

# 2016 Needs Assessment for Perry

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## Accomplishments

The District Judge established a partnership with the Hale County Fatherhood Program to assist noncustodial fathers with obtaining employment.

The District Judge has established a Veteran Court in Perry County to assist veterans who have legal issues.

The Juvenile Court of Perry County has established a Truancy/Early Warning Program for children who have missed several days of school.

The Juvenile Court established a parenting program.

The Extension Office has established an Abstinence Program relating to teen pregnancy.

The Extension Office sponsored the Healthy Eating Campaign in Perry County which a statewide initiative.

The Extension Office sponsored a youth program (Natural Environment) which had water quality and forestry components.

The Extension Office is providing parents with skills to enhance the parenting of their children.

Cahaba Mental Health Center continues to provide services to clients in the community.

Minding Our Future Workshop was conducted in Perry County.

DHR provided child abuse/neglect training to the staff and parents of the Head Start Program.

DHR maintains a good working relationship with its community partners (Court, JPO, Law Enforcement, School System, & etc.)

DHR developed a plan to recruit adult foster homes and more traditional foster homes in Perry County.

Health Department sponsored free TB testing in Perry County.

Health Department - The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program continues to grow.

Health Department - ALL Kids continues to be offered to eligible children

Health Department - Sowing Seeds of Hope Outreach continues to provide services to the public

The Council on Substance Abuse has started providing services to Perry County.

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## First Priority

### Need related to children of this county

Child Health

#### Additional information regarding the selected need

There is a need for children in Perry County to be more healthy by more participation in the WIC Program and increase enrollment & utilization of medical insurance (ALL-Kids & Medicaid)

<b>Existing resources available to help meet this need include:</b>	<b>Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Sowing Seeds of Hope sponsored a health fair at the Perry County Health Department for low income families.</li><li>2. Prenatal health care is provided to expectant mothers by the Perry County Health Department.</li><li>3. WIC Program awareness.</li><li>4. ALL-Kids Program awareness.</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Radio advertisement concerning the WIC Program and ALL-Kids &amp; Medicaid Programs</li><li>2. WIC Program, ALL-Kids &amp; Medicaid advertisement/literature displayed at the local courthouse, clinics, churches, &amp; grocery stores</li><li>3. WIC Program, ALL-Kids &amp; Medicaid literature disseminated via the local school.</li><li>4. The Health Department provides literature about their programs (WIC, ALL-Kids, &amp; etc.) to the public.</li></ol>

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

1. The Perry County Health Department (Sowing Seeds of Hope) will continue to have free health screenings for low income families.
2. The Perry County Health Department will continue to provide prenatal care and transportation to expectant mothers.
3. The WIC Program will continue to be supported by continuing to make the community aware of the benefits of the program.
4. ALL-Kids will continue to be supported by continuing to make the community aware of the program and its benefits.

#### Low Cost/No Cost Idea:

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## Second Priority

### Need related to children of this county

Child Abuse

### Additional information regarding the selected need

The citizens of Perry County need to be more aware of child abuse/neglect reporting.

<b>Existing resources available to help meet this need include:</b>	<b>Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The Department of Human Resources provided child abuse/neglect training to the Head Start Program's staff and parents annually.</li><li>2. The Department of Human Resources' Family &amp; Children Service Unit investigates reports of child abuse/neglect.</li><li>3. Law Enforcement</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Churches</li><li>2. Radio &amp; PSA's by the District Attorney</li><li>3. Flyers/literature about the age of consent in Alabama</li><li>4. Newspaper articles about child abuse/neglect reporting</li><li>5. Presentations concerning the age of consent in Alabama</li></ol>

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

1. The Department of Human Resources will continue to make presentations to educational personnel concerning child abuse/neglect to support its child abuse prevention program.
2. Local law enforcement and the Department of Human Resources will continue to support each other in investigating reports of child abuse/neglect. DHR and local law enforcement have an established protocol that outlines how the agencies will assist in the completion of reports of child abuse/neglect.
3. All community partners will continue to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect.
4. The Department of Human Resources will provide to the local high school information pertaining to the age of consent in Alabama.

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## Third Priority

### Need related to children of this county

Job Readiness

### Additional information regarding the selected need

Perry County needs to improve job readiness skills for its citizens.

<b>Existing resources available to help meet this need include:</b>	<b>Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Perry County Extension Office's "Turning the Tide on Poverty" and Reality Check are helping to end poverty in the community.</li><li>2. Perry County Department of Human Resources' JOBS Program provides job training for families receiving public assistance.</li><li>3. Career Link is used to make the public aware of job opportunities.</li><li>4. Perry County Extension Office - Reality Check (financial literacy education)</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. A satellite office of Career Link needs to be established in Perry County which would provide services to Perry County at least one time per month.</li><li>2. Transportation</li></ol>

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

1. The County Extension Office will be supported in educating the public about financial literacy.
2. A partnership will be established with Dallas County Career Center to help meet the needs of people in Perry County to increase their job readiness skills.
3. The Perry County Department of Human Resources will continue to provide job training to clients receiving public assistance.
4. The efforts to teach parents and students how to apply for jobs will continue to be supported.

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