

April 1, 2010 is U.S. Census Day. Census 2010 results will guide the next decade's distribution of \$3 trillion Federal funds to states, based on population counts. Population numbers are also a significant factor in grant applications and funding, as well as for locating schools, businesses and services, Congressional apportionment, and legislative districting.

The Georgia Family Connection Partnership has signed on as a partner with the Census, agreeing to help reach Hard to Count Populations across Georgia. Many Family Connections are already signed on, and working with their county Complete Count Committees (see attachment for CCC details).

There is a Partnership Specialist assigned to every county, and we hope you and your Family Connection will work with this person to improve the final mail in response rate in your county (see other information). Mailing forms is much less costly than follow up visits to homes by Census enumerators. See attachment for your county's final mail in response rate from Census 2000.

Partnership is as easy as putting the 2010 Census on your agenda, linking to www.census.gov and allowing your collaborative name to be placed on the U.S. Census website. We also hope you will be active in your county's Complete Count Committee, and ask that you contact your county's highest elected official about participating.

Please review the attached Partnership Agreement. Then contact one of the following Partnership Specialists to become a Partner.

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