

# 2014 Needs Assessment for DeKalb

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## **Accomplishments**

There were several significant accomplishments during the review period. The most notable was securing an Appalachian Regional Commission Grant for the DeKalb Tele-psychiatry Initiative. This grant allowed the program to employ a Licensed Social Worker on a part time basis to conduct initial assessments and coordinate the service delivery effort. This allowed for program expansion and more timely response with patients and with referral sources. The University of Alabama also increased the days of service with the increase in staff. The second significant accomplishment was the training of a Probation Officer as a Parent Project Facilitator. We were able to begin parent groups in the Fall for High Risk youth through the Juvenile Court. The service was covered under a Department of Youth Services community based grant. Lastly, the DeKalb Youth Service Center was able to secure the services of a Licensed Psychologist to conduct evaluations and testing in County two to three days per month based on need. This is a significant plus for the patient and their families, as well as, for providers in the County. Previously, families had to travel at least 45- 60 minutes for the same services. Our goals for the upcoming year involve stabilizing the service delivery efforts and funding of the above programs. We also remain open to collaborate with other services to improve and expand the services for children and youth in DeKalb County.

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## First 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>
ARC Grant funding status and current efforts to sustain funding through the DHR Provider status.	DHR Provider Status

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

Secure DHR Provider status. Initial documents are being completed at present.

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## Second 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>
Office space is provided through existing facilities and the service is covered by Alabama Medicaid. Provider status is being sought through the DHR to cover the service for children and youth in their care who may not otherwise have benefits.	Same as above.

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

Establish Provider Status for the Psychologist.

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## Third Priority

### Need related to children of this county

Strengthen Families

<b>Existing resources available to help meet this need include:</b>	<b>Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:</b>
Facility space and related equipment and a trained instructor.	Funding.

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

Service will be proposed to both School Boards prior to the start of the Fall Semester.