

2014 Needs Assessment for Wilcox

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Accomplishments

During the 2013-2014 council year the Wilcox County CPC continued its work and efforts for the children and families of Wilcox County. The activities hosted and supported by the Council included but are not limited to:

- * Eight Annual Family Summit in partnership with the Department of Children Affairs Books, Balls and Blocks
- * Held monthly meetings September 2013-June 2014
- * Hosted a county-wide Children's Sabbath Event
- * Strengthened our partnership with the Faith-based community via outreach, support and participation in various events
- * Continued with community collaborations with AIDT, State Government and local officials, local Workforce Development, the Office of Post Secondary Education, local Education System, DHR and others

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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:
DHR Multi-Needs/Multi-Disciplinary Team, Local Schools, Alabama Cooperative Extension System, District Judge, Hippy Home Visitation Program, Pre-K Program, Cahaba Mental Health and others.	Available parenting classes/programs within the county.

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

Seek funding as it is needed to implement and sustain parenting programs; Increase the number of foster and adoptive resources within the county; Involve and include Social Workers and Counselors as participants in parenting programs.

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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:
DHR, Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Faith Based Organizations, Cahaba Mental Health, local Schools, Child Advocacy Center and others.	More specialized services being available within the county such as a local advocacy center; More available and affordable housing for families.

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

Attain adequate and affordable housing for families.

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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:
Cahaba Mental Health, Faith Based Organizations, Local Schools, DHR, Alabama Cooperative Extension System, District Judge, and BAMA Kids Mentor Program.	Lack of specialized mental health services for children.

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

A need for counselors to provide counseling for children in need of emotional support.