



NEWSLETTER

Join the virtual Collaborative Coalition June 28 from 10:00 to 11:30. We will focus on implementing strategic plans and celebrate the progress of our rural partners working to bring aviation preparation and jobs to rural GA!

Prepare for Take Off!

Just before the pandemic, Deb Page and Chris Madrid, began facilitating a group of collaborators in Fayette County to implement aviation career pathways. Within 18 months, they had lift off!

Through a chance meeting while waiting in line at a busy restaurant, in early 2020 Deb and her husband met Doug a/k/a "Flounder" Miller, a former fighter pilot and an expert in pilot preparation in the Air Force, and his wife Kelly. Over a shared lunch goals for advancing aviation in Georgia blossomed

The Institute and Flounder began working with the US Pentagon National Pilot Sourcing Forum, exploring how to link national efforts to efforts here in Georgia. The development of the Rural Collaborative Coalition brought the opportunity to find others who shared an interest in aviation careers here in GA. Flounder retired and launched a company focused on workforce development in aviation, Aerospace Works, LLC.

Fast forward to 2023, and the connection of Flounder and his team to the good folks in Coffee County who had been working to reinvigorate their WWII facility for pilot training. After countless hours of connecting, networking, meeting with potential sponsors, agencies, and employers, those collaborative efforts began to pick up speed and energy. Middle GA College and State University leaned in to collaborate, as did Wiregrass Technical College, and several policy makers. The USDA Rural services in GA joined the effort to support braided funding.

This week an airline joined the efforts! Delta Air Lines!!!

We are so happy that what we dreamed of incubating is about to take off with a full crew and load of collaborators. More to share and celebrate on June 28!

How are your RCC collaborations blossoming? Please share!



Want to improve your ability to implement strategic plans? Join our virtual RCC on June 28 from 10:00 to 11:30.

Contact Chris@TIFPI.org if you need an invitation link.

Thomas Edison wisely said, "Vision without implementation is just hallucination."

Harvard Business Review has reported that three out of five companies struggle with execution of their plans, and that the only valid strategies are those that can be implemented.

This HBR article shares some insights on implementation.

<https://hbr.org/2022/06/how-to-move-from-strategy-to-execution>



What is your "Big Rock", a complex need or issue that requires collaboration? Could linking in a regional or rural Collaborative Coalition, like Coffee County is doing, help you reach your goals? Ask us how! Deb@TIFPI.org.