

# Recommendation



- ◆ Target employers as the first response to community workforce and economic development.
- ◆ Businesses be able to depend on strong community economics to support and maintain business-directly and indirectly.
- ◆ Creation of a SBDC and Incubator
- ◆ Establish a Sectoral Employment Initiative
- ◆ Increase resident income via training and skills attainment and career path employment

# Recommendation-cont'd



- ◆ Educate and inform residents of resources within Bronzeville community and beyond.
- ◆ Focus families on the “4 Pillars” of Self-Sufficiency- Family Stability, Housing Choice, Household Income and Community Involvement.
- ◆ Increase enrollment of participants via CEDA-LiHEAP, United Way-Emergency Food and Shelter funds, Clothes closet referrals, etc.
- ◆ Increase resident knowledge on Credit and Financial Worthiness.

# Results to date



## Before System Navigator-prior to 12/1/05

Below 10% of total contract performance and 33% overall performance.

Many partners were on “urgent needs” list- utility shut-off, eviction, voucher termination.

Unverified Employment (19) and Training of partners (0) reported in CDHS reporting system.

## After System Navigator implementation 12/1/05

Average 65% total contract performance and 60% overall performance.

Less than 5% of partners report “urgent needs”, with 0 reported in February 2006.

We verified employment of 42 partners in Bronzeville and 42 in Altgeld Gardens and training of 10 partners.

We currently have placed in employment (verified) 26 partners and another 21 that are enrolled or completed training at the end of April 2006.