

2016 Needs Assessment for Pickens

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Accomplishments

Distracted Driving Program developed by HOSA
Fatal Decision program for students before prom
Coalition formed in County to work with CPC
Expanded classes at Career Tech Center
New jobs created through Fatherhood program

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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:
The Bridge Inc Local REACH Program DYS ABC Board Local police dept Local sheriffs dept JPO Local drug prevention agency and program Housing Authority CPC member partners	Funding for prevention programs are needed locally Parent education programs

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

We are working with the Bridge Inc. They have now taken over and manage the REACH program which allows us more access to substance abuse without having to go outside the County. Within this program, we also have parenting classes.

Low Cost/No Cost Idea:

Our juvenile probation office has developed alternatives along with Family Resources

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Second Priority

Need related to children of this county

Children in Poverty

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Fatherhood Program through Family resources YouthBuild Program GED classes offered through Bevill Community College Second Opportunity program Career Technical School	Funding for the Fatherhood Program and YouthBuild The Career Tech program is building a new facility in Carrollton and we are waiting for this upgraded and state of the art facility to be completed We are losing our free transportation HELP program unless we find ways to fund it, but it has been reduced to a fourth of the transportation

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

The new Career Tech building will be a major step for our county

We need to seek more funds and grants for our existing programs

Low Cost/No Cost Idea:

Local Job Fair

Career Day at each local school

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Third Priority

Need related to children of this county

Distractive Driving

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Our HOSA students, collaborating with local law enforcement, the JPO and Court, developed a Distracted Driving program. It is done every spring prior to prom in our county and all schools attend and are involved. We have alternative juvenile court programs through the Bridge Inc Local law enforcement	We need funding to promote our Distracted Driving (Fatal Decision) program

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

Continue to work directly with local law enforcement, fire and rescue and both air evac and emergency services.

Provide information pamphlets to all students.

Provide more programs for students and parents to educate and inform them of distracted driving

Low Cost/No Cost Idea:

Tap into resources of local youth and youth leaders