

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

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

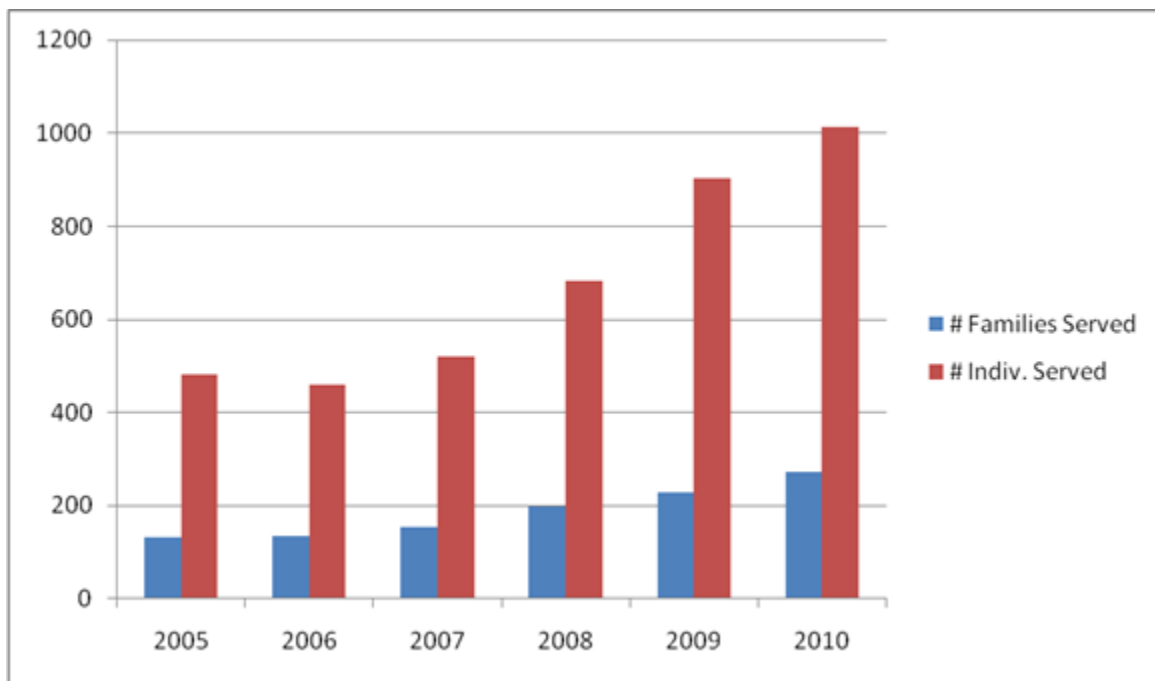
The application for our OCTF SFY12 allocation was submitted. The amount available is the same as SFY11 (\$44,605). Five percent (the maximum allowed) would be used for administration. The balance (\$42,375) would be used to contract with CORS for home-based PAT programming. CORS estimated 15 families 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 SFY 12; 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

Staff began planning for summer youth activities. Kids' Club was held four times during the month with another round of *Charm School* and other activities. Due to staff serving on Jury Duty, volunteers from Christ's Church ran Kids' Club on one day. An average of 20 youth attended Kids' Club this month. Homework Help was held four times with an average of 2 students attending. Partnerships for Success (PFS) met and are planning for upcoming activities such as the Sugar Maple Festival. Pride Club met and is planning a drug and alcohol prevention activity and health fair at their school. Staff is again working with PTO Market Day volunteers to coordinate a gifting program, working in conjunction with the Ministerial Food Pantry. Staff presented the Empathy Belly program to a class at Bellbrook High School and upon request to a high risk group at the middle school. A program update was given at a Bellbrook City Council meeting in March. Staff participated in Drug Task Force, DJFS Family Services Planning Committee, and attended a planning meeting for a Single Parent Ministry to Bellbrook. Service coordination with school staff, the Hand Up Program and partnership with Hannah's Treasure Chest and the Bellbrook Presbyterian's Beds for Babies program continues. The ministerial food pantry served 19 families (two families serviced twice) in March. A total of 80 family members benefited from food assistance. This is a 64% increase in the number of families served two years ago and on par with the same time last year. *See below for a chart detailing food pantry usage over time.* Due to an increase in weekly donations from Panera and Kroger, the center has partnered with Bellbrook Boomer's (GCCOA), WINGS Ministry, and GCCHD by sharing donations to assure no wastage. Staff attended Power Point training. The monthly volunteer day

continued and weekly Wednesday drop-in for volunteers. These were well attended and are a great help to the Family Resource Center and staff. Center staff continues to work toward meeting their fundraising goal, continuing the 50 for \$50 campaign and planning other ways to receive donations. Staff continues to see an increasing number of adults without children seeking services.

Ministerial Food Pantry Usage



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 started working on posters to display around their school. They made a PSA (public service announcement) on teenage dating violence prevention. They remain active on the Triple D & Greene County Youth Summit Facebook pages. They have taken on the lead role in planning for the end of year Youth Summit Celebration, scheduled for April 30. They submitted a \$500 grant application. (2) Beavercreek's Network meets monthly. (3) Greeneview's SODA (Student Opposed to Drugs and Alcohol) spoke before a school board meeting about smoking around the school and sporting events. They spent one

hour collecting cigarette butts from just one area around their school, displaying the butts in a glass jar. They placed this jar before council members before making their speech. They also submitted a \$500 grant application. (4) Fairborn's DnA (Drug and Alcohol) prevention group met and started making posters to display around their school. They are planning a surprise "cell phone" prevention event. (5) An all-school Youth Summit meeting was held. (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. We are also happy to report receiving confirmation on receiving a \$500 grant for Greene County Youth Led Prevention. Staff also attended "*Beyond Billboards & Brochures*" webinar training.

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

Like the three previous months, April food requests started out slowly but increased dramatically in the middle and continued to the end of the month. Perishable food voucher requests continue to be high. The pantry is currently in good shape, due to the local Cub Scout food drive and the recent Greeneview High School food drive. Employment opportunities continue to be limited for local residents and those who are currently employed are still seeing a reduction in work hours. The increase in gas prices is making life much more difficult for local residents and is leaving them with less money for food and other essentials. The monthly Hope Foundation food distribution (on the 2nd Saturday of each month) continues, with the next food distribution on Saturday, May 14th 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 United 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" continue, with the program serving approximately 20 children weekly. The annual Easter egg dyeing event was well attended. Both clubs will be having their final meetings, for this school year, in May. The annual "free" summer youth program will begin in June and will continue through the end of July. Anyone interested in assisting with drinks, snacks, arts & crafts materials, outdoor fun supplies and equipment is encouraged to contact the center office.

The J.T. Band continues 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 currently held inside the center office.

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

Report not available, will distribute at meeting 5/9/11.

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 6th from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Allocations for SFY12 have been estimated for each HMG program. Allocations will not be finalized until after the state budget is approved. At this point, Greene County received a 13% reduction in total allocations for SFY12. Any unspent State General Revenue will be carried over into SFY12. A comparison and analysis of SFY11 and SFY12 expenses is currently underway.

Referrals to the Part C program were high for March, at 44, and the HMG Home Visitation program received 10. The Project Director is conducting Public Awareness activities for the Home Visitation program throughout the community such as the GRADS program, WIC, Dr. Crawford (OBGYN), and Child Support.

As of April 1st, 285 Part C children are being served; 36 At-Risk children and 17 children receiving Home Visitation Services.

OCBF ALLOCATION AND SHARED PLAN

We have just received the guidelines for preparing the SFY 2012 Operational Capacity Building Funds application and the Council's Shared Plan. The application and plan is needed to access state funds for Council operations. We are eligible to receive \$15,750. This is a decrease of 7.7%, compared to the amount available for SFY 2011. The guidelines will be reviewed at the full Council meeting.