2016 Needs Assessment for Cleburne

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Accomplishments

1. HEFLIN PARKS AND RECREATION CONTINUES TO BE STRONG RESOURCE IN PROVIDING PROGRAMS AT A RESONABLE COST TO FAMILIES
2. HEARTS REMAINS A FAMILY SERVICE CENTER AND CONTINUES TO PROVIDE NEEDED RESOURCES FOR THE PEOPLE OF CLEBURNE COUNTY. ATTACHED IN THE MINUTES SECTION IS SERVICES PROVIDED BY HEARTS.
3. CLEBURNE MENTAL HEALTH CENTER CONTINUES TO PROVIDE SCHOOL BASED SERVICESPROJECT FIND OFFERS INTENSIVE HOME BASED CONSELING FOR APPROPRIATE REFERRALS.
4. PARENTS AS TEACHERS IS NOW WORKING WITH CLIENTS IN THE COMMUNITY
5.DHR HAS PLACED CHILDREN THROUGH A BORDER AGREEMENT WITHT HE STATE OF GEORGIA UTILIZING SAFETY PLANS WITH FAMILY AND AVOIDING FOSTER CARE.
6. PARENT PROJECT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED DURING THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR.
7. THE CLEBURNE COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT WILL BE PROVIDING SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION CLASSES TO STUDENTS.
8. THE OPPURTUNITY SCHOOL WAS STARTED BY CLEBURNE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM HAS PROVIDED SERVICES TO STUDENTS AT-RISK OF DROPPING OUT OF SCHOOL
9. A JOB COACH WAS HIRED BY THE SCHOOL SYSTEM AND WORKS WITH STUDENTS TO HELP WITH EMPLOYMENT AND COLLEGE.

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First Priority

Need related to children of this county

Substance Abuse

Additional information regarding the selected need

SUBSTANCE ABUSE IS A MAJOR ISSUE IN THIS COUNTY. THE FOCUS OF THIS PRIORITY IS SUBSTANCE ABUSE CLASSES TO HELP INDIVIDUALS FIGHT THEIR ADDICTIONS.

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
CELEBRATE RECOVERY THE CLEBURNE COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT QUALITY OF LIFE CALHOUN/CLEBURNE MENTAL HEALTH PRIVATE COUNSELORS COUNSELING SERVICES PROVIDED IN THE HOME PARENT PROJECT-FAMILY LINC PROGRAM	MORE SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS PARENTING EDUCATION PROGRAMS DRUG CUORT SUBSTNACE ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAMS

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

1. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WILL DO DRUG PREVENTION CLASSES IN ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS TO EDUCATE THE YOUTH ABOUT THE DANGERS OF USING DRUGS.
2. BRADFORD HEALTH SERVICES WILLL BE INVITED TO COME AND DO A SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PRESENTATION FOR THE COMMUNITY.
3. LOCAL PRE-K TEACHERS CAN PROVIDE SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVNTION LITERATURE AND BROCHURES TO PARENTS.
4. JUDGE WALKER IS INVESTIGATIING WAYS TO START A DRUG COURT IN CLEBURNE COUNTY.

Low Cost/No Cost Idea:

1. PREVENTION CLASSES PROVIDED BY THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT
2. INVESTIGATE AGENCIES THAT PROVIDED FREE SPEAKERS FOR EDUCATING THE COMMUNITY ON PREVENTION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE.
3. GIVING OUT LITERATURE ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE THROUGH THE SCHOOLS TO PARENTS.

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Second Priority

Need related to children of this county

Quality Education

Additional information regarding the selected need

THE FOCUS OF THIS PRIORITY IS SCHOOL SUCCESS THAT ADDRESSES EARLY EDUCATION, TARDINESS, TRUANCY, CAREER EDUCATION AND PARENTAL EDUCATION.

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
CLEBURNE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM EARLY WARNING TRUANCY PROGRAM GED PROGRAM PRE-K PROGRAMS PARENTS AS TEACHERS CAREER TECHNICAL SCHOOL HEAD START COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OPPURTUNITY SCHOOL FOR AT RISK STUDENTS VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES CHILDREN'S REHABILITATION SERVICES TUTORING BEFORE SCHOOL AT THE MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS CAREER FAIR CAREER PROFILE FOR SENIORS JOB & CAREER COACH REALITY CHECK PROGRAM	PARENTING PROGRAMS MENTORING PROGRAMS JOB SHADOWING PROGRAMS SUMMER WORK PROGRAMS AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING PROGRAMS

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

1. RESEARCH PRE-K PROGRAMS AND APPLY FOR A PRE-K GRANT FOR RANBURN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2. ADVOCATE FOR CENTERS TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION
3. APPLY FOR THE PARENT PROJECT GRANT TO ADDRESS THE TARDINESS ISSUE
4. SUPPORT VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL PROGRAMS IN CLEBURNE COUNTY.

Low Cost/No Cost Idea:

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Third Priority

Need related to children of this county

Mentoring

Additional information regarding the selected need

The focus of this priority is to get the parents more involved with their children to help open the lines for communication

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS THINKING STRAIGHT CPJO	SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS IN THE SCHOOL CHILDREN/PARENT CLASSES WEEKEND COMMUNITY PROJECTS TO HELP FAMILIES SPEND QUAILTY TIME TOGETHER

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

1. MORE INVOLEMENT WITH THE PARENTS TO TAKE CLASSES THAT WILL HELP OPEN THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION
2. INVITE SOCAIL WORKERS TO FUNCTIONS WHERE THEY CAN HELP TEACH MORE EFFECTIVE WAYS OF CONNECTING WITH CHILDREN
3. HAVE GROUP MEETINGS, CJPO CAN GET ALL THE MEMBERS INVOLVED IN A FUN CREATIVE ENVIRONMENT
4. PROMOTE POSITIVE FAMILY ENVIRONMENTS

Low Cost/No Cost Idea:

Family links program to recommend to parents who struggle with their children in regards to listening and cooperating.