

2016 Needs Assessment for Geneva

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Accomplishments

- The YES program offered GED classes and a High School Diploma Program which served youth ages 16-24 who were no longer enrolled in public school. This year through the program 5 diplomas and 1 GED was awarded.
- The Truancy Prevention Program established by the Juvenile Court and the District Attorney's office continue to work together to prosecute parents who allow their children to remain truant.
- Participated in the Blue Ribbon Campaign to raise awareness of child abuse and helping with fundraising activities in Geneva County in which all 4 elementary schools participated in the Blue Ribbon Week efforts.
- The Exchange Center for Child Abuse Prevention, conducted Life Management Classes for juveniles, conducted Basic Parenting Classes, established a teen support group, and provided both individual and family counseling.
- The Boys and Girls Clubs in Geneva and Slocomb averaged 50 children each location and "project learn" a homework help program was conducted at both locations.
- Grants for 7 Pre-K programs were awarded to Kids Academy, Kids Academy Too, Slocomb Elementary (2), Samson Elementary and Geneva County Elementary.
- SpectraCare and local law enforcement agencies sponsored and conducted 7 prescription take back events.
- SpectraCare conducted a "Binge Drinking? You're Hunting for Trouble" underage drinking campaign. Taught substance abuse prevention, mental health education, and coping skills to students at Slocomb High School. Conducted PRIDE surveys with students in Geneva County and Geneva City Schools. Sponsored motivational speaker Matt Bellace who presented to students at Geneva City Middle School and Geneva County High School about "How To Get High Naturally" and making good choices. Held 2 mental health first aid trainings.

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First 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:
SpectraCare Pathway Red Ribbon Week Juvenile Drug Court Prom Promise SADD Exchange Center Bradford Health Services Law Enforcement	Too Good for Drugs Program Local Outpatient Drug Treatment Local Inpatient Drug Treatment More Substance Abuse Prevention Programs

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

Seek additional grant funding for outpatient programs in the county

Support underage drinking initiatives from SpectraCare

Encourage schools to participate in Red Ribbon Week and other drug and alcohol prevention programs

Low Cost/No Cost Idea:

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Second Priority

Need related to children of this county

Child Health

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Exchange Center SpectraCare DHR Child Advocacy Center	Additional Outpatient Providers Transportation Mental Health Education Local Inpatient Providers

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

Facilitate expansion of services of current providers

Exchange Center to continue to provide services in school

Low Cost/No Cost Idea:

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Third Priority

Need related to children of this county

Bullying

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
SADD- Students Against Destructive Decisions Exchange Center- Life Management Classes, Teen Support Group and Counseling (individual and family) Counseling Services Law Enforcement	Choices Program Rachel's Challenge

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

Invite anti-bullying to present programs at schools

Educational campaign for parents

Support the efforts of the Exchange Center and 4H that provide bullying prevention in schools

Low Cost/No Cost Idea: