

# 2014 Needs Assessment for Dale

Honorable Fred R. Steagall  
Dale County Courthouse  
P.O. Box 1275  
Ozark, AL 36361  
334-774-7008

Andrew Swain	Kristina Bennett	Sheila Glaze	Pamela Miles
Candy Gaff	Sidonna Brown	Nick Bull	Mary Joyner
Cheryl Leatherwood	Lisa Smith	Tabitha Brannon	Lynn Ivey
Donnie Bynum	Paula Wiggins	Tammy Coates	Wanda Carpenter
Jeannie Bryan	Mayor Billy Blackwell	Rick McInturf	Stanley David
Judy Jochen	Reba Billings	Lonnie Grooms	Southern Star Representative
Kirke Adams	Sharon Petrie	Jeannie Teal	
Mike Barefield	Rep. Steve Clouse	Lisa Welch	
Owen Duke	Shiela McLeod	Sabra Branch	
Jeremy Varney	Tauheed Abdullah	Athena Metcalf	

## Accomplishments

Obtained 2014-2015 funding from United Way  
Conducted Drug-Free After-Prom parties for all 5 high schools in Dale County  
Conducted a drug-free block party and hosted Red Ribbon events in schools  
Continued involvement with the Juvenile and Family Dependency Drug Court  
Provided 3 Parent Project and Teen Life Skills classes  
Dale County Department of Human Resources allotted additional staff positions  
Juvenile Court Services obtained grant funding to maintain Family/Juvenile Drug Court  
Implemented "Why Try" for juveniles program and trained six instructors  
NA/AA classes were provided to the community through the Ozark-Dale Co Family Service Center and the Public Library  
Hired an Executive Director for the Ozark-Dale County Family Service Center with a program/fiscal development background  
Ozark-Dale County Family Service Center partnered with the Ozark Housing Authority to present a Fatherhood Fun Day Block Party to 60 families  
Ozark-Dale Co Family Services Center began it's Summer Day Camp program In June to 44 children ages 5-13  
Youth Enrichment Services (YES) program added James Madison High School Diploma Program  
Dale Co Children's Policy Council provided 4 child CPR classes to certify 3 local childcare center

# 2014 Needs Assessment for Dale

## First Priority

### Need related to children of this county

Strengthen Families

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
<p>Dale County Drug Free Coalition, "Tar Wars" program                      "Why Try" teen life skills classes                      Parent Project classes                      Drug-Free block party for Red Ribbon week event                      Juvenile and Family Drug Court                      Adult Drug Court                      Juvenile Drug Court                      Volunteer Instructors for NA/AA                      Dependency counseling for juveniles through Bridges counseling                      YES program for GED, including James Madison High School                      Alabama Cooperative Extension System for various classes and free resources that include: parenting, child development, home caregiver training, expanded nutrition program, money management, consumer science programs, horticulture (Master Gardener and Junior Master Gardener), youth development (relationship, anti-bullying, etc.), food preparation/food safety/food preservation, food nutrition, health and diet, wildlife, forestry.                      Farmers Market agricultural classes                      Ozark-Dale Co Family Service Center</p>	<p>Funding for after-school programs for 6-9 graders to include tutoring and life skills                      Literacy programs for parents                      Funding for additional instructors to work with teen programs                      Additional instructors to teach NA/AA classes                      Funding to support drug court                      Funding for pre-k programs                      Funding to establish Anger Management classes for Teens</p>

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

- Continue Drug-Free Coalition activities
- Continue providing school programs that teach teens the benefits of maintaining a drug-free and alcohol-free lifestyle
- Continue Providing Why Try/Parent Project classes through the Ozark-Dale Co Family Service Center
- Assist Ozark-Dale Co Family Service Center with program and services expansion
- Coordinate with local agencies to support and fund drug-free classes/programs
- Seek funding opportunities to establish programs to meet other identified needed resources in Parenting, Fatherhood, early learning and elementary education resources.

# 2014 Needs Assessment for Dale

## Second Priority

### Need related to children of this county

#### Vulnerable Families

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
<p>Child CPR classes available to the public                      Juvenile and Family Drug Court                      Parent Project/Why Try classes for juveniles and their parents                      Gang information and intervention efforts                      Partnership with the National Drug Court to provide 7 healthy habits training                      Additional services provided by the Dale County Department of Human Resources and the Ozark-Dale Co Family Service Center                      Executive Director hired with program/fiscal development background for the Ozark-Dale Co Family Service Center</p>	<p>Anger Management for Juveniles and young parents                      Parents As Teachers in-home early learning program                      7 Healthy Habits program funding                      Certified Teachers for Bullying Prevention and Truancy classes                      "Loving Solutions" parenting program for parents of young children                      Early Education support for parents and their child ages 5-11                      Supportive Services to assist families with career/job training, transportation and affordable childcare</p>

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

- Apply for Parents as Teachers program funding
- Apply for Anger Management funding for juvenile classes
- Partner with area Counseling agencies to provide anger management classes for adults
- Secure funding to provide "Loving Solutions" parenting classes
- Seek funding for Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education programs
- Continue working with National Drug Court to develop 7 Healthy Habits program
- Attend Drug Court Conferences to learn of other resources, programs, and funding sources
- Assist Executive Director of the Ozark-Dale Co with obtaining needed resources to expand programs and services

# 2014 Needs Assessment for Dale

## Third Priority

### Need related to children of this county

#### Parental Involvement

<b>Existing resources available to help meet this need include:</b>	<b>Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:</b>
Parent Project classes Why Try classes for teens Reality Check Program YES (Youth Enrichment Services) program Ozark- Boys and Girls Club Juvenile and Family Court Peer Mediation Bullying Prevention efforts in schools Dale County Truancy Prevention program Ozark-Dale Co Family Service Center	Funding for in-home instruction for parents of birth to 5. Elementary Education programs and support for Parents of young children Resources and funding for after-school program for teens 12-15 for tutoring and life skill instruction Funding and supplies to provide Parent Cafe' peer to peer support group outside of traditional workshops Fatherhood program "Loving Solutions" parenting program for parents of young children Anger Management classes Certified Teachers for Bullying Prevention and Truancy classes Funding and resources to expand Family Service Center

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

- Apply for Early Education funding for children and parent programs
- Apply for Parents as Teachers program funding
- Apply for Fatherhood funding
- Apply for funding to support Anger Management classes for both adults and children
- Secure funding to support "Loving Solutions" parenting classes
- Develop Truancy Prevention program with school systems
- Seek funding for bullying prevention and truancy prevention programs