**Best Practices Meeting Recap and Takeaways**

**Getting into Schools and Expanding Reach**

Many chapter coordinators expressed concerns regarding their ability to get into schools to give presentations. Some noticed a general downturn in the number of schools that CARE is reaching while others expressed a desire to expand beyond schools and into different venues such as libraries. Suggested solutions included partnering with local non-profits and other groups to make contact with schools, identifying local events where CARE can exhibit, cultivating relationships with a superintendent or school administrator as an ally in the school system, and receiving administrative support from the national office to identify and reach out to points of contact at schools in CARE chapter areas.

**National Partnerships**

In addition to creating local partnerships to expand CARE’s reach, the idea of creating more national partnerships was also discussed. The Kansas City CARE chapter has cultivated successful relationships with the FDIC’s Alliance for Economic Inclusion Program, and some coordinators expressed interest in having CARE National reach out to NARCA, Jump$tart, the FPA, and the AICPA.

**Data/Volunteer Tracking**

Chapters shared their respective systems for tracking presentations and volunteers, with some chapters using simple Word documents to keep track of volunteer activities and others using more complex systems, like [probono.net](http://probono.net/). The Volgistics Volunteer Logistics tracking system was also discussed as an example in Chicago and some coordinators expressed interest in a similar system.

**Volunteer Recruitment and Training**

Some coordinators discussed their experiences with volunteer recruitment and training, and suggested recruitment ideas included holding recruitment and training sessions at local bar associations, as lunch events at firms, and at judicial centers.

**Audience Engagement**

Several coordinators expressed interest in support from the national offices in designing give-away prizes to encourage audience participation, which would then be ordered by bar associations or local CARE chapters.