

2013 Needs Assessment for Franklin County

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Accomplishments

Teen Day at Northwest-Shoals Community College for all Franklin County Schools 8th grade students. Awarded scholarships to after school centers and summer programs for children who cannot afford to attend, children who are failing in school, or in danger due to their home environment.

Applied for 6 grants that will help the school systems afford extra enrichment and activities for children.

Secured a \$100,000 grant for health technology equipment at Career-Technical Center and Red Bay School.

Provided computer classes for adults in the Red Bay area that will enable participants to gain work readiness skills.

Offered classes at night for the community such as photography, selling on Ebay, cake decorating, and parenting skills.

Held two CPC meetings for the active members, including the annual Making a Difference for Franklin County's Children Child Abuse Prevention Conference.

Participated in the Drug Story program for all county 6th grade students that was held in Red Bay (drug

prevention program).

Nine active after-school sites were in operation in Franklin County.

The YES Foundation participated with the CPC to help with events such as the child abuse conference, computer classes for the elderly, and donations to various agencies/organizations.

The CPC worked with the county schools truancy officer to see what resources they could provide for those students (especially the students with multiple offenses or who were more likely to drop out of school).

The CPC also worked with the local tobacco prevention coordinator to encourage youth to not smoke or use tobacco of any kind.

Reality Check taught to all 8th graders in Franklin County (through the Extension Office).

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First Priority

Need related to children of this county

More Resources to Provide More Effective Early Childhood Education for the children of Franklin County.

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Pre-K sites within the county. More day care providers are dedicated to Pre-K education and are working more closely with parents to encourage involvement.	Money Additional sites to accommodate more children.

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

1. Community education is applying for additional funding through grants that would help with programs for Early Education.
2. Current day care providers that will work with other providers to encourage each other, to share resources and new ideas.

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Second Priority

Need related to children of this county

Address bullying/low self-esteem issues among our students in Franklin County schools.

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
School system Bullying information Counselors at each school School Nurses Social Worker Law Enforcement Private Practice Counselors Riverbend Center for Mental Health Juvenile Court System The Healing Place Be Your Best Self Program	Tools to implement an anonymous reporting system for school children (like a hotline, etc.). Funding for these types of programs.

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

1. Address the issues while teaching other education programs in the school systems (counselors/nurses/social worker).
2. Distributing anti-bullying pamphlets throughout the school system to age appropriate children
3. Anonymous reporting system/hotline.
4. Specific education awareness programs designed for bullying or low self-esteem.
5. Guest Speakers.
6. Individual or Group Counseling sessions at school.

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Third Priority

Need related to children of this county

Increased parental involvement.

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Extension Office DHR Riverbend Center for Mental Health Faith Based Resources Schools Law Enforcement Community Education (provides afterschool centers) All call phone system	Increased funding. New ideas for getting parents involved. Incentives for parents (donated by businesses). Help with transportation for parents to come to meetings.

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

Continue to look for funding to implement parent activities.

Partner with other agencies/organizations that provide parenting activities.

Meet with principals/counselors/teachers to find out what they think would work to get more parents involved.

Provide job fairs for parents (with an incentive for them to come).