

**GREENE COUNTY FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST  
PROGRAM REPORT**

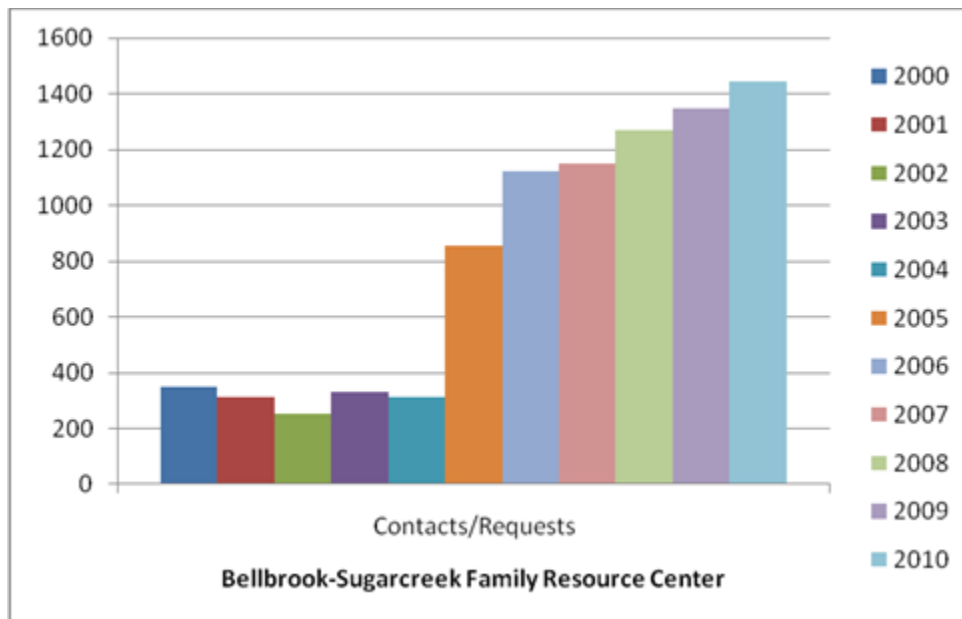
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**OCTF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION – Sue Giga – 937-562-5600**

The application for our OCTF SFY2012 allocation was submitted. The amount available is the same as SFY11 (\$44,605). Five percent (the maximum allowed) would be used for administration. The balance (\$42,375) would be used to contract with CORS for home-based PAT programming. CORS estimated 15 families would be served (20 parents and 25 children). Joni Spencer, who has been providing the service over the past few years, would not be providing services throughout SFY12; however, she would be involved early in the year to transition in a new worker. Given the staffing change, some PAT training will be needed. CORS will continue to use the Protective Factors Survey, as required by OCTF. The complete application is available for review.

**BELLBROOK/SUGARCREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER – Susan Lopez – 937-848-3810**

The center has seen a somewhat leveling off of numbers of families and individuals in need in the community since the beginning of the calendar year. Kids' Club and Homework Help continued at Bayberry. The PFS group met and started their Feed the Homeless project. They shopped for food items, made food, and traveled to the Red Cross Shelter in Xenia to distribute food to families. It was an eye opening experience for the youth as they realized one of the families they served was a veteran. PFS members also began planning for their upcoming Easter egg hunt, Birthday Project, and Sugar Maple Festival. FRC staff and ESC staff met with Bellbrook Middle School Pride Club students. This group is planning a spring prevention mural and a health fair at their school. Staff presented on the Family Resource Center and its programs at the February Bellbrook City Council meeting. The center's Local Advisory Group met. Monthly volunteer day continues at the center as well as Wednesday morning volunteer drop-in. The RAK (Random Acts of Kindness) and Hand Up programs continue and are well received. Staff continues its partnership with Hannah's Treasure Chest and the Beds for Babies program. The Ministerial Food Pantry served 10 families in February, serving 39 family members. The center's staff is working diligently on meeting an \$11,000 fundraising goal. The chart below details the increase in individual or family contacts or requests received at the center. This number includes inquiries from community residents, surrounding communities, other organizations or professions, and youth activities.



### YOUTH LED PREVENTION – Susan Lopez – 937-848-3810

Reports are in for these groups: 1) Bellbrook's Triple D (Don't Do Drugs) group has been meeting at least twice monthly. Students are compiling drug fact information and making posters to display around the school. They are actively interacting with Greeneview students on the new Facebook page. 2) Beavercreek's Network meets monthly. 3) Greeneview's SODA (Students Opposed to Drugs and Alcohol) are actively planning activities and plan to speak before a school board meeting about smoking around the school and sporting events. They are active on the new Facebook page. 4) Fairborn's DNA (Drug and Alcohol) prevention group has reorganized. 5) An all-school Youth Summit meeting is planned for March. 6) Staff sent prevention information to all Greene County high school drug free school coordinators and has contacted or attempted to contact each high school group who participated in Youth Summit 2010.

### JAMESTOWN FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER – Debbi Custer – 937-675-2697

Like the two previous months, March food requests started out slowly but increased dramatically in the middle of the month. Perishable food voucher requests are at an all-time high. The pantry is beginning to receive an increase in donations, due to the local Cub Scout food drive and the Greeneview High School food drive in conjunction with the gospel music show in March and upcoming variety show in April. Several youth, from my youth programs, are currently making posters to advertise the event. The employment opportunities continue to be limited for local residents, and those who are currently still employed are seeing a reduction in work hours. The monthly Hope Foundations food distribution (on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month) continues, with the next food distribution on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Jamestown United Methodist Church. The Methodist Church continues to offer a free monthly community meal on the last Wednesday of each month from 6:00-7:00 p.m. The local clothing project, also at the Jamestown Methodist Church, will offer clothing during the community dinner and during the Hope Food Distribution day. The weekly after-school boys and girls "Fun and Games Clubs" continues, with the program serving approximately 20 children weekly. Both clubs are in dire need of assistance with snacks, drinks, arts & crafts and other supplies. The annual St. Patrick's youth parties were well attended. The next special games club event will be the annual Easter egg dyeing activity on April 18<sup>th</sup> for the boys and April 19<sup>th</sup> for the girls.

The J.T. Band has resumed regular practices, in preparation for upcoming performances. The group is still in need of additional musicians in all areas of instrumentation (clarinet, flute, trumpet, tuba, trombone, French horn, etc.) They continue to add new places to perform and are preparing Civil War era music for any local events that celebrate its anniversary. Anyone interested in joining the group or booking a performance may contact the resource center at 675-2697. Practices are held inside the Jamestown United Methodist Church.

### FAMILY STABILITY AND SHARED YOUTH PLACEMENT – Renee Lammers – 937-562-5607

#### FAMILY STABILITY

March has been an even busier month than February was for the Family Stability program. There were five team meetings in February with an additional six family support meetings such as IEP's and court hearings. There have been thirteen team meetings in March, most requested by partner agencies. This is one of the highest requested number of team meetings in a month and seems to be driven by the need to find creative support options to avoid placement.

#### SHARED YOUTH PLACEMENTS

Shared Youth Placements remain unchanged from the previous reporting period. Three youth remain in shared funded youth placements. There are seven youth county-wide that are in residential level of care.

**This is one less than the previous reporting period. The discharged youth was discharged unsuccessfully and remains in detention while a new placement is sought.**

**HELP ME GROW – Pam Hamer – 937-562-5611**

**The E3C continues to plan for the upcoming Daddy & Me Carnival. The Carnival will be held May 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Dr. Duby will be presenting a webinar on “The Child’s Brain” on April 14<sup>th</sup>. This webinar is for parents and/or professionals. For more information on how to register, please contact the HMG office.**

**All families within the Home Visitation program have been assigned Home Visitors and there is currently no waiting list for this program. This program has two full-time Home Visitors and one part-time. Keeping caseloads at 25 per FTE there is room for growth. The target number for Greene County is 53.**

**Referrals for the Part C program continue to maintain at a high level. The target number for Part C children for Greene County is 217. The program is currently serving 287 already determined eligible children, 70 over the target.**

**As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 287 Part C children are being served; 38 At-Risk children and 12 children are receiving Home Visitation Services.**