

2014 Needs Assessment for Chambers

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Accomplishments

- Hired a part time Drug Court Coordinator
- Schools Systems hired a School Liason to work with joint DHR cases. Circle of Care also involved in the MOU
- Awarded funding for the fifth year of juvenile drug court
- The Circle of Care continues to provide Parents As Teachers
- Relationship Education classes provided by the Circle of Care continue to be offered to community
- DHR is exploring ways to improve the protocol with law enforcement to improve the child abuse investigation process

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First Priority

Need related to children of this county

Substance Abuse

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Chambers County Juvenile Drug Court East Alabama Mental Health Center Circle of Care Center for Families Treatment team for Juvenile Drug Court Adult Drug Testing program Chambers County School System Lanett City School System Chambers County Juvenile Court Grant funding from AOC DHR	1. Hire part-time JDC Coordinator. 2. Address the needs of youth who are committed to DYS and their parents so that they can successfully be reintegrated into the county after confinement and treatment. 3. After school programs for you

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

1. Research and application for grant funding to continue the Juvenile Drug Court and to hire a court coordinator to facilitate the program including community service efforts, group activities, etc. .
2. Current staffing for the program is provided by individuals from various agencies in the county working together to coordinate the activities of the JDC at no additional cost to the court.
3. Continued work at the One Stop in Lanett where mental health counseling, other services, groups, contacts made with the youth by JPO and other activities are held to meet the needs of the youth on whom petitions have been filed
4. Parent Project Services to continue for parents of youth in the JDC

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Second Priority

Need related to children of this county

Healthy Living

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Local Housing Authorities Chattahoochee Fuller Center for Housing DHR Circle of Care Center for Families Local School Systems Christian Service Center	Section 8 housing Emergency housing Additional Rental Assistance Funding

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

1. Educate the public (tenants and landlords) about rights and responsibilities
2. Research building codes and HUD standards
3. Form a steering committee to address this need

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Third Priority

Need related to children of this county

Transportation

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Circle of Care's Care Van (primarily for pediatric and pre-natal doctor appointments) Circle of Care recently purchased an additional van (primarily for youth involved in YES! program and adults participating in EPS program Grant purchased gas cards for Juvenile Drug Court participants Moving services closer to clients Utilize volunteers and interns	Medicaid funding for transportation Medicaid transportation providers in county Future funding for gas cards

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

1. Seek grant and local donation funding
2. Discuss the need with community leaders including churches