

2014 Needs Assessment for Cherokee

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Accomplishments

Saving Teens at-Risk (S.T.A.R.) funded by the Alabama Dept. of Youth Services and is supported by the local JV Court and the Cherokee BOE still helping students.

Cherokee County Family Resource Center is providing services to the children/families of Cherokee County. Early Childhood Fair.

Continue with excellent Pre-K sites in the county.

A very successful SADD Conference was presented.

SO COOL, with more than 200 students in attendance with the local Rotary Club/City of Centre providing facilities.

Nettie King Brown Clearinghouse helped more than 400 children with Christmas assistance.

Sarrell Dental provide free dental screenings to every school and to all SO COOL kids at summer program.

Cherokee Family Resource Center sponsored a 5k/10k/2 mile health walk.

Cherokee County FRC provides "Shaken Baby Syndrome" awareness programs to all Cherokee County young parents.

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First Priority

Need related to children of this county

Child Health

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Early Childhood Fair Birth to 8 years old Cherokee County Family Resource Center C.E.D. Mental Health Cherokee County Health Department WIC ALL KIDS Rotary Club sponsoring "So Cool" Cherokee County BOE providing summer lunch program Sarrell Dental Food Pantry for children and families	More low income housing available for families Transportation services

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

Sarrell Dental will meet with the local schools PTA's and provide information at BOE teacher institute.

Cherokee BOE will provide summer lunch program for children up to 18 years of age.

Increase awareness of Cherokee County children's health issues through local media and community events.

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Second Priority

Need related to children of this county

High School Graduation Rate

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
S.T.A.R. Program SADD (Student Against Destructive Behavior) Program workshop JAG Career Quest Alternative Education	Increase Teacher Units Increase At-Risk funding Determine why decline in High School Graduation Rate is different from school to school

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

The Cherokee County CPC will work with the BOE to provide more opportunities for students to be involved in school and civic activities.

Involve media in ongoing programs.

Plan to implement a student advocacy program.

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Third Priority

Need related to children of this county

Child Abuse

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Cherokee County DHR Quality Assurance committee review cases to reduce repeat maltreatment. Cherokee County Children's Advocacy Center Cherokee County Family Resource Center Cherokee County Board of Education Early Childhood Fair Cherokee County BOE Counselors Early Care and Education Services (Head Start, Pre-K, Day Care)	More awareness pertaining to the dangers of domestic violence and it's harm on the family.

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

Cherokee County DHR will continue have Quality Assurance Committee to review cases so as not to have repeat maltreatment of the children.

CPC will assist the Children's Advocacy Center by providing volunteers for Child Abuse Awareness month.

CPC will take an active role in educating the public on Domestic Violence Against Families month.