

2014 Needs Assessment for Perry

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Accomplishments

The District Judge continues to be involved in youth sports.

The District Judge established a partnership with the Hale County Fatherhood Program to assist non-custodial fathers with obtaining employment.

Cahaba Mental Health continues to provide services to many children in the community.

Cahaba Mental Health completed in-service training.

The Perry County Extension Office conducted Kids To College event byway of the local school system.

The Perry County Extension Office conducted a summer consumer science program at the local school system.

The Perry County Extension Office partnered with a local quilting club to teach youths how to use a sowing machine.

DHR provided child abuse/neglect training to the staff and parents of the local Head Start Program.

DHR continues to maintain a good working relationship with its community partners (Court, JPO, Law Enforcement, Probate Court, School System, and service providers).

Health Department - The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program continues to be utilized.

Health Department - ALL Kids continues to be offered to eligible children.

Health Department - Sowing Seeds of Hope Outreach continues to provide services to the public.

Health Department - Free prostate health screenings continue to be provided to the public.

The Perry County Board of Education has a 97% graduation rate.

The Perry County Board of Education has a LPN Program at a local high school.

The Perry County Board of Education has the dual enrollment program.

The Perry County Board of Education obtained an expansion grant for the HIPPY Program.

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First Priority

Need related to children of this county

Child Health

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. Sowing Seeds of Hope sponsored a health fair at the Perry County Health Department and the Uniontown City Hall for low income families.2. Prenatal health care is provided to expectant mothers by the Perry County Health Department.3. WIC Program awareness4. ALL-Kids Program awareness	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Radio advertisement concerning the WIC Program and the ALL-Kids & Medicaid Programs.2. WIC Program, ALL-Kids, & Medicaid advertisement/literature displayed at the local courthouse, clinics, churches, & grocery stores3. WIC Program, ALL-Kids, & Medicaid literature disseminated via the local schools.4. The Health Department provides literature about their programs (WIC, ALL-Kids, & etc.) to the public

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

1. The Perry County Health Department (Sowing Seeds of Hope) will continue to have free health screenings for low income families.
2. The Perry County Health Department will continue to provide prenatal care and transportation to expectant mothers.
3. The WIC Program will continue to be supported by continuing to make the community aware of the benefits of the program.
4. ALL-Kids will continue to be supported by continuing to make the community aware of the program and its benefits.

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Second Priority

Need related to children of this county

Child Abuse

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. The Department of Human Resources provided child abuse/neglect training to the Head Start Program's staff and parents.2. The Department of Human Resources' Family & Children Service Unit investigates reports of child abuse/neglect.3. Law Enforcement	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Churches2. Radio & PSA's by the District Attorney3. Flyers/literature about the age of consent in Alabama4. Newspaper articles about child abuse/neglect reporting5. Presentations concerning the age of consent in Alabama

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

1. The Department of Human Resources will continue to make presentations to educational personnel concerning child abuse/neglect to support its child abuse prevention program.
2. Local law enforcement and the Department of Human Resources will continue to support each other in investigating reports of child abuse/neglect. DHR and local law enforcement have an established protocol that outlines how the agencies will assist in the completion of reports of child abuse/neglect.
3. All community partners will continue to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect.
4. The Department of Human Resources will provide to the local high schools information pertaining to the age of consent in Alabama.

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Third 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:
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Perry County Extension Office's "Turning the Tide on Poverty" and Reality Check are helping to end poverty in the community.2. Perry County Department of Human Resources' JOBS Program provides job training for families receiving public assistance.3. Career Link is used to make the public aware of job opportunities.4. Perry County Extension Office - Reality Check (financial literacy education)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A satellite office of Career Link needs to be established in Perry County which would provide services to Perry County at least one time per month.2. Transportation

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

1. The County Extension Office will be supported in educating the public about financial literacy.
2. A partnership will be established with Dallas County Career Center to help meet the needs of people in Perry County to increase their job readiness skills.
3. The Perry County Department of Human Resources will continue to provide job training to clients receiving public assistance.
4. The efforts to teach parents and students how to apply for jobs will continue to be supported.