

GREENE COUNTY FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST

PROGRAM REPORT

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

CORS' new parent educator, Libby Powers, has started home visits. I met with Libby and Wayne Floyd in September to review the OCTF application and to discuss the program in general. Libby is currently certified to work with children ages 0-3 and training for the 4-5 ages group is scheduled. CORS is developing a screening tool to help identify families likely to both need and benefit from PAT programming.

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

The Family Resource Center's Kids' Club was held eight (8) times in August by FRC staff at Bayberry. One session was boys only & friends. The Kids' Club summer feeding program served 216 meals to youth this month with the assistance of area churches & community members. The total meals served for the summer was 776 (33% increase from last year) with an average of 19 youth attending each lunch session. Staff incorporated a menu during the final lunch holding a "mystery menu" luncheon in which youth had to use sleuthing and memory when ordering. PFS held their annual Back to School Party for Middle School youth (over 50 youth participated) and their subgroup Triple D/Don't Do Drugs painted over improper messages and pictures at a local playground. Staff met with Lisa Cron, ESC, to plan for next school year's Pride Club as well as Sodexo & community members for a four session Etiquette, Attitude, and Food club to be held at the Middle School.

Since SFY 2011 began (July 1) staff has worked with 150 PRC qualifying families. The Hand-Up Program continues in which incoming qualifying community members earn items versus receiving a hand-out. Clients exchange enrichment credits for items through working, continuing education, volunteering, family education classes, having their children in after-school activities or a preschool program, and so forth. Credits earned and not exchanged for items go into a "savings program" with the possibility of clients earning prizes for saved credits. Forty-six (46) families received assistance through the Backpack, School Supply, & Clothing Program, with a total of 93 youth receiving such assistance (this is comparable with last year's data). The ministerial food pantry served a record number of 32 families in August (132 family members – 49 adults, 83 children). Due to the continued increase in food pantry usage, staff began a coupon program for community members, with plans that the majority of this program is managed by volunteers by October 1st. For the third year staff collaborated with Sugarcreek Police Chief Flick, the Ministerial Association, and local farmers to provide a FREE Farmer's Market for center clients. The program was held twice in August. Seventeen (17) families with 81 individuals received assistance in this program with surplus going to the Family Violence Prevention Center. Resource Center volunteers continue to pick up and package donations from Kroger and Panera bakeries for the pantry. Staff continues involvement in the local Chamber of Commerce and partnership with Hannah's Treasure Chest.

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

September 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 currently not keeping up with the demand for food assistance. Many of the shelves are bare

or nearly bare, with many items unavailable that are desperately needed by local families. Employment opportunities are still limited for local residents and many residents have recently experienced job loss or a reduction in hours. The monthly Hope Foundation food distribution (on the 2nd Saturday of each month) continues, with the next food distribution on Saturday, October 8th at the Jamestown United Methodist Church. The program will be going paperless, beginning in October, and each head of household will receive a card with a magnetic strip, to be swiped through a computer system on distribution day. The Methodist church will again be offering the free monthly community meals, beginning on Wednesday, September 28th from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. and will continue on the last Wednesday of every month through December 28th. The weekly after school kids clubs resumed on September 12th for boys (every Monday) and September 13th (every Tuesday) for girls. Currently, we still 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 will begin on October 8th 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 October 8th and 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 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 performed, for the 10th year, in the Bean Festival Parade on Saturday, September 17th and enjoyed entertaining the local crowds. 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, can contact the resource center at 675-2697. Practices will be held inside the center office.

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

Family Stability

FCSS funds for SFY 2012 have been requested but not yet been received. We are expecting the first installment to arrive any day now. Below are listed some final statistics for FCSS 2011:

Initial award amount:	\$37,385.07
Award amount utilized:	\$36,670.23 (98%)
	\$30,423.93 direct service (83%)
	\$ 6,246,30 service coordination (17%)

of families served: 24 (55 children) – 3 families were SC only

Direct Service breakdown:

Camps (inc. respite weekends)	\$15,447.00 (42%)
Respite (in-home or FC)	\$ 9,873.84 (27%)
Social/Rec activities	\$ 3,417.14 (9%)
Transportation	\$ 162.00 (.4%)
Safety (door alarms)	\$ 75.95 (.2%)
Other	\$ 1,448.00 (4%)

Background checks, Interpreter services, Housecleaning (1), Play structure (1)

Average cost per family (excluding SC); \$1,448.76 (Range of \$22 - \$6,091)

***Of the 21 families that received direct services other than SC, 8 children (38%) have gone or are going into out-of-home placements including children from the two most costly families. These 8 youth consumer 39% of the direct service dollars. In each case SC delayed but did not prevent the placement. Discussion is taking place to decide if there may be more effective ways of utilizing these dollars.**

Shared Youth Placements

There are currently two youth in shared funded residential placements. A third youth is waiting for an appropriate placement to be identified. One youth is expected to step down in the next week but shared funding will continue in order to support in-home services needed to maintain the youth in the community.

There are currently six additional youth in CSB only-funded placements, with one more waiting for an appropriate placement to be identified. There is an additional youth who is waiting for a level of care determination to be made, but it is likely that residential level of care will be decided upon due to the severity of the youth's behaviors and the danger he poses to others. With an expected discharge and the new placements mentioned, that will bring the expected number of residential placements, shared funded or solely funded by CSB, to 10 in the next few weeks. This is a higher number than seen for several months. In addition, there were two youth singly placed by juvenile court. The current status of these youth is not known.

HELP ME GROW – PAM HAMER – 937-562-5611

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