

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

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

The Bellbrook/Sugarcreek Family Resource Center was busy compiling end of year reports and planning for the upcoming year. In 2010 the Center saw a 7% increase in requests or personal contacts for information, services, or programs from the previous year (a 69% increase from 2005), having over 1,400 for the year. There were 160 PRC qualifying families who received services, with 74% having had multiple contacts with the Family Resource Center. Of the PRC contacts, 85% were parent-only family contacts, 15% were contact/services for parent and child (services provided separately). FRC staff participated in six community activities and made five professional presentations within the community. The Partnership for Success group participated in over ten activities in 2010. In collaboration with ESC, Pride Club continued at the Middle School and the group is highly active. The Ministerial Food Pantry provided food 271 times—serving 1,013 family members (this total includes one-time usage as well as usage of the pantry on more than one occasion). This is an increase of 18% over last year's number of families served and a 105% increase from 2005. Kids' Club at Bayberry Cove was held 53 times and Homework Help 32 times. Ninety-five students received assistance with school supplies, over seventy families received Thanksgiving assistance, and 100 families received Christmas assistance through center coordination. Marriage Resource Center held *Within My Reach & Relationship Smarts* classes at the center. Staff continued monthly volunteer days, RAK-random acts of kindness, and appointment to Greene County Family Services Planning Committee.

In January, Kids' Club and Homework Help continued at Bayberry with high attendance. PFS is planning a *feed the homeless project*, Sugar Maple Festival, and Youth Service Day (coloring contest). Pride Club held a drug and alcohol prevention and awareness fundraiser and plan to hold a health fair in April. Twenty families were served through the food pantry this month. Staff participated in Chamber of Commerce, and attended a city council meeting. Monthly volunteer days, the Hand-Up program, and the RAK Program (Random Acts of Kindness) continue at the center. The center continues its partnership with Hannah's Treasure Chest and Bellbrook Presbyterian Church through their Beds for Babies program which continues to assist mothers in need with cribs. Yearly updates on center activities were distributed throughout the community and to partner agencies. Follows is a brief summary on the increase in traffic through this center: In 2009 the center had 1,446 contacts/requests, in 2000 the number was 350, in 2004 the number was 330, and in 2005 there were 857. The Ministerial Food Pantry served 271 families in 2010, 229 in 2009, 87 in 2001, 132 in 2005, and in 2007 there were 153 families served.

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

Like January, February food requests started out slowly but increased dramatically in the middle of the month. The pantry is beginning to receive an increase in donations and the library's "food for fines" collected over 200 items. A local resident is coordinating a local food drive with local schools and businesses, in conjunction with our local variety/talent shows in March and April. Several youth from my youth programs will be assisting with the making of posters to advertise the event. The employment opportunities continue to be limited for local residents and those who are currently employed are still seeing a reduction in work hours. The monthly Hope Foundation food distribution (on the 2nd Saturday of each month) will continue in 2011. The next food distribution will be on Saturday, March 12th at the Jamestown United Methodist Church. The Methodist church will continue their monthly free community meal on the last Wednesday of each month from 6:00-7:00 p.m. The local clothing project still needs winter coats, hats, gloves

and scarves for adults and children of all sizes. 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 Valentine’s youth parties were well attended. The next games club celebration will be a St. Patrick’s party for each group on the week of St. Patrick’s Day.

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.). 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 PLACEMENTS – Renee Lammers – 937-562-5607

Family Stability/FCSS

February has been a very busy month for the Family Stability program. There are currently 19 families receiving some level of service coordination by Family and Children First. One case was closed, one former case was re-opened, and three new cases were added. There is one additional family that is just beginning the process of self-referral. Two large families with multiple needs are included in these new referrals.

Shared Youth Placements

Shared Youth Placements remain unchanged from the previous reporting period. Three youth remain in shared funded youth placements. There are eight youth county-wide that are in residential level of care. This is a much lower census than has been seen in a very long time. Family and system partners are being strongly urged to look creatively at what formal and informal supports can be brought to bear to maintain youth in their own homes and communities.

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

All HMG programs across the state received a 10% reduction in the total allocation in the General Revenue Fund. This will account for an actual 20% cut for the last two quarters of this SFY. For Greene County each direct service provider will be projecting expenses for the rest of SFY11. Each provider experienced delays in hiring staff allowing for the reduction to be absorbed without affecting direct services.

As of February 1st, 285 Part C children are being served; 60 At-Risk children and 8 children are receiving Home Visitation Services.

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

The application for our OCTF SFY12 allocation is due April 1, 2011. The application is very similar to that used for SFY11. The Steering Committee authorized me to develop an application that would continue contracting with CORS for home-based PAT programming. I have contacted CORS and asked them to let me know if there are any changes they would like to see incorporated into the new application. I will be developing the application in March. Our SFY11 mid-year report has been submitted. The County Data Processing unit was very helpful in learning how to “export” the data from the required Protective Factor Surveys.

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 made a facebook page for Greene County Youth

Summit and for Triple D. They are actively pursuing a grant through the Greene Community Health Foundation. Their goal is to make impactful anti-drug messages to students. They believe this will not be done by speakers or videos. Their plans then are to make small impactful messages through the year. They have joined forces with PFS, Partnerships for Success. 2) Beavercreek's Network Group has been meeting monthly and recently made and hung drug and alcohol awareness posters throughout the school. 3) Greeneview SODA (Students Opposed to Drugs and Alcohol) are actively planning activities and seeking to meet with another school to plan future Youth Summit activities. Students have joined the youth summit facebook page and have been interacting. 4) Able group – many have graduated or moved back to their prospective schools. Names of those who have moved back to their home schools and interested in continuing with Youth Summit activities have been given to respective coordinators. 5) An all-school Youth Summit meeting was held in which two Bellbrook Triple D members attended and gave great vision to the future outlook of Youth Summit. Staff attended Greene County's new Substance Abuse Task Force meeting at FCFD and attempted to get Xenia's group started.