

2014 Needs Assessment for Walker

Honorable Henry Allred, Juvenile Judge
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Members present:

Honorable Henry Allred

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Sandi Sudduth, Beville State Community College

Chandra Rice, Literacy Council

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LeAnn Oliver, CAS

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Accomplishments

- ARC of Walker County-Autism testing services and outpatient treatment expansion
- Secured second year funding for Health Action Partnership
- Walker Area Community Foundation moved from Strategic Planning process into Community Listening sessions
- Second Opportunity System-successfully served 200 youth 17-21 toward attaining GED's, two year degrees, Career Ready Certifications, and jobs in the workforce.
- Success by 6 helped over 400 Walker County children prepare for Kindergarten
- Implementation of Disability Employment initiative with Disability Resource Coordinator for Walker County, focusing on people 19-24 with disabilities seeking employment
- Implemented a Motherhood initiative program for custodial mothers
- All Fatherhood participants are participating with Work Keys certifications
- Increased funding for food banks and added fresh produce
- 2012-2013 year-90% of Walker County school Youth Advocate truancy students improved 75% in grades and school attendance
- Decreased the 180 referrals
- Served approximately 280 three and four year olds in Head Start, with 235 of completing children from program assisted families.
- Baby T.A.L.K. served over 2000 people in the past year, educating parents on parenting skills, child abuse awareness, and community resources
- Literacy Council increased both tutors and learners, and their peer tutoring and middle school book club programs were both expanded
- Parent Project completed 77 cycles of classes
- HIPPY program continued partnership with Walker County Board of Education

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First Priority

Need related to children of this county

Healthy Living

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Walker County Health Action Partnership• United Way• Steps Ahead-Health Department• Auburn Extension• Sight Savers of America• IMPACT Alabama• Northwest Alabama Mental Health• Pregnancy Test Center• ARC of Walker County	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increased funding for child and adolescent mental health services• Increased funding for parent education resources• Increased comprehensive health and developmental screenings• Expand Help Me Grow program

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

- Continue Books, Balls and Blocks and media outreach
- Expand Help Me Grow in the community.
- CPC members post information on social media and face to face contact regarding events and programs
- Collaborate with resources at Bevill State Community College
- Reach out to the faith-based community more with resources, events and program announcements.

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Second Priority

Need related to children of this county

Children in Need of Supervision (CHINS)

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Youth Advocate Program• Tackling the Tough Skills• Adam Bishop Center• Fatherhood and Motherhood programs• Second Opportunity System• Parent Project• Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funding• Counselors and Interns• Transitional Resources for 18-19 year olds• After-school activities• Expand and increase mentoring in community.

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

- Seek and apply for funding to maintain and expand existing programs
- Increase agency collaboration
- Develop more mentoring programs

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Third Priority

Need related to children of this county

Early Learning

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United Way of Central Alabama: Bold Golds • Success By 6 • CPC membership • business community • Alabama Partnership for Children • Head Start • local PRE-K programs • Baby T.A.L.K. • HIPPY • ARC of Walker County Pre-K funding • Literacy Council • Department of Children's Affairs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase resources for parent education and child development • Support and expand Reach Out and Read initiative • Increase the number of high quality childcare slots • Develop a tracking system for Blueprint indicators • Ensure children are academically prepared for successful transition to Kindergarten • Expanded resources dor Hispanic community • Increased public transportation

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

- Market available programs through Childcare Resources
- CPC members will post information on social media regarding programs and special projects
- Support and refer parents to available parenting resources, Baby T.A.L.K., HIPPY, Reach Out and Read, Head Start and Pre-K programs
- Educate parents and childcare staff on High Quality Childcare
- CPC members will contribute data to Annual Needs Assessment
- Continue Pre-K calendar
- Encourage all early education providers to provide consistent documentation to target school
- Create Resource Directory for 0-5
- Create CPC Facebook page
- Promote and apply for grant funding
- Put information on Walker County on 211