

2014 Needs Assessment for Lauderdale

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Accomplishments

- The LCCPC's Parent Involvement Committee partnered with Child Care Central on two occasions to host a Healthy & Happy Families Workshop for child care providers, social workers, counselors, other professionals, and community members.
- The LCCPC's SAVE Committee partnered with Riverbend Center for Mental Health to host a Substance Abuse; What Every Community Member Should Know Workshop for social workers, nurses, counselors, attorneys, and other professionals and community members.
- The LCCPC's Economic Security Committee partnered with Alabama Cooperative Extension System to offer hand washing and simple, inexpensive cooking classes to Pre K students and their parents.
- The LCCPC's Health Committee partnered with NACOLG to start a program for economically challenged children, ages 0-19, to provide non-emergency transportation to medical appointments in Huntsville, AL and Birmingham, AL.
- The LCCPC partnered with the Department of Children's Affairs to host a Books, Balls, and Blocks event to conduct child development screenings.
- The LCCPC partnered with Alabama Cooperative Extension to host a bullying forum for adolescents and adults.
- Funding was received from the Florence Exchange Club and The Willingham Foundation.
- Grants were awarded from the St. Francis Project and The Lauderdale County Community Development Commission.
- Fundraisers were successful with Pop's BBQ Restaurant.
- Participated in Lions Lend A Hand Day and educated the University of North Alabama volunteers about the mission and work of the CPC.

- Maintained the CoParenting Solutions Program, which helps custodial and non-custodial parents develop a safe, stable visitation schedule.
- Maintained the Reintegration Accountability Program, offering support and counseling for adolescents involved in the juvenile court system and their parents.
- Members participated in National Children's Grief Awareness Day.
- Agencies involved with the LCCPC participated in Child Abuse Awareness Month by placing blue ribbons on their office doors.
- Participated in the Shop For A Cause fundraiser.
- Members of the Executive Committee attended the Appalachian Regional Commission Program Workshop.
- Members of the LCCPC attended regional trainings.
- The LCCPC continued to support our area Pre K programs by publicizing registration and by writing letters of support.
- The LCCPC maintained memberships with our local Chamber of Commerce and VOICES for Alabama's Children.

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First Priority

Need related to children of this county

Job Readiness

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoals Chamber of Commerce and Lauderdale County Extension System offering on-site help with job interviews techniques, resumes, etc. • Local food pantries, backpack programs, etc. for food assistance • Local non-profit and local faith based organizations to assist with utilities and housing • Childcare Management Agency to assist with the cost of childcare • JOBS Program through the local Department of Human Resources • Money management classes through the Lauderdale Extension Office 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More job opportunities • Low or no cost training opportunities for trade jobs • Community awareness of local resources to assist with job preparation • Additional help with food assistance, as childhood hunger is a huge problem • Additional help on money management • Understanding of the importance of job skills, proper attire for an interview, money management, etc. • Incentives for businesses to relocate to Lauderdale County • Employees to offer on-site childcare for its employees

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

1. Partnerships with the Shoals Chamber of Commerce and Lauderdale County Extension System to offer training on job skills, etc.
2. Community Forum with the Mayor and other local leaders for job creation.
3. Offer links on the LCCPC website for job postings.
4. Partnership with local food pantries and backpack programs to collect food and/or household items at quarterly meetings.

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Second Priority

Need related to children of this county

Substance Abuse

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LCCPC Workshops offered annually regarding information on substance abuse• Prevention programs offered in public schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Earlier intervention on abstinence from substance abuse• Education for all ages on the dangers of substance abuse• Staying up to date on trends that change daily• New ways to disseminate knowledge to parents/guardians

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

1. Partnership with local newspapers for substance abuse awareness section on a quarterly basis.
2. Utilize School Resource Officers to speak to existing parent groups.
3. Continue to provide education to community members through workshops.

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Third 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:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parenting classes• Parent/Grandparent Support Groups• PTO & PTA Groups• Faith Based Community• Non-profit organizations who work closely with families	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New ways to disseminate information to parents• Offering programs and/or classes at different times to accommodate traditional and non-traditional working parents• Earlier education on appropriate communication and healthy relationships

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

1. Provide information on age appropriate communication and healthy relationships.
2. Determine ways to have better access to parents.
3. Provide links to local parenting resources.