

# 2014 Needs Assessment for Clay

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## **Accomplishments**

- \* supported Head Start
- \* Law Enforcement Day
- \* provided outpatient and inpatient care / treatment for parents with addiction issues
- \* annual Christmas drive through DHR
- \* provided mental health evaluations / services through Cheaha Mental Health Office
- \* provided financial assistance (scholarships) for inpatient treatment for drug court parents

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## First Priority

### Need related to children of this county

Child Safety

<b>Existing resources available to help meet this need include:</b>	<b>Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:</b>
Clay County Juvenile Court Clay County Department of Human Resources local law enforcement departments JPO officer with Juvenile Court Alabama Dept of Public Health Alabama Dept of Mental Health Clay County Board of Education In Home Team through Cheaha Mental Health Family Focus through DHR Parents as Teachers program Head Start	greater access to transportation services more/better access to health and dental care

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

- \* try to increase awareness of safety issues
- \* continue to work with court system, mental health and DHR
- \* increase communication with local elected officials and civic leaders

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## Second Priority

### Need related to children of this county

Juvenile Prevention

<b>Existing resources available to help meet this need include:</b>	<b>Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:</b>
Clay County Juvenile Court Clay County Sheriff's Office and local police offices Clay County District Attorney's Office Cheaha Mental Health Dept. DHR Alabama Dept of Youth Services Multi-Needs Team Court Referral Program	NA / AA meetings for juveniles summer employment opportunities drug counseling programs available in Clay County

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

establishing a program to mentor juveniles

find and implement alternate juvenile programs to address juvenile delinquency

working with programs such as In Home Team or Parents as Teachers

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## Third Priority

### Need related to children of this county

Child Health

<b>Existing resources available to help meet this need include:</b>	<b>Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:</b>
Clay County Department of Human Resources Head Start Clay County Board of Education local church programs public libraries sports programs like Little League, girls softball and Upward Bound basketball local doctors Cheaha Mental Health offices Parents As Teachers program local parks local drug court	transportation needs medical needs Medicaid sign up

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