

# 2016 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 Leanders 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. Linden Police Department has continued it's D.A.R.E. and Drug Awareness programs.
6. 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. 2nd Annual Youth Academy was completed.
7. Marengo County DHR provides in-service training for all Marengo County law enforcement.
8. 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, as well as the Angel Tree.
9. 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 as well as providing English as a Second Language class.
10. Connie Brown has developed and printed a Parents Resource Guide for Marengo County and a brochure for the Marengo County Children's Policy Council.
11. 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.
12. Demopolis City Schools began SAFE, an abstinence program for 7th graders.
13. Marengo CPC continues to maintain website.

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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:
<p>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.                      Save A Life parenting services for new mothers</p>	<p>Family counseling programs                      More effective Mental Health Sources                      In-home preventive parenting program                      Parenting services for new mother - birth to five years</p>

#### 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
- Update and disseminate Parent Resource Guide
- Enlist assistance of County Extension Service for parenting classes
- Seek assistance of school readiness programs such as early education, pre K and Head Start, and HIPPY

#### 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:
<p>DPD and LPD - National Night Out                      WAMH Services                      Community in Action - SPF - SIG Grant to reduce underage drinking - Partnership for Success                      D.A.R.E. - Linden City and Marengo County Schools                      Red Ribbon Week                      Theo Ratliff Community Center - My Brother's Keeper                      Marengo County Extension Office                      Marengo County Health Dept.                      Bradford Health Services                      Americorp                      DHS Peer Advisor/Peer Leaders - grades 9-12</p>	<p>Positive Parent/Student Network of Services expanded                      ALATEEN                      Technical Assistance to move forward                      Additional Grant Opportunities for the CPC</p>

#### 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 and promote 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

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### 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 Girl Scouts Theo Ratliff Community Center Youth Sport Activities and assessabilty to all youth sports in County Save a Life Pathways/Steve Trader Jones Rec Center	Transportation Boys and Girls Clubs Parental Involvement

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

Collaboration between resources

Promote existing resources

Develop and promote FaceBook page

### Low Cost/No Cost Idea: