

# 2014 Needs Assessment for Geneva

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## Accomplishments

- DHR received a \$4800.00 grant which was used at the Child Advocacy Center for 10 forensic interviews for child victims of sex abuse from Geneva County.
- The YES program served 24 kids this grant cycle and 12 received their GED's. The YES program has been refunded for the 2014 -2015 program year.
- The Reality Check program was presented to all 10th graders at Geneva High School to give students an understanding of the benefit of a good education and the cost associated with independent living.
- The truancy prevention program established by the Juvenile Court and the District Attorney's office continue to work together to prosecute parents who allow their children to remain truant.
- Participated in the Blue Ribbon Campaign to raise awareness of child abuse and helping with fundraising activities in Geneva County in which all 4 elementary schools participated in the Blue Ribbon Week efforts.
- The Exchange Center conducted an abuse prevention program entitled "My body belongs to Me" to Samson Elementary School and have conducted Anger Management Classes for juveniles and Parenting of Difficult Children Classes for Parents county wide.
- The Boys and Girls Clubs in Geneva and Slocomb averaged 50 children each location and "project learn" a homework help program was conducted at both locations.
- Grants for three Pre-K programs were awarded to Kids Academy, Kids Academy Too, and Slocomb Elementary School
- Sponsored the Mark Mero 'Champion of Choices' program for all Geneva County Middle and High Schools.
- Wiregrass Rehab and Career Link partnered to present a Job Seeking Workshop for Special Education students in which all Geneva County Schools participated in.

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## First Priority

### Need related to children of this county

#### Substance Abuse

<b>Existing resources available to help meet this need include:</b>	<b>Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:</b>
SpectraCare Pathway Red Ribbon Week Juvenile Drug Court Prom Promise SADD Law Enforcement	Too Good for Drugs program Local Outpatient Juvenile Drug Treatment More substance abuse prevention programs Local Inpatient Drug Treatment

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

Additional grant funding for outpatient programs in the county.

Support underage drinking initiatives from SpectraCare.

Encourage schools to participate in Red Ribbon Week and other drug and alcohol prevention programs

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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>
Bridges Counseling SpectraCare Exchange Center DHR Child Advocacy Center	Additional outpatient Mental Health serviceproviders Transportation Mental Health Education Local inpatient provider

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

Continue to refer to the existing providers.

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## Third Priority

### Need related to children of this county

#### Bullying

<b>Existing resources available to help meet this need include:</b>	<b>Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:</b>
Mark Mero- Champion of Choices program Why Try program SADD- Students Against Destructive Decisions Law Enforcement Exchange Center- Anger Management Classes and Counseling Services	

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

Invite anti-bullying programs to present programs at schools.

Educational campaign for parents