



Business News

Crudup-Ward Activity Center (CWAC)

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## 2007 YEAR-END REVIEW

### Crudup-Ward Women's Business Center

In October of 2006, the Crudup-Ward Activity Center became a recipient of a Women's Business Center grant from the U. S. Small Business Administration (**SBA**). This grant offers "free" classes, group counseling and one-on-one counseling on "How to Start a Business" or "How to Enhance your Current Business". The Crudup-Ward Women's Business Center (CWWBC) serves nine (9) counties, namely: Clarke, Jasper, Kemper, Lauderdale, Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Smith. In fiscal year 2006-2007, five hundred and sixty-four (564) clients were trained, ten (10) businesses were started, twenty-one (21) jobs were created, and twenty (20) jobs were retained. The overall results from the evaluations were outstanding and excellent. SBA has requested that the CWWBC partner with them to provide counseling and training regarding government procurement and certification in lieu of the SBA local district office.

### Thank You

*President Annie Ward-Lowery would like to thank All board members for their effective and constructive support in our endeavors. Special appreciation to the CWAC staff, state officials, mayor, local officials, banks, businesses, parents, clients and others for their ongoing, moral and financial support.*

