

Education Subcommittee Notes from March 27

- High School Graduation ...
- Sex Education decrease early parent hood impact on HS Grad rates
- Graduating pregnant mothers
- Parent involvement
- Math & Science
- Improve Service learning
- Job skills improve ... improve employability
- Ways to increase library as a resource to improve education
- Career/Technical education – does not fit well with current curriculum
- Reading
- early childhood
- Measurable
- Teacher retention
- Increase Self esteem/relationship/communication skills... increase hope/drive
- High school completion initiative - ^ 50-60%
 - Driver – can't pass grad exam, gave pre-test – 51% initial pass rate for pre-test
- Education for adults
- ESL
- Family literacy ... efforts need to work together
- Visit high poverty school ... see what it is like on the deck plate
- Early Childhood – birth to 4 year olds ... need to set foundation. Need to work with families to start early. Educate parents.
- How do we use Mentors (retired/active) in the education system to complement needs
- How does Oconee County affect this effort ... is this a Regional (other counties) Topic?
- Current Mentor program available 700 mentors ... 1 hour a week. Requires personal involvement. Trudy 353.2288 ... BHAG goal: every student have a Mentor...interim double number of Mentors.
- Mentor program ... great impact.
- Be careful of overlap ... services need to complement efforts
- Arts ... introduce learning skills, open door for jobs
- Track students after graduation – follow through to see what works and what does not work. Who is successful and why.
- Learn how to participate and succeed in the work force of today.
- Service Learning effort – ACC/Athens Tech/UGa
- Pre-K effort to establish early purpose for school completion/value of education
- Balance lecture 5%/Hands on Learning 95% retention rates how can learning be more effective (e.g. hands on) vs requirements for state/national testing.
- Athens Tech – College success course ... give it to students earlier.
- Hurry to move forward ... apprentice children ... getting them into the work place ... show them the importance of education in every day work place. Invest quality time with children. Set an example for them.
- Identify roadblocks to student graduation ... e.g. 5 grad tests – no other state requires more than 2. Why the delta? – science & social studies tests biggest challenge to graduation.
- 28% middle class ... racism a root cause ... driving individuals out of the community.
- Don't generate to-do list for ACC schools ... still have to teach.
- Be careful to not exclude how education relates to other PPA committees ... complement efforts.

- **Even Start program 1-3 y/o ... educate on constraints of what HAS to be taught.**
- **Youth do not have a good vision on where they need to go after education.**
- **Qualitative not quantitative.**
- **Teach children to develop relationships**
- **Education about families/family responsibilities ... and how a family influences success ... how to be a good parent, what is a good parent, how do you keep a family together.**
- **How does family situation impact success.**
- **Performing Learning Center – 95% graduation rate ... all need to be educated on how to raise/develop children and how to we deal with challenges/roadblocks.**
- **Standardized Tests – driving education and classroom.**
- **How do we support impoverished families to support education effort.**
- **This issue is not new ... need to identify what structures are roadblocks to student success (std tests, etc.)**
- **Many organizations are already addressing issues ... need list and pool/tie/co-ordinate efforts (internally & externally)**
- **Need more than the school systems ... but do not leave parents out**
- **UGa salary rates as ACC largest employer**