

## 2009 West Virginia's Promise Grant Report High School Graduation and Dropout Prevention Regional Summit

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## 2009 WV's Promise Summit Grant Report

*(Due: Saturday May 9, 2009, please email and mail to Pam Dugan)*

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**Expense Report/Budget:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please attach an itemized budget report of actual expenses)*

**Grant Amount Awarded from WV's Promise:** \$1,000.00

**Community Match Received:** \$0.00  
*(Please attach documentation of community match actual funds/in-kind donations)*

**Date of Event:** April 2, 2009

**Number Attendees:** Children/Youth 1 Adults 54

**Location of Event:** Chuck Mathena Center, Princeton, West Virginia

**Summit Details:** Mercer County held their Drop Out Prevention Summit on April 2, 2009 at the Chuck Mathena Center in Princeton, West Virginia. There were a total of 55 attendees who all participated in round table discussions which addressed the drop out crisis in West Virginia Schools. There was also a panel of speakers who were high school drop outs. They gave some real insight as to the reasons they dropped out of school There were several key stake holders from West Virginia DHHR offices, Mercer County Schools, Concord University and local businesses that participated in the round table discussions as well. The main objective for the Drop Out Summit here in Mercer County was to start looking at strategies that could be implemented to address the reasons why students drop out of school.

**CATCH PHRASE:** The Drop Out Crisis effects the whole community and it is an issue in which the community and the schools need to work together on in order to address it.

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Please attach a contact list of all participants involved/participated in Regional Summit using this format.

ORGANIZATION	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	TITLE	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	PHONE	EMAIL	FACILITATE AT STATE SUMMIT
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Please identify key leaders, speakers involved with local Regional/County Summit that would be interested in participating as a facilitator in the State Summit in July 2009.

Please include in report, **Three Points of Interest:**

1. Why students dropout of school/identify the problems/reasons
2. What are the solutions
3. Identify effective policy change
  - a. How did you gather the above information from the participants (*small groups, flip charts, open microphone, etc.*)

Mercer County Drop Out Prevention Summit  
 Chuck Mathena Center, Princeton, West Virginia  
 April 2, 2009

**Three Points of Interest**

1. Why students drop out of school/identify the problems/reasons:  
 Prior to the summit we conducted surveys in the Mercer County Middle Schools and High Schools. Some of the reasons as to why students drop out of school ranged from pregnancy, lack of engagement on both student and teachers parts, dislike for school, and bad home life or other outside factors.
2. What are the solutions:  
 Round table discussions were held at the summit to look at possible solutions to the drop out crisis. Participants used flip charts to document ideas around solutions and resources related to drop out prevention. Solutions ranged from increase awareness about the problem, school personel becoming more involved in their students, to media campaigns around alternative education such as vocational schools.
3. Identify effective policy change:  
 The purpose of this summit was to start to begin to look at strategies that could be implemented to help address the drop out crisis in Mercer County as well as through out the state.

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#### Americas Promise Drop Out Budget Report For Mercer County

	<u>Total Budget</u>	
		\$1,000.00
Walmart- Supplies	\$43.31	\$956.69
Staples- Supplies	\$113.46	843.23
Chuck Mathena Center- location	\$463.80	379.43
Sugar Shak-food	\$367.75	11.68
Copy Cost	\$45.00	-33.32



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