

2014 Needs Assessment for Calhoun

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Accomplishments

- Family Services Center conducts free personal financial seminars monthly
- CPC partnered with the Alabama Dept. of Children's Affairs to host "Books, Balls, and Blocks" to conduct child development screenings
- "Read Across America" was held in 120 Pre-K and Kindergarten classrooms throughout Calhoun County
- "Training the Trainer Child Care Workshop" for local child care workers
- Veterans' Treatment Court conducted by Judge Stedham
- United Cerebral Palsy respite program for parents
- "Jobs for Life" job readiness program by Interfaith Ministries
- Family Services Center re-housing efforts grant
- Family Links and Coosa Valley Detention conducted Parent Project
- Wellborn Elementary Emotional Involvement Group
- "Grandparents as Parents" support group
- Family Links Foothills Family Festival
- 4-H Mentor Program with Coosa Valley and Cooperative Extension
- Area schools received trainings and awareness about suicide prevention
- United Way gave away "Get Ready for School" calendars to 2000 4 year olds in the area
- 2nd Chance conducted Financial Empowerment course for domestic violence survivors
- Cradle Connection and Sav-A-Life conducted parenting classes for young parents
- Health Services Center sponsored World Aids Day December 2013 and was attended by several teenagers in the area

- Calhoun County Schools participated in Red Ribbon Week and Toys for Tots
- YMCA provided free after-school child care
- PASS program of Calhoun County had 15 graduates
- Calhoun County Schools received a \$21,000 grant to assist homeless children
- "The Eve" was held as a fundraiser to benefit Dolly Parton's Imagination Library
- "Ages and Stages" are being conducted by pediatrician offices to assess early intervention needs
- "First Steps", new parent kits, were distributed to local ob-gyn offices and hospitals
- "First Class Pre-K Grant Writing Workshop" was conducted to inform any organization in Calhoun County interested in applying for funding
- Jacksonville State University Social Work Day covered topics such as, The Affordable Care Act, What Are Schools Doing Right, and Juvenile and VA Drug Court.
- Coosa Valley Youth Services has incorporated a targeted system of incorporating GED and graduation exam skills into instruction, they received Title I federal funds to purchase additional A+ Learning Systems courses to accommodate more elective school subjects, and Lewis Academy began a guitar music therapy class.

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First Priority

Need related to children of this county

Juvenile Prevention

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
School resource officers School homeless social workers Family Links Parent Project Private Mental Health counselors Juvenile Probation officers After-School programs offered through YMCA, community centers, local schools School counselors Coosa Valley Detention	Affordable programs that provide alternatives to more restrictive delinquency placements. Bullying prevention programs. After-school recreational programs. Mentoring programs. Conflict resolution and violence prevention curriculum for educators.

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

Council members will discuss program development.

Identify member organizations best suited to implement programs.

Research established curricula.

Investigate juvenile delinquency alternative sentencing and develop eligibility criteria and protocol.

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Second Priority

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Child Safety

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Alabama Partnership marketing campaign VOICES campaign for mandatory licensing of all daycare Law Enforcement DHR Children's Advocacy Center Family Links First Responders Mandatory background checks for all community providers such as child care providers and teachers Success by 6 Local schools	Donated advertising: TV, radio, print, billboard advertising Grant money for paid advertising Training for ministers and the religious community Expand Good Touch/Bad Touch Program in more grades Additional methods to provide information to children about protecting themselves and reporting abuse

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

1. Contact local media outlets for donated TV and radio PSAs, print ads. Ask local outlets to package in-kind advertising with a featured story or series of stories on the topic.
2. Target events where parent of young children often attend (Terrific Kids Tuesday at Quintard Mall, Anniston Museum, movie theater).
3. Provide training through ministerial association.
4. Local law enforcement to increase patrols around school bus stops.

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Third Priority

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Parental Involvement

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
HIPPY Program Parents As Teachers Program Parent Specialists Preschool Friends Parent Project classes Early Warning Program for truancy Parent docket through Juvenile Court 1000 parenting kits provided through Northeast AL Community Foundation Innovative non-traditional school programs (i.e., PASS program, SAFE school, etc.)	Community wide HIPPY enrollment More slots for Parents as Teachers or other early learning programs Community wide Parent Project workshops Holding parents accountable for excessive tardies Public Awareness Campaign

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

1. Apply for additional funding for Parents as Teachers through NE AL. Community foundation
2. Apply for additional funding for HIPPY Program to serve additional families.
3. Educate the community about what is available through PSA's, pediatricians' offices, etc. and contract with a Parent Project Facilitator to hold workshops for parents or providers.
4. Lobby for change in truancy law to hold parents accountable for excessive tardies.