

2014 Needs Assessment for Barbour

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Accomplishments

1. The Barbour County Children's Policy sponsored the Fulfill the Dream Summer Camp this year in Clayton. The program will engage 15 students (ages 15-17) in preparation for a field in service type jobs, such as non-profit sector and education. The purpose of this program is to have a fun, constructive supervised activity for teens in Barbour County during the summer.
2. The Barbour County Children's Policy purchased sports equipment for the Town of Clayton recreation department.
3. The Barbour County Children's Policy provided financial support for 111 members of the Boys and Girls Club Blue Door Club to attend Camp Butter and Egg on field trip.

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First Priority

Need related to children of this county

Family Safety

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Law Enforcement Agencies Boys and Girls Club Church and Grassroots Organizations Mental Health Professionals Local Education Agencies	After School Tutors Mentor Program for Youth Legislature that proposes stiff punishment for individuals who provide alcohol and drugs to youth. Local Parenting Classes Programs that provided supervision for youth after school that are not involved in sports

Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

1. Conduct county -wide meetings through the county with stake holders, educators, mental health professionals, substance abuse counselors, law enforcement, and court officials.
2. Impose fines for parents of underage individuals who condone this behavior.

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Second Priority

Need related to children of this county

Truancy

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Early Warning Truancy Programs Camp Sayla Pathways Bridges Counseling Turning Point Counseling SpectraCare Mental Health Liaison	Truant Officer for each school system Big/Brother Sister Program Mentor Programs Local Counseling Service Providers

Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

1. Schools need to inform Juvenile Court when a student has at least five unexcused absences.
2. Parents need to contact Juvenile Court if their child is exhibiting behavior issues at home and school.

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Third Priority

Need related to children of this county

Early Learning

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Pre-K programs Hippy Head Start Wallace Community College Early Childhood Education Department	Extension Pre-K Program Hippy home instructor for outlying areas of the county Reading Program in Barbour County

Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

1. Establish reading programs in all the schools in Barbour County and City of Eufaula.
2. Train early childhood educators on the topic of challenging behavior and appropriate interventions; also the ability to recognize these behaviors as a characteristic of certain disabilities.
3. Develop a plan that includes health, parent education, and family support to be implemented by child care providers.