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Chatham Apprentice Program	Workforce Action Team	Savannah Graduates	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2015, CAP had 50-55% class placement rates “Case management” to be handled in 2016 twice a month at St. Mary’s New database system to be implemented E3/Forklift safety certification -1/4 at DOL E3/TWIC certification -3/7 at St. Mary’s 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring with business representatives vision/purpose; consult new “community blueprint” document and explore needs Team identified Georgia BEST as employability skills curriculum (to be used in all SCCPSS schools in 2016); working now to adapt to adult learners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Core team meets Dec. 17 at SEDA to review report, “Beyond Financial Aid” conducted with Lumina grant, which surveyed ASU and Sav Tech re: practices supporting low-income students Online workforce training directory requires additional research and editing; Step Up webmaster is designing best format for mobile and computer access -question of continual maintenance remains open 	

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Financial Education	Public Benefit Enrollment	Life Line Loan	Campaign for Healthy Kids
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5057 attended financial education workshops/counseling YTD 825 Bank On accounts opened YTD Step Up & City hosted national CFE Coalition meeting, Dec. 1-3 at Civic Center; representatives from 10 cities, plus FDIC, CFPB, Kresge Fdn and FINRA Fdn participated. Savannah Gardens and DIRTT were toured as part of the program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YTD 887 low-wage employees screened for public benefits COMPASS website accessible 8 a.m.- 5 p.m., restricting access to public benefits application process. (Also, SPLC has sued state and Gov Deal over refusing to process FS applications for Syrian refugees, violation of federal policy.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 165 loans made at 5 employer sites, total of \$227,750 loaned. Only 2 defaults to date Team met with City HR and Payroll to talk about terms. Van Johnson stated at retreat he wants to see MOU signed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total served: 1,585 - 70% new enrollments, 30% re-enrollment - 47% Hispanic children served (just 6% of Chatham population) SCCPSS considering altering registration forms so enrollers can contact families directly New curriculum will be taught in all high school health classes in 2016 Oversight of campaign will shift to Safety Net as NLC grant funds end in 2016, 7 counties to be added as part of federal CHIPRA grant proposal

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Policy Issues	Communications	Poverty Simulations	Development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GBPI & Step Up hosting public ed forum on a state Earned Income Tax Credit, 1-3 p.m. 1/22 at UWCE Affordable Housing Fund to receive \$200,000 in GR funds , based on Advisory Committee request. CHSA continues to administer fund; 2016 work plan approved by Council. 2 committee members met w City Manager to discuss portion of unrestricted hotel/motel tax to fund AHF; CM expressed support but it was not included in 2016 budget. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAP staff interviewed by WSAV for feature on “ban-the-box” campaigns Suzanne was interviewed as a panelist on generational poverty by GPB’s Celeste Headlee, host of “On Second Thought” Op ed piece in SMN , authored by John Wills, about the federal EITC Profiles of Poverty exhibit in January 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 224 attended simulations in 2015 71 attended simulation with Chamber Several requests for poverty simulations in 2016 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Campaign - \$10,858 YTD Reminder annual campaign postcard sent Received grant from Sapelo Foundation - to develop public education campaign for a state EITC and to support building capacity to strengthen grassroots advocacy

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Center for Working Families

- Next meeting, Dec. 17 at Moses Jackson Center
- UWCE will discontinue contract with ETO, database that centers have used. CAP adopting Apricot, following St. Mary’s lead. Other centers are on Pathways.

NLA/Resident Team

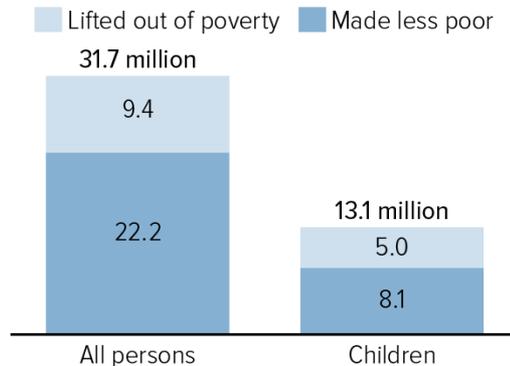
- Class 7 graduated at SSU on Dec. 7; former Sen. Regina Thomas featured speaker, Cathy Hill spoke on behalf of Step Up board. 17 men and women finished the 12-week program.
- SSU students conducting evaluation of NLA under guidance of Gwen Jordan.
- NLA alumni association meets Dec. 14

Community Indicators Coalition

- “Community Blueprint” presented to County Commissioners; next step is implementation
- Step Up participating in “Economy” committee, which has targeted need for additional workforce training programs, affordable housing as key issues

Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit Have Powerful Antipoverty Impact

Millions of persons lifted out of poverty or made less poor (using Supplemental Poverty Measure) by EITC and CTC, 2013



Note: Unlike the Census Bureau’s official poverty measure, the SPM counts the effect of government benefit programs and tax credits. Figures may not add due to rounding.

Source: CBPP analysis of Census Bureau’s March 2014 Current Population Survey and 2013 SPM public use file.

“Don’t cut tax credits for the poor,” excerpt from OP ED by John Wills, ran in SMN:

“The wisdom is that these tax credits promote work and help families build a more stable future. The tax credits promote justice by allowing working parents — from home health aides, to janitors, cashiers, returning veterans and others — to hold onto more of what they earn. The EITC and CTC reflect moderation because they are only available to those who are working.

Our community benefits greatly from the EITC and the CTC. More than 32,000 Chatham County families took advantage of the EITC in 2013, which meant \$73 million went back into the pockets of our working families. With the money they get back, families can pay for basic living expenses that keep them stable and strong, which means more money flowing in our local economy.

Overall these tax credits provide a boost to more than 1 million working families in Georgia every year, putting more than \$4 billion back into their pockets and into our state. The money from these tax credits is reinvested into local communities and businesses as our residents use the funds to put food on the table, pay for child care, invest in their home or education. “