resource centers, Rural Solutions, and the Akron Head Start are participating in the training. The training will last until May 2010 and is a total of 90 hours. Becky Meyer, Mary Gross, and I will be doing the majority of the training.
- Don't forget that we have a small meeting room in our office if you need to use it, holds about 8 comfortably with phone conferencing available.

Financial News

Preventing Suicide Initiative and Office of Suicide Prevention Grant for Seniors.

- Please see Maranda's monthly report.

Health Disparities Grant

- Please see Michelle's monthly report.

Fatherhood Initiative

- Please see Glenda's report.

Community Connections

- September 1st: I attended the first meeting of the NE Colorado Workforce Wind Energy Grant in Limon as part of the advisory group. The content of the

meeting was a little out of my comfort/know about zone but very interesting!
More meetings are planned throughout the grant.

- September 8th: Was a "guest" on KPMX radio in Fort Morgan. I talked about Rural Solutions and the new *Getting Ahead Grant*.
- September 9-10: Presented Bridges out of Poverty training in Elbert County.
- September 11th: Presented Bridges out of Poverty training in Akron. All facilitators for the new *Getting Ahead Grant* are trained.

Upcoming Events and News:

- I was on vacation from September 14th to October 5th.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Reynolds
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