

Mid South Promise Partnership Leadership Advisory Council
Wednesday, June 7, 2000
8:45 a.m.

The five fundamental resources provided by the Mid-South Promise Partnership are mentors, Healthy Start (medical or dental care), Marketable Skill (lack of ability to further their education or to enter the workforce), Community Service and Safe Place (overall feeling of safety in their neighborhoods/supervision on the streets)

Opening

1. Good Morning, it is a pleasure to be here this morning.
2. This makes the eighth trip to the Delta in 3 months – Just here Friday Morning speaking to the Chamber of Commerce members – Delta Democrat Times
3. Humorous Story

Main Points

1. Education is the key to success
 - a. Mississippi is committed to improving education for our children.
 - i. Raising teacher pay to the southeastern average
 1. Keep good teachers in Mississippi
 2. Persuade students to enter the field of teaching
 - ii. Computer Technology

1. Internet-accessible computer in every classroom by end of 2002.
2. Gates Foundation Grant
 - iii. Providing our students with the tools they will need to be competitive when they enter the job market
 - iv. Better schools = Better jobs
2. Our young people need a purpose and direction.
 - a. They need that direction early in their life so that they can be successful in their future.
 - b. Better jobs directly affect Mississippian's quality of life.
 - c. Competitive paying salaries
 - d. Need a superior education to qualify for those jobs
 - e. We are making sure that you have the tools you need to get that superior education and have the marketable skills you need to succeed.
3. Schools are the safest places next to the home.
 - a. After-school programming
 - b. Tutoring
 - c. Community Service
 - i. Must instill in our young people the need to "give back" to their communities.

- ii. President's Student Service Challenge Scholarship Program
 - 1. Rewards students for service learning
 - 2. Integrate service learning into the classroom
 - 3. Scholarships to further education for those who make extensive efforts in the area of service learning
- 4. Healthy students mean better students
 - a. CHIP
 - i. In January only 4,000 MS children were enrolled out of a possible 85,000
 - ii. Today we have more than doubled those numbers.
 - iii. Committed to seeing that MS children have the health insurance they need to be healthy and productive people

Closing

- 1. Commitment to action
- 2. State wide and Nation wide
- 3. Move forward by working together