



2009 HUD HOPE (Home Owner preparedness including all People, for one Environment)

- Financial Education
- Environmental Organizing
- Business support and Job practice

Our target market: youth, underserved population, including disabled

The **Financial Development** program is aimed at providing youth and the underserved with financial skills in order to better their chances of obtaining higher education and homeownership

**Environmental Organizing** supports green industry, job development and community organizing around environmental issues.

The **Business support and Job Practice** program works with disabled individuals who want to learn life, job and business skills.

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**Partners/Associations:** State of Colorado Vocational Rehabilitation, Association of Enterprise Opportunity, Alamosa Economic Development, USDA's Resource Conservation and Development, SEED (Sustainable Economic and Environmental Development) Park International, Aveda Corporation, Colorado Creative Industries, San Luis Valley Museum, Rocky Mountain Home Base Business Association

**College Profile:**

Adams State College is a Hispanic serving institution serving 3,200 on campus students and 25,000 on-line students. Adams State College was named after the first governor of Colorado and initially was a teachers' college. Today, it is well known for its Fine Arts Program and School of Business, along with its Nursing and Education programs. Adams State is located in a high altitude valley of south central Colorado known as the San Luis Valley. The San Luis Valley is comprised of six counties about the size of

the State of Connecticut. The Valley is somewhat isolated since it is bordered by two mountain ranges, the San Juan's and the Sangre de Christos.

#### **Accomplishments to Date:**

- Obtained collaborative agreement with Voc Rehab for referrals, financial support and job placement site. Since the start of the grant (15 months ago), we have counseled 26 clients with disabilities, 10 were direct referrals from Voc Rehab. One of those clients has his business up and running
- Worked with existing and new partners to develop collaborative programs for gap recycling. For example, we're working with K-12 schools and Aveda Corporation to collect and recycle bottle caps within the community. We've developed a community, plastic, farm twine program that reuses the twine to create hammocks. ASC Community Partnerships' sponsors an annual discarded material art exhibit and fashion show that raises awareness about conserving, recycling and reusing.
- Developed *Green Home Design* class that brings traditional students (credit seeking) and community members (non-credit, minimal fee) together to learn about the various ways to build green homes and/or retro-fit inefficient homes. The class is co-taught by a local business owner (Natural Power) and an ASC Science Professor.
- Coordinated Environmental Chemistry and Earth Science class to research proposed natural gas drilling impact near San Francisco Creek, which feeds into the Rio Grande River.
- Placed disabled client into job practice opportunity on Adams State's campus
- Collaborated with school district to conduct money management program for 31 high school students
- Facilitated the start up of SEED (Sustainable Environmental, Economic Development) Park International which is comprised of area farmers, ranchers and business people whose goal is to promote zero waste economic development.