

2014 Needs Assessment for Winston

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Accomplishments

The Winston County Children's Policy Council has been active during 2013. We have developed partnerships within the community which help us to continue and provide services to children within our county.

Partnerships include: Haleyville City School's 21st Century Community Learning Center, First Teachers, Haleyville City Schools Freedom Hills Community Center, Littleville Methodist Church food distribution, Winston County Cooperative Extension Service and Main Street Ministries.

Partnership activities with Haleyville 21st CCLC include parental involvement activities, character education, drug education and extra-curricular activities for parents and children. This partnership is sustained through funds provided by the 21st CCLC to the Children's Policy Council.

First Teachers is a new partnership for 2013. This program is intended to increase parenting skills of parents of children from pre-natal to 5 years of age. Parent educators visit homes and assist/instruct parents in understanding the process for getting children ready to start school. Funds are provided by the Department of Children's Affairs and HUD.

Freedom Hills Community Center is a non-profit is an organization which provides no/low cost recovery services for parents and children of Winston County. The Children's Policy Council provides funds to Freedom Hills for implementation of parenting classes. Both Haleyville City Schools and Winston County Schools participate in Early Warning Processes related to attendance and behavior incidents. Parents and children referred to Freedom Hills for parenting classes participate in a 6 week program. The CPC receives funds from Haleyville City School's at-risk funds to support this partnership

Littleville United Methodist Church is a non-profit entity which provides benevolent food products (back-pack ministry) to children who are at-risk at Haleyville Elementary School. Bags of food are delivered and distributed anonymously to children who are at-risk of being hungry or without food during weekends or over extended breaks from school.

Haleyville City Schools provides funds to the CPC through its state at-risk funds. These monies are used to fund various projects and partners within Winston County which specifically address at-risk children/youth. Main Street Ministries non-profit organization which provides food and clothing monthly to families in need. Currently they are providing food to approximately 1,300 families within Winston County. It also provides a location for GED classes in Double Springs, Alabama, which services the eastern side of the county. It also provides personal development classes to assist families in Winston County, Alabama.

Winston County Cooperative Extension service provides classes financial management, nutrition classes and parenting classes to partnering agencies with the CPC (Freedom Hills, Haleyville City Schools, Winston County Schools, Haleyville 21st CCLC, First Teachers and Freedom Hills Community Center).

Our policy council is very proud of its accomplishments, but these accomplishments are only possible because of its outstanding leadership and partners being vested in the programs we can provide.

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First Priority

Need related to children of this county

Family Safety

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Families Schools Department of Human Resources Law Enforcement Children's Policy Council Parenting Classes Resources Officer at Winston County High School 21st CCLC at Haleyville Elementary Early Warning Programs	Funding for Resource Officer in the Haleyville City Schools Security equipment in Winston County Schools Funding for At-Risk Coordinators for WCS and HCS Industry /employment opportunities for Winston County Residences with wages higher than minimum.

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

1. Continue to write grants to obtain funding or te needs of our community
2. Continue to recruit businesses into the policy council
3. Continue to provide diversion strategies and intervention strategies for At-Risk youth.

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Second Priority

Need related to children of this county

Juvenile Prevention

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Resource Officer in Double Springs Schools Juvenile PRobation Officer Active Children's Policy Council Youth Ministries and Churches 21st CCLC at Haleyville Elementary First Teachers Early Warning Programs	Resource Officers at all school in Winston County After School programs in Winston County Schools and Haleyville City Schools Funding for more At-Risk services to meet the demands of the increase in this sub group.

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

1. Continue to write grants to obtain funds for after-school programs, Drug-Free Communities
2. Continue to provide Parent Project to At-Risk youth and families
3. Continue after-school programs in Haleyville City School and Winston County Schools through use of sustainability funds.

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Third Priority

Need related to children of this county

High School Graduation Rate

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
At-Risk Coordinator for Haleyville City Schools Promotion Coach at Haleyville City Schools Early Warning and Graduation Tracking System (GTS)	Transportation At-Risk Coordinator for Winston County Schools

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

1. Continue absence monitoring of elementary and middle school students
2. Expand remediation to include middle School students at Haleyville City Schools