



College Access Challenge Grant Community Engagement FAQs

[What is this project?](#)

In partnership with Communities In Schools of Georgia, the College Access Challenge Grant funds projects designed by selected organizations that have developed college access-focused programs for students in their local communities. These events take place in different areas of the state in order to ensure diversity, expand outreach and access underrepresented populations. Funding recipients are expected to create a series of successful events that reach approximately 400 middle and/or high school students, as well as parents. The students are primarily from underrepresented groups in and around the counties served by the selected organizations.

[When do these events take place?](#)

Events will be held throughout the 2012-2013 school year, and may include kickoffs, parent workshops, college-planning sessions and other college access events.

[Can these events take place at any venue?](#)

Some of the college access events will take place on middle school or high school campuses excluding the end-of-year event, which may include students from multiple schools and districts. These types of events should be held on a higher education campus. Some lead agencies may have an existing relationship with a local college or university, making it easier to create partnerships.

[What does the event typically "look like?"](#)

Our community engagement partners will design various types of events for students in grades 6-12 and their parents/guardians. The theme and content of each event must be focused on college access. Below is an overview of the end-of-year college access event held in Dodge County in April 2012.

Selected juniors and seniors from Dodge County High School participated in a College Access event hosted by Communities In Schools of Dodge County at the Middle Georgia College aviation campus. Students in attendance had the opportunity to tour the campus, and hear from J.R. Henderson, a motivational speaker from the Lighthouse Institute. Henderson spent time discussing the importance of future goals and opportunities after high school graduation. Classrooms were also set up as college fair stations to give students an opportunity to engage with college ambassadors. Parents of attendees had the option of attending a lunch-and-learn that included information on post-high school educational opportunities.

[Who are the community engagement partners for 2011-2012?](#)

Organization
CIS of Milledgeville/Baldwin County
CIS of Catoosa County
Dodge Connection-Communities In Schools of Dodge County, Inc.
CIS of Fitzgerald/Ben Hill County
Latin-American Association
CIS of Laurens County
CIS of Walton County