

2014 Needs Assessment for Shelby

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Accomplishments

1. The Economic Security Committee

- Received funding for a Supervised Visitation Program for Victims and children of Domestic Violence;
- Increased the number of cases in the Shelby Wraparound Program from 6 to 9 on an ongoing basis;
- Providing School-based Mental Health Counseling in all Shelby County Schools and Alabaster City Schools.

Goals:

- Expand School-based Counseling Programs to new systems and expand program delivery;
- Expand the number of cases to 12 for the Shelby Wraparound Program;
- Provide Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange for children of domestic violence families.

2. The Parent Involvement & Skills has accomplished:

- Provide expert presenters through our Speaker's Bureau
- Designed and distributed Parent Handbook
- Partner with Shelby County Schools to promote the tip line
- Launched 'Speak Up' tip line campaign
- Partner with ABC Board to promote youth involvement in tobacco/alcohol compliance checks
- Sponsored the Medication Take Back Events with the Drug Enforcement Task Force
- Developed community awareness campaign to prevent prescription/OTC medication abuse
- Advocate for Smoke Free Communities and Alcohol Density
- Developed signage for Tobacco Free Zones at Athletic Fields and area Parks
- Created and distributed stickers for prevention of alcohol sales to minors
- Annual design/purchase: billboards, banners, posters, signs, Reporter ads, speak up cards, tip line posters athletic field signage, brochures, prescription pads, registration bags
- Collaborated with SC Leadership to develop two educational prevention campaigns

- Education and prevention programs: ATI, Teen Driving Initiative, Parents Hosting, Nah, I'm Good, Red Ribbon Week, Too Good for Drugs, Life Skills, Every 15 Minutes, Bullying, and SADD

3. The Early Care and Education Committee

The Committee's focus was to encourage child care providers to participate in available training and technical assistance to increase the quality of care available to children and families; strengthen families by providing parent education workshops to parents of young children (birth to age 5) and the community; and collaborate with community agencies to strengthen families with young children to positively impact the family unit.

Parent Learning Sessions were offered on four Thursday nights from 6 pm - 7 pm at The Arc of Shelby County during October. The sessions were free and open to the community. Attendance at the sessions ranged from three to eight parents. Light snacks, door prizes and child care was provided. The research based community curriculum Nurturing Parenting was used. Students from the University of Montevallo's Family and Consumer Sciences Department lead the parent sessions and provided child care, under the guidance and supervision of Dr. Wilson. Sessions topics were as follows:

10/3 Understanding Feelings

10/10 Respectful Communication

10/17 Praising Children and Behavior

10/24 Dealing with Stress

Committee members representing several agencies worked together to advertise the sessions, donate snacks and door prizes. Parent feedback indicated that the sessions were a success! The committee plans to offer the parent sessions again next fall in October.

4. The Education Committee

The Committee's goals last year were to focus on Mental Health in schools. Shelby County Schools and Alabaster City Schools worked with Gateway Counseling using school based therapy, this program has had great success.

The Alabaster Board of Education has a new app called Anonymous Alerts which helps to improve the safety of their schools and keep their fellow students safe. All message submitted remain completely anonymous and works by sending a report using your iPhone or Google app, it can be sent from any computer, iPad or Tablet. The student can establish a one way or two way dialogue with school officials.

In the Fall, 2013, The Alabaster City School Board approved a pilot program in conjunction with the Birmingham-based Hand in Paw organization for the city's schools. The Board adopted Warrior, an Australian Shepherd who will take part in a reading program, in which the city's younger students who are struggling with reading will be able to read to the dog. He will also spend time with the city's special-needs students, who will work on developing motor skills by brushing and playing with the dog.

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First Priority

Need related to children of this county

Parental Involvement

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Department of Human Resources County Extension Office Owen's House Shelby County Drug Free Coalition Gateway Family Connection Sarrell Dental HICA United Way Easter Seals of The Birmingham Area Chilton Shelby Mental Health The ARC of Alabama Jeff State Community College Shelby Baptist Medical Center University of Montevallo Department of Rehab Services Bradford Health Services Big Brothers/Big Sisters YMCA Juvenile Judge Juvenile Probation Office School Systems District Attorney's Office Shelby County Commission The DAY Program Vineyard Family Services Local Churches Local Businesses	Unlimited funds

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

1. To create awareness throughout the community.
2. Innovative outreach
3. Create a community task force to include Legislatures, local organizations, businesses and churches.

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Second 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:
<p>KID One Chilton Shelby Mental Health Bradford Health Services Gateway Private Practice Providers Medicaid Vouchers Glenwood Autism & Behavioral Health Center Department of Human Resources ALL Kids The Learning Tree, Inc. Mitchell's Place Vocational Rehabilitation Service (VRS) Brewer-Porch Children's Center Spark UAB Children's Hospital of Alabama Hill Crest Behavioral Health Services Linda Nolen Learning Center Kings Home Alabama Youth Home Cam Ward</p>	<p>Inpatient treatment Children's Psychology Neuro Psychology Transportation Education Medicaid Information Exchange Funding</p>

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

1. Increase agency partnership.
2. Promote resources throughout the community.
3. Encourage agency roundtable discussions to share information and resources.

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Third Priority

Need related to children of this county

Transportation

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Shelby County Commission Local Media University of Montevallo Jeff State Community College Alabaster City School System Shelby County School System HICA Juvenile Judge Family Connection Juvenile Probation Office Shelby County District Attorney's Office Early Warning Court Local Churches YMCA The Vineyard The DAY Program Alabama Department of Public Health Department of Human Resources Local Radio Stations - NPR and APH	Language barriers Lack of trusts Transportation Cultural barriers Stereo types

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

1. Continue the Community Outreach through local media.
2. Data gathering.
3. Continue to build a Community Rapport/Trust.