

# 2014 Needs Assessment for Greene

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## Accomplishments

Organized PTA's at all public schools in the county

Organized a PTA Council in the county

Organized a Back-To-School Rally in conjunction with the Greene County Board of Education and Community Service Programs of West Alabama

Ran Summer Enrichment Program that offered a gymnastics class

Held an Annual Black History Program recognizing Greene County Trailblazers

Ran an effective After-School Tutorial Program where students were taken on many cultural trips to include: Orlando, Florida, The King Center, Atlanta, GA; UniverSoul Circus; Fantasy In Lights at Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, GA

Held a seminar to train volunteers for the Greene County School System

Organized and Sponsored a girls mentoring program. This mentoring program focuses on teaching girls important principles they need to know in order to conquer issues affecting them during puberty.

Held a 'Soup and Conversation' get together between members of the Greene County Commission, Mayors, Board of Education Members and other agencies to discuss the recreational needs of the children in the county.

Held 'Parent Going Back To School Workshop' aimed at increasing parental involvement in the Greene County School District

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## First Priority

### Need related to children of this county

Children in Poverty

<b>Existing resources available to help meet this need include:</b>	<b>Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Cooperative Extension Service</li><li>- GED program in the county</li><li>- Active tutorial programs in the County</li><li>- Health Awareness through health and wellness programs</li><li>- Parenting programs through DHR</li><li>- Family Resource Center</li><li>- Leadership Greene County</li><li>- Greene County Health Department</li><li>- Greene County School System</li></ul>	Funds to implement outreach parenting programs Workforce development program Additional GED sites in the county Satellite unemployment office within the county Career/Technical academic classes

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

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## Second Priority

### Need related to children of this county

#### Recreational Activities

<b>Existing resources available to help meet this need include:</b>	<b>Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- One housing authority within the county has ongoing sports program</li><li>- Several municipalities within the county have organized basketball and softball activities</li><li>- A few municipalities within the county have a park for family activities</li><li>- County has strategic plan</li><li>- Family Resource Center</li><li>- Greene County School System</li><li>- Cooperative Extension Service</li><li>- Greene County Library</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Funds to build swimming pool</li><li>Funds to implement items regarding recreation in strategic plan</li><li>More adult mentors</li><li>Funds to offer more services at the Community Resource Center</li></ul>

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

1. Continue to work with mayors to make parks in their districts operable and safe for families
2. Continue to bridge communication gap between Greene County Commission, Mayors, Board of Education Members, and other agencies by organizing and sponsoring a 'get together' to discuss the recreational needs of the children in the county through organized planning.
3. Continue to work with the Greene County Park and Recreation to establish more wholesale organized activities for the children of Greene County.

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## Third Priority

### Need related to children of this county

Quality Education

<b>Existing resources available to help meet this need include:</b>	<b>Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Active PTA and PTA council</li><li>- Working relationship with all agencies in the county</li><li>- School system has an active Parent Involvement Coordinator</li><li>- Greene County Head Start Program</li><li>- Greene County Library</li><li>- Greene County Family Resource Center</li><li>- Greene County School System's Key Communicator's Program</li><li>- Greene County CPC After-School Tutorial Program</li></ul>	<p>Active advisory committees throughout county</p> <p>Funds to host parental involvement/school personnel programs</p> <p>Funds to purchase incentive items for parents/students/teachers.</p>

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

1. Continue to coordinate the annual Back-To-School / Parent Orientation Rally
2. Hold a minimum of two reading programs per year throughout the Greene County Community.