

2014 Needs Assessment for Clarke

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Accomplishments

Clarke County Children's Policy Council has redeveloped and increased.

A Sexual Abuse counselor has been hired at the Child Advocacy center to counsel and see abused victims.

Clarke County has started an underage drinking coalition to deal with alcohol and drugs.

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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:
ABC Board Police Department Sheriff Department Juvenile Court Mental Health Health Department Alabama Cooperative Extension Office Mentoring programs Department of Human Resources Churches and Religious organizations Service Club organizations local legislators local businesses Child Advocacy Center Underage Drinking Coalition	Prevention Programs More mentoring programs Recreational activities Intervention programs designed for teens

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

1. Get with Law Enforcement and JPO to develop a class/seminar for youth on the use of spice and its dangerous effects.
2. Increase prosecution of businesses that sale spice to youth.
3. Work with the community, schools and newspapers to do local advertisements regarding the effects of spice and how it is packaged in cartoon characters wrapping to attract youth.

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Second Priority

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

1. Partner with Cooperative Extension, Health Department, Juvenile Court and Board of Education to do educational programs for youth in middle and high schools about the seriousness of sexting and it's consequences. i.e. committing a felony and images out in cyber space forever continuously doing harm to the child both as a juvenile and as an adult.

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Third Priority

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

1. Utilize Faith Base organizations to develop programs that can strengthen families.
2. Partner with Cooperative Extension to develop parenting classes for single parents and grandparents
3. Share parenting resource information with parents. United Way's 211 and PAL (Parent Assistance Line 1-866-962-3030) provides free resource information to parents that can benefit the entire family.