

2014 Needs Assessment for Lowndes

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Accomplishments

1. Partnered with the Lowndes County Juvenile Court and Chemical Addiction Program to bring outpatient juvenile substance abuse treatment and counseling to Lowndes County.
2. Partnered with the Alabama Department of Children's Affairs to host a Book, Balls & Blocks event in White Hall.
- Conducted Art Education with youth of the STEP program - July 2013
3. Conducted Summer Enrichment with youth of the Good Shepherd Summer Program - July 2013 - August 2013
4. Conducted Youth Livestock Show - February 2014
5. CPC members participated in Read Across America - Dr. Seuss Day at Central & Jackson-Steele Elementary School - March 2014
6. Conducted Nutrition Education Programs (NEP & EFNEP) in elementary schools and homes - Year Round
7. Conducted 'Healthy Lifestyle' & 'Good Touch, Bad Touch' presentation for Jackson-Steele Head Start - October 2013
8. Conducted 'Career Day' presentation for Central Elementary - April 2014
9. Conducted 'Career Countdown' program for Hayneville Middle - April 2014
10. Conducted Physical Activity 'Let's Move!' presentation at the Kids Check program for Hayneville Middle, Central Elementary, Lowndes Middle - October - November 2013
11. Conducted 'Youth Forestry Safety Day' for all Lowndes County 4th grade students - April 2014
12. Conducted a 'Dressing for Success for Teens' presentation at Central High School - April 2014
13. Conducted 'Career Day' presentation for Jackson-Steele Elementary - May 2014
14. Conducted 'Young Fishermen Funshop' for youth 6-16 at Beulah Primitive Baptist Church - May 2014
15. CPC members participated in the annual Food Pantry event sponsored by the Family Service Center of Lowndes County which served over 300 families
16. CPC participated in the annual Back To School Rally sponsored by the Lowndes County Board of Education
17. CPC participated in the Head Start Day on the Square
18. CPC participated in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life
19. Provided financial support for the Lowndes County Department of Human Resources Christmas Drive
20. Supported the Wil-Low Dollars for Scholars local scholarship fund
21. CPC members taught financial literacy classes to elementary school students throughout Lowndes County

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First Priority

Need related to children of this county

Afterschool Activities

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
<p>Lowndes County Board of Education (Summer Bridge Program) Lowndes Academy Lowndes County Head Start Ark of Love Alabama Cooperative Extension Program 4-H Program Lowndes County Churches and cooperative missions Hayneville, Fort Deposit and White Hall Public Libraries Edgewood Tutorial Lowndes County Commission Youth Summer Employment Program HIPPY Student Tutoring and Enrichment Program (STEP) Zion Homework Enrichment Center Good Shepard Catholic Center 45er's Youth Football League First Years Summer Enrichment Program BancorpSouth Bank FDIC</p>	<p>Additional community based youth sports facilities, particularly the construction of a little league baseball and softball complex. Funding to support new and existing programs.</p>

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

1. Facilitate training for tutoring volunteers.
2. Facilitate partnerships between organizations, churches and local government to create new extracurricular programs and activities.
3. Create a CPC Facebook page to share information about tutoring programs, after school programs, summer programs and other extracurricular activities.

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Second Priority

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Substance Abuse

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Chemical Addictions Program (CAP) Lowndes County Juvenile Court Family Service Center of Lowndes County Lowndes County Board of Education Lowndes County Department of Human Resources Lowndes County Sheriff's Department Family Sunshine Center Department of Youth Services Dallas County Youth Detention Facility Child Protect Lowndes County Commission Lowndes County churches and community organizations Lighthouse Counseling	1. Behavioral treatment facilities and inpatient substance abuse treatment facilities located in Lowndes County. 2. Additional counseling services available in Lowndes County.

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

1. The Lowndes County Juvenile Court has partnered with the Chemical Addictions Program to bring outpatient juvenile drug treatment and counseling to Lowndes County.
2. Promote character education through the implementation of the Character In Action (CIA) program to highlight the positive actions of Lowndes County Students.
3. Revive the Helping Families Initiative by seeking new funding sources.

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Third Priority

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Child Safety

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Health Services, Inc Lowndes County Health Department Kid One Transport Lowndes County Sheriff's Department Lowndes County Department of Human Resources Department of Mental Health Lowndes County Commission Children's Rehabilitation Services Child Protect Family Sunshine Center Family Service Center of Lowndes County Department of Public Safety Alabama Cooperative Extension Service West Alabama Public Transportation Hayneville Wellness Center	1. Greater access to public transportation 2. Greater access to health care, particularly pre-natal care and pediatric care in Lowndes County.

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

1. Promote and publicize the existing pediatric health and dental services available through Health Services, Inc.
2. Increase awareness of transportation services available in Lowndes County.
3. Promote abstinence education in an effort to address teen pregnancy.
4. Continue to work with the Lowndes County School System to reduce the drop-out rate and increase participation in the STAR GED program.