

2014 Needs Assessment for Elmore

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Accomplishments

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1. Continuation of Boys and Girls Club, currently serving an average of 110 youth per day during the school year. Over 300 youth on the roll.
2. Expansion of summer lunch program in collaboration with Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, and SOAR through Montgomery County by adding sites at Kids Journey, Skate Zone, and Crenshaw Park.
3. Expansion of Crenshaw Park summer enrichment. Now serving 40 youth and an Enrichment Teacher is on-site for music, math, and reading, educational field trips including a trip to DeSoto Caverns.
4. Continuation of partnership with Job Corps.
5. Continuation of the Elmore County Family Support Program, a program to reduce the number of juveniles committed to the Alabama Dept. of Youth Services.
6. Continuation of Juvenile Redirection Program housed at the SOAR building, used to help develop coping skills for youth.
7. Collection of school supplies distributed to school counselors for at-risk youth.
8. Continuation of efforts to halt the illegal sale of and provide education regarding synthetic marijuana, 'incense' and 'bath salts' that are marketed to teenagers as a legal drug.
9. Anti-Bullying programs taught at the middle school level.
10. Anti-Bullying program in Tallassee.
11. Anti-Bullying tool kit provided for counselors throughout all Elmore County Schools.
12. Continuation of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library by providing applications to all qualified children in Juvenile Court (dependency petitions) and through DHR.
13. Continuation of the Cooperative Parents program through the Alabama Parent Education Center for all divorcing parents.
14. Advanced placement program to provide Pre AP classes at Wetumpka Middle and Millbrook Middle and continuation of AP classes and dual-enrollment at high school levels.
15. Continuation of a Life Skills program at Holtville Middle School and Eclectic Middle School for 6th, 7th, 8th grade students.
16. Expansion of Life Skills program to include 8th grade students at both Holtville and Eclectic Middle Schools.
17. Presentation of Party Time, a program designed to counter drug and alcohol use among school aged children at Wetumpka High School, Tallassee City Schools, and Millbrook Middle
18. Expansion of the Too Good For Drugs program to include Wetumpka Middle, Millbrook Middle, and Southside Middle, served over 600 children in Elmore County Schools.
19. Distribution of Social Hosting brochures to parents and other adults, along with increased road checks.
20. Continuation of Compliance Checks on locations that sell alcoholic beverages.
21. Continuation of summer programs and credit recovery. 20 students are enrolled in SOAR for summer 2014.
22. Continuation of all UPS programs.
23. Collaboration with National Guard Counterdrug, Wetumpka PD, and SOAR to collect unused or expired prescription drugs. 40 pounds were collected in April 2014 and another collection is planned for October 2014.
24. Expansion of Rockin with Responders (formerly Cops and Kids) with a goal of 300 youth participating in

Wetumpka. Collaboration with EMA, AirEvac, local businesses, etc, approximately 500 children were served in the Wetumpka area and approximately 500 to 600 children were served in the Millbrook area.

25. Wetumpka Preschool will continue to receive funding for the Pre-K class

26. Relationship grants had over 600 adult/youth participate. ACES received Parents as Leaders grant.

27. Continuation of Parent Project, now in 10th year.

28. Graduated over 20 youth from Youth Leadership Elmore County.

29. 4-H Summer Career Camp received a \$2,500 grant from Gulf States tourism to promote the summer tour of industries and careers.

30. SOAR Enrichment received \$1,500 to expand staff, where 25 middle school students (grades 5-8) are currently receiving one-on-one tutoring in reading and math.

31. Revamping of the alternative school to a rehabilitation focus, with qualified mental health staff, highly qualified teachers, and a change to the physical environment.

32. SOAR afterschool program is serving 25 students doing credit recovery. There is a waiting list for students.

33. The Problem Solving Team refers up to 25 students for afterschool tutoring and enrichment at Millbrook Middle School, funded by SOAR and UPS grant.

34. Family Support received continuation of the DYS grant and served 18 families in group, individual, and in home settings.

35. Use of IT training room at Board of Education with Marilyn Winborn teaching computer skills under the broadband initiative in collaboration with the Extension Office.

36. WorkForce Development for Youth is exploring career academies to expand to Elmore County.

37. Holtville High School added a culinary arts academy through a grant. Wetumpka High School received a STEM grant.

38. Juvenile Conference Committee has monitored, sanctioned, and resolved 67 delinquency petitions for juveniles with first time, non-violent offenses.

39. Extension Office received a grant for parent leadership training that expanded to include Head Start parents. This training is conducted via workshops, café-styled programs, and lunch and learn to assist parents in being involved in various agencies.

40. Alabama Power and the Elmore County Board of Education completed a video on interview skills that was presented to students at Wetumpka High School. This video was supported by Central Alabama Electric, local banks, and business partners and was a 'how-to' and 'what not to do' video.

41. Lt. Hill presented anti-bullying programs to 7th grade students.

42. Bullying flyers and internet safety flyers were included in the take home folders for all middle school students.

43. Life Impact presentation was conducted twice via partnership between the Alabama Department of Corrections, local schools, Elmore County CPC, and Elmore County local schools. The program was presented to identified at-risk middle school students from Wetumpka Middle and Millbrook Middle.

44. A Wetumpka High School student participated in the Alabama Governor's Youth Leadership Forum for high school students with disabilities. This program is a collaboration between Troy University and ADRS.

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First Priority

Need related to children of this county

Child Safety

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
<p>Boys and Girls Club of the River Region-Wetumpka Formal Early Warning Truancy Prevention Program for Tallassee City and Elmore County Schools Bullying prevention programs with Elmore County Sheriff's Department Enforce school discipline policies Freshman Academy for ninth grade students Boy Scouts Juvenile Redirection Program Summer community based youth programs and tutoring--SOAR, Kids Journey Additional monitoring for underage alcohol sales Additional Police details targeted for underage drinking with Millbrook PD, Wetumpka PD, Cops and Kids Millbrook Rocking with Responders, Wetumpka Poarch Creek Indians support for community events Elmore County Commission expanding recreational facilities within the county</p>	<p>Additional volunteers from the community to tutor and mentor youth Grant funds to support and expanding community based youth prevention programs</p>

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

1. Address bullying through programs sponsored by the school system, the Elmore County Sheriff's Office, the Elmore County Partnership for Children, and other entities.
2. Support the discipline procedures by the Elmore County BOE regarding school fights through Elmore County Juvenile Probation, Juvenile Court, and alternative programs.
3. Present informational opportunities concerning cyberbullying and sexting issues to parents in the community.
4. Presentations at schools by Lt. Dennis Hill addressing bullying.
5. Parent Education Center materials to be distributed at school Open Houses.

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Second Priority

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Quality Education

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. HIPPY trained staff2. Summer community based youth programs and tutoring.3. Strong credit recovery software programs implemented within the school system.4. Expansion of technology within the school system (Tallassee City Schools using iPads instead of traditional textbooks for upper level students)5. SOAR Program over 65 students participated.6. Family Support program to provide in-home family based services.7. Partner with YMCA and community summer programs.8. Expand Job Corp recruits from Elmore County9. Dolly Parton Imagination Library10. Afterschool tutoring with the school system.11. Life's Impact presentation in conjunction with Alabama Dept. of Corrections Security Threat Group, school counselors, and Juvenile Court targeting students with at-risk behaviors.	Funding for HIPPY staff and resources

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

1. Enforcement of the Early Warning Truancy Program.
2. Work to continue and expand the SOAR Program so that more students can take advantage of the program.
3. Community collection of school supplies to be distributed by school counselors to assist low-income students.

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Third Priority

Need related to children of this county

Parental Involvement

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. AOC access to visitation grant (Elmore County Extension) designed to help non-custodial parents gain improved parent involvement skills.2. Dedicated Dads and Special Families grant (Alabama Parent Education Center)3. Head Start/Early Head Start services for ages 3 to 5, as funding allows.4. Continue and expand Pre K programs.5. Early Head Start expanded to include the children of teen mothers to allow attendance at school in Millbrook. (Counselors to make referrals)6. Parents as Leaders Program (Elmore County Extension) provides information to parents and grandparents.7. Parent information available on Elmore County Board of Education and Tallassee City Schools websites to include resources, homework help, and other school related information.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Elmore County BOE employee to be responsible for coordinating program.2. Additional community involvement from business and individuals to support youth programs.3. Additional Early Head Start availability.4. After hours child care providers

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

1. Motherread: Parenting programs to encourage reading to young children, will target teen mothers.
2. Seek volunteers from churches, community (Men of Hope, Leadership Elmore County, Friends of the Community, etc.) to tutor and mentor youth and families with young children.
3. Seek innovative programs that promote parent involvement.