

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

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

OCTF-funded programming is continuing as planned. We received notice that the funds we are receiving are FEDERAL in nature. In the past, the funding received has been STATE. The change required that a few additional assurances be signed and we have done so. We have also been informed of two webinars in November. One webinar deals with PFS interpretation, the other with the application process for SFY 2013. I have signed up for both. We also received our allocation notice for SFY 2013, reflecting the same amount that we have received in the past (\$44,605). We subsequently received an e-mail from OCTF stating that the amount may be revised based on the 2010 census data.

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

The Bellbrook/Sugarcreek Family Resource Center's Kids' Club was held four times in September with an average of 21 youth attending each session. Homework Help restarted and was also held four times this month with an average of three students attending. From July 2010-September 2011 – 153 PRC qualifying families have sought services through the center. Staff participated in Chamber of Commerce, Optimists, and continues on DJFS Family Services Planning Committee. Staff maintains service coordination with school staff as well as partnership with Hannah's Treasure Chest. Through collaboration of center staff and Sugarcreek Police Chief Glick, Chief Deaton, local farmers and the Ministerial Association members from Christ's Church a free Farmer's Market for low income families who have sought services with the center was held as well as an impromptu drop off of corn by a local farmer. The ministerial food pantry served 24 families in September (81 family members – 36 adults, 45 children). These numbers are a slight increase from last year's figures. Monthly *volunteer days* and Wednesday morning drop-in volunteering continues at the center. This program, involving community members, has established a solid volunteer base for the center. Without their support the coupon program and other programming would have to be cut from center activities.

The Hand Up Program continues in which clients obtain items they earn through earning credits through family enriching activities to include work and volunteering. Staff with Jamestown FRC staff member Debbi Custer presented on the FRC's at a HMG meeting. Working with technology available, staff provides job seeking leads, encouragement in utilizing Greene Works services, and informational e-mails to clients as well as community members. Staff also posts information about projects and meetings to area youth. The small clothing pantry continues to be utilized. Thanks to the generosity of the community, the center continues to receive monetary and non-monetary donations. Dolores Doggett, who held a strong belief in serving youth, was recognized by many who donated money in her honor to the center. Staff is preparing for the Holiday Assistance Program and took advantage of education opportunities this month. We would like to wish Chief Glick well on his retirement from Sugarcreek Township police department and welcome Chief Deaton to

the FRC Local Advisory Group. Staff also attended Greene County Career Center's grand opening of its Bellbrook/Sugarcreek medical program.

PfS and its sub-group Triple D (*Don't Do Drugs*) met several times, began their annual project to support soldiers, and are planning to accomplish many projects. Forty-four PfS members attended the first meeting of the year. They hope to organize a Spring Palooza at their high school. One PfS student stated her desire to restart a portion of Christmas in Bellbrook. The Park District representative in attendance took this back to her office and the group is now helping with this project which will be called Christmas in the Park. As well, Triple D members conducted Tobacco Compliance Checks in Fairborn and Xenia. They would like to thank both Bellbrook and Sugarcreek Police Departments by educating staff and youth prior to performing the checks. Also thank you to GCCHD for the grant to complete these checks. If interested in a full Tobacco Compliance check report, please contact Susan Lopez at the FRC or Sara Pappa at GCCHD. Working with the schools' Drug Free Coordinator, Lisa Cron, Pride Club restarted at the middle school; 20 middle school students attended the first meeting of the year. They are working with student teacher Mrs. Gross on Red Ribbon Week planning. In collaboration with Sugarcreek school staff/Sodexo and area community members, a new Etiquette, Attitude & Food Club was established at Bellbrook Middle School which will run through December. To date 18 middle school students have been served in this program.

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

October food pantry activity remained high and perishable food voucher requests continue to be high as well. Local food pantry donations are still trickling in, but are still not keeping up with the demand for food assistance. There is a real concern about the availability of food in the pantry for those in need during the winter months. We expect to see an increase of food donations around the holidays. Employment opportunities continue to be limited to local residents. The monthly Hope Foundation food distribution (on the 2nd Saturday of each month) continues, with the next food distribution on Saturday, November 12th, at the Jamestown United Methodist Church. The program has gone paperless, as of October, and each head of household has received a card with a magnetic strip, to be swiped through a computer system on distribution day. The Methodist Church is offering a free monthly community meal; with the next one scheduled for Wednesday, October 26th from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and will continue on the last Wednesday of every month through December 28th. The week after-school kids clubs are continuing to take place every Monday for boys and every Tuesday for girls. Currently, we will have spaces available for both boys and girls.

Sign up for holiday assistance for Thanksgiving food, Christmas food and assistance through our local "Toys for Tots" and "Adopt-a-Family" program is in full swing and will end on November 11th for Thanksgiving assistance and November 17th for Christmas assistance. Applications will be available inside the center office, J.A.M.A. food pantry and during the Hope Food Distribution on November 12th. Anyone needing to sign up for assistance or interested in helping Greeneview area families in need may contact the center office.

The J. T. Band has begun regular practice again and is getting ready for the annual requests for a variety of music, as well as holiday music performances at local nursing homes, civic organizations and other local groups. The group is always looking to add additional musicians in all areas of instrumentation (clarinet, flute, trumpet, tuba, trombone, French horn, etc.). Musicians do not have to be residents of the Greeneview area to join. Any musicians, living in the Greene County area, can participate. Those interested in joining the

group or booking a performance, may contact the resource center at 937-675-2697. Practices are held inside the center office.

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

Report not available, will distribute at meeting 11/7/11 (if available).

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

ODH pulled compliance information in following three areas, Timely Receipt of Services, 45-Day and Transition. ODH would analyze one of the three areas for all 88 counties. The area chosen for Greene County was 45 days. This is the requirement that all Developmental screenings, Developmental Evaluations and IFSP if determined eligible has to occur within 45 days from the date of referral. This requires extensive collaboration with the Board of DD/Four Oaks program that administers the developmental evaluation and determines a child's eligibility status. Greene County was found to be at 100% compliance in this area. Thanks to all of the staff at both the Greene County Combined Health District and Four Oaks E.I. for working so hard to coordinate these services for families.

ODH is also mailing surveys to all Part C families to obtain parent's opinion about knowing their rights, helping their child learn and grow and whether or not services received have been helpful. Both the compliance analysis and the surveys are used in the report due to the Office of Special Education in February.

One of the Service Coordinators, Kiantha Higgins, will be leaving the Health District. The Health District is in the midst of reviewing resumes and will begin interviews next week to fill the position.

HMG has received payments in both State General Revenue dollars for Home Visiting and General Revenue dollars for Part C.

As of October 1st, 317 Part C children are being served, 28 children receiving Home Visitation Services.