

Mississippi Action For Progress, Inc.

Distance Learning Training

Mississippi Action For Progress, Inc. has embarked upon an ambitious effort to bring distance learning to the agency. This endeavor will benefit all facets of the agency on many levels across all departments. It will greatly reduce travel costs and per diems, allow employees to have timely access to important information and allow collaboration across the agency's 25 counties.

Dr. Mike Omoregie, Technology Consultant, gave a demonstration of the state-of-the-art distance learning system employed at the agency. He spoke about the "future of MAP" and how this system plays into realizing that future.

Currently the agency has systems located at its 12 Oak Training Facility and at various Head Start centers. Those



Participants



Distance Learning Equipment @ Jackson



Dr. Mike Omoregie Overview & Training

centers are; Charles Young, Picayune, Cedars, Gilliam, Union and Yazoo. They have been strategically placed to provide the maximum benefits with minimal travel.

Dr. Omoregie also spoke to the group about other new initiatives on the horizon. This includes printers linked agency-wide that will reduce the need for large amounts of printing. This alone will reduce the agency's *carbon footprint* (buzzword for national "going green" initiative.) Also desktop web-conferencing will allow "group meetings" from within their respective offices.

The demonstration/training ended with an overview of software packages currently located on agency computers

The future of MAP certainly looks innovative and smart.

