

# 2015 Needs Assessment for Marengo

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## Accomplishments

1. Community in Action Project - (SPF-SIG) grants has had a successful information dissemination/media campaign. Peer Leader Advisor and Peer Leaders have been identified at Demopolis High School. Underage drinking awareness and consequences have been raised in Marengo County.
2. Continues to support the HealthStart Program at Bryan W. Whitfield Memorial Hospital in Demopolis. This program targets at-risk mothers and provides prenatal classes.
3. Marengo County Extension Service is continuing to provide Abstinence Education to high school students in Marengo County.
4. The Marengo County Juvenile Probation office in continuing to provide the Juvenile Redirection Program for at-risk children.
5. Harriet's House, the domestic violence shelter in Marengo County has closed due to lack of funding. However SABRA Sanctuary, Inc. located in Dallas County has now included Marengo County in its coverage.
6. Linden Police Department has continued it's D.A.R.E. and Drug Awareness programs.
7. Demopolis Police Department has continued its National Night Out Against Violence and has completed its first youth academy which provided students with an opportunity to learn about law enforcement, fire and rescue, leadership and teamwork.
8. Marengo County DHR provides in-service training for all Marengo County law enforcement.
9. The First United Methodist Church in Demopolis partners with DHR for Project Merry Christmas to provide Christmas gifts for the County's needy children. The Church also supports Project Apple Tree to provide school supplies for needy children.
10. The Theo Ratliff Community Center in Demopolis now has a flight stimulator to encourage children's interest in flying. The Center continues its tutoring program for children.
11. Connie Brown has developed and printed a Parents Resource Guide for Marengo County and a brochure for the Marengo County Children's Policy Council.
12. In order to raise awareness for the CPA and the CIA Project, a mission statement, By Laws, logo, tagline, and elevator speech have been created

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## First Priority

### Need related to children of this county

Parental Involvement

<b>Existing resources available to help meet this need include:</b>	<b>Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:</b>
Marengo County Extension Service Churches Head Start Marengo County Health Department West Alabama Mental Health Services Pre-K classes and 1st Teacher Boy and Girl Scouts PTA Youth Sports Activities SPF - SIG resource directory for parents DHR focus programs, etc.	Family counseling programs More effective Mental Health Sources In-home parental program Parenting services for new mother - birth to five years

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

- Collaborate with local churches to address parenting issues
- Submit resources to "211" and promote the use of "211" in the community
- Disseminate "PALS" brochure and the Parent Resource Guide

### Low Cost/No Cost Idea:

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## Second Priority

### Need related to children of this county

Substance Abuse

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
DPD and LPD - National Night Out WAMH Services Community in Action - SPF - SIG Grant to reduce underage drinking D.A.R.E. - Linden City and Marengo County Schools Red Ribbon Week Theo Ratliff Community Center ALANON and AA services Marengo County Extension Office Marengo County Health Dept. Bradford Health Services Americorp DHS Peer Advisor/Peer Leaders - grades 9-12	Positive Parent/Student Network of Services expanded ALATEEN Technical Assistance to move forward Additional Grant Opportunities for the CPC

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

Continue information dissemination and media campaign (SPF-SIG) in an effort to increase awareness of risk/harm in parents and students

Maintain and update CPC website

Continue to establish parent and peer network groups

Raise awareness of civic and faith based organizations regarding resources (materials, speakers, programs, etc.) that can be utilized, many at no cost

### Low Cost/No Cost Idea:

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## Third Priority

### Need related to children of this county

\*\*\* Other

### Need if 'other' was selected

Non-government resources for families and children

<b>Existing resources available to help meet this need include:</b>	<b>Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:</b>
Ministerial Associations/Groups Black Warrior Council of Boy Scouts - Lara Martin Girl Scouts Theo Ratliff Community Center Youth Sport Activities and assessabilty to all youth sports in County Save a Life	Transportation Boys and Girls Clubs YMCA Parental Involvement

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

School readiness programs such as Early Education, Pre-K, Head Start

Home visiting programs from the State - HIPPY program

To go to homes and provide programs for parents

### Low Cost/No Cost Idea: