



AGENCY: American Red Cross – Russell County Chapter

PROGRAM NAME: Blood & Volunteer Services

PRIORITY AREA: Promoting Health, Wellness & Healing

Blood is drawn in chapters and other host locations throughout the nation, tested and processed for transfusion in Regional Blood Centers, and distributed to hospitals throughout the country. The local chapter hosts blood drives, coordinates scheduled volunteer participation at upcoming drives, recruits local donors, and supports Blood Services with local resources and contacts. The Russell County Chapter is a participating chapter in the Alabama and Gulf Coast Region headquartered in Birmingham. The scheduling of drives, scheduling of collection staff, and the actual collection of blood for our chapter is done from the Regional Blood Center in Montgomery, AL.

AGENCY: American Red Cross – Russell County Chapter

PROGRAM NAME: Emergency Services

PRIORITY AREA: Disaster Relief and Access to Community Resources

1. **DISASTER SERVICES** - This program seeks to alleviate the suffering of disaster victims and provides relief to these victims by providing mass care (sheltering, feeding, and clothing), health services, mental health counseling, and family assistance. We also provide training and education to help people prevent, prepare for and respond to disasters.
2. **SERVICE TO ARMED FORCES (SAF)** - This program assists members of the armed forces and their families, as required by the congressional charter, with emergency communications assistance with financial problems, and counseling.
3. **ENERGY ASSISTANCE Project S.H.A.R.E.** - This program assists elderly and disabled low income clients with heating or cooling bills.

AGENCY: American Red Cross – Russell County Chapter

PROGRAM NAME: Health & Safety Services

PRIORITY AREA: Promotes Health, Wellness & Healing

This program of training and education prepares people to take care of themselves and others in emergencies. Our goal is to make these training courses available to all who want to take them. We accomplish this goal by making training available through the work place, churches, day care centers, schools, colleges, and general community. We also offer blended learning online so that people can take courses at their convenience and then come to the office for their one-on-one skills test and certification at a time of their choosing.

AGENCY: American Red Cross West Central Georgia Chapter

PROGRAM NAME: Community & Biomedical Services

PRIORITY AREA: Disaster Relief and Access to Community Resources

Red Cross volunteers and staff support the Red Cross mission round the clock- helping people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies and providing a safe, adequate blood and plasma supply for the communities served.



AGENCY: American Red Cross West Central Georgia Chapter

PROGRAM NAME: Emergency Services

PRIORITY AREA: Disaster Relief and Access to Community Resources

The American Red Cross--through its network of chapters, service delivery units and national headquarters operations--provides emergency services 24/7 to people affected by disasters. When a disaster threatens or strikes, every volunteer and staff member responds by providing food, clothing, shelter, health services and mental health services to address the immediate disaster caused needs of the disaster victims. Red Cross Emergency Services assists concerned family members outside the disaster area with disaster inquiries (DWI). Community education on disaster preparation is provided by conducting briefings, giving preparedness presentations, and supplying brochures and educational material to individuals, civic groups, and schools. Red Cross provides Emergency Services 24/7 to the members of our Armed Forces and their families to meet their needs in times of personal crisis, as mandated-but not funded-by our congressional charter. We conduct deployment briefings to military members and their families, as well as newcomer's briefings. Our services to military families include providing over 70 volunteers to support Martin Army Community Hospital, the post libraries, and various other locations at Fort Benning.

AGENCY: American Red Cross West Central Georgia Chapter

PROGRAM NAME: Health and Safety Services

PRIORITY AREA: Disaster Relief and Access to Community Resources

Red Cross Health and Safety courses give people the knowledge and skills needed to confidently respond in an emergency without jeopardizing their own safety. Courses--including CPR, lifeguarding and water safety, Automated External Defibrillator (AED), Instructor Training, Babysitter Training and Basic First Aid training--provide the education and training needed to help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies and life threatening events. At Ft. Benning the Red Cross trains lifeguards and water safety instructors who give Red Cross swimming lessons and water safety briefings to military personnel. Red Cross Instructor Training Courses train new instructors which increases the numbers trained in Red Cross courses while providing a cost effective way to leverage company resources. Classes are taught in local schools to help children learn basic skills and reinforce basic hygiene principles, potentially helping to prevent the spread of illnesses throughout the community

AGENCY: Boys & Girls Clubs of the Chattahoochee Valley

PROGRAM NAME: Character and Leadership Development

PRIORITY AREA: Helping Children and Youth Succeed

This program focuses on helping youth to grow into caring and productive citizens. By instilling the importance of being a person of good character and giving the opportunity to practice being a leader, we hope to see youth take control of their future. This program is a key component to what Boys & Girls Clubs has to offer youth during the critical time afterschool and during those long summer months and crucial for providing youth with a safe place to learn and grow.



AGENCY: Boys & Girls Clubs of the Chattahoochee Valley

PROGRAM NAME: Education & Career Development

PRIORITY AREA: Helping Children and Youth Succeed

The Education and Career Development program helps youth create aspirations for the future and provides opportunities for career exploration and educational enhancement. Our goals are that youth complete their homework assignments on a daily basis helping them to build good study habits and to become proficient in computer and Microsoft Office use through the Power Hour, Project Learn and Skill Tech Programs. Through these activities we also aim to get youth thinking of possible careers fields.

AGENCY: Boys & Girls Clubs of the Chattahoochee Valley

PROGRAM NAME: Health & Life Skills

PRIORITY AREA: Helping Children and Youth Succeed

The Health and Life Skills Program develops young people's capacity to engage in positive behaviors that nurture their own well-being, encourages them to set personal goals and helps them develop the competencies to live successfully as self-sufficient adults. Through this program youth learn crucial decision making skills that can help them avoid ATOD (Alcohol Tobacco and other Drugs), sexual promiscuity and avoid engaging in gang and other illegal activity. Through programs like SMART Moves (Skills Mastery And Resistance Trainig) and Worth the Wait, young people learn techniques that stay with them throughout adulthood to keep them happy and healthy.

AGENCY: Boys & Girls Clubs of the Chattahoochee Valley

PROGRAM NAME: Sports, Fitness & Recreation

PRIORITY AREA: Helping Children and Youth Succeed

The Sports, Fitness and Recreation program is a dynamic wellness program offered at the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Chattahoochee Valley that demonstrates how eating right, keeping fit and forming positive relationships add up to a healthy lifestyle.

AGENCY: Boys & Girls Clubs of the Chattahoochee Valley

PROGRAM NAME: The Arts

PRIORITY AREA: Helping Children and Youth Succeed

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Chattahoochee Valley Arts Program enables youth to develop creativity and cultural awareness through knowledge and appreciation of visual and tactile arts/crafts, performing arts and creative writing. Members have the opportunity to participate in field trips and tours of historical and cultural sites, observe and taught by professionals artists, attend performing arts events, perform in talent shows and other club events as well as have their work displayed in our Annual Fine Arts Exhibit.

Through this program, members have the opportunity to use computers to create works of art and multimedia presentations, as well as digitally manipulated graphics, photography and video clips. Special events are planned and conducted regularly to generate enthusiasm for the arts and to expose young people to the arts of diverse cultures. The Arts can transform the educational environment, making learning a lively and invigorating experience.

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AGENCY: Chattahoochee Council, Boy Scouts of America

PROGRAM NAME: Scouting

PRIORITY AREA: Helping Children & Youth Succeed

Scouting is delivered through den meetings and troop meetings on a weekly basis.

Goals for success are based on the following:

- Advancement
- Camping
- Service projects

AGENCY: Columbus Community Center

PROGRAM NAME: Youth Development

PRIORITY AREA: Helping Children & Youth Succeed

The Columbus Community Center provides year round intervention and preventive activities for youth in grades K-8 to include individualized homework assistance, cultural enrichment, social/behavioral skills, conflict resolution and educational opportunities.

AGENCY: Columbus Hospice, Inc.

Columbus Hospice is a partner agency receiving donations specifically dedicated to their organization. The mission of Columbus Hospice is to provide physical, emotional, social and spiritual support to individuals with a life-limiting illness, and their family members. The Interdisciplinary team focuses on pain and symptom management to enhance the quality of life in the final stages. Hospice care is given in the patient's home or home-like setting without regard to diagnosis, cultural diversity, or ability to pay.

AGENCY: EASTER SEALS WEST GEORGIA, INC.

PROGRAM NAME: Therapeutic Care and Education for Children & Adults with Disabilities

PRIORITY AREA: Economic Self-Sufficiency and Independence

Easter Seals West Georgia, Inc. (ESWG) is a therapeutic care and education program where children and adults with disabilities or special needs are encouraged to achieve their optimum level of independence. Staff target areas of growth through daily implementation of goals, such as, motor skills (sitting up, crawling, walking, wheelchair mobility, etc.), speech (expressing desires / needs, feeding, etc.) and life skills (socialization, cooking, personal hygiene, cleaning, etc.). Physical, occupational and speech therapies are also incorporated into the daily activities to enhance each participant's individual abilities and outcomes.

AGENCY: Feeding the Valley Food Bank

PROGRAM NAME: Food Distribution

PRIORITY AREA: Providing Basic Human Needs

The Food Distribution Program is responsible for servicing the charitable food needs of families and individuals within the boundaries set by Feeding America, The National Network of Food Banks. In the event of a disaster the Food Bank collaborates with Feeding America, The American Red Cross and Food Bank's across the U. S. to provide personnel, product, storage and transportation.



AGENCY: Feeding the Valley Food Bank

PROGRAM NAME: Kids' Café

PRIORITY AREA: Providing Basic Human Needs

Kids Café provides needy children with nutritious evening meals in safe accessible locations. This is done by partnering with the Columbus Housing Authority, area charitable organizations and churches. They provide the locations and in some cases staff and volunteers and we prepare and deliver the meals. The locations are within walking distance of their schools or homes.

AGENCY: Girls Incorporated of Columbus and Phenix-Russell

PROGRAM NAME: Education

PRIORITY AREA: Helping Children & Youth Succeed

Girls Inc. educational programming is provided year-round by trained staff in a supportive, single gender environment which helps girls acquire knowledge, skills, behavior and attitudes that will encourage them to become good citizens. Girls participate in an array of educational programs (Women's History, Operation SMART, Economic Literacy, Careers, etc.), under the guidance of trained facilitators. Girls are encouraged to participate in positive, educational programs that help girls realize their potential and obtain the self-confidence to strive for educational and career goals. Girls learn the negative consequences of delinquent behavior and ultimately choose a positive path toward a productive future. Girls participating in these activities will avoid risky situations during the high-risk after school and summer hours. The likelihood of girls avoiding delinquent activities is significantly increased when they are provided safe, interesting, educational activities supervised by caring adults.

AGENCY: Girls Incorporated of Columbus and Phenix-Russell

PROGRAM NAME: Health

PRIORITY AREA: Helping Children & Youth Succeed

The Girls Inc. Preventing Adolescent Pregnancy program is offered year round by trained staff in a supportive, single gender environment which provides knowledge, skills, behavior, and attitudes that encourage them to delay sexual activity and pregnancy past the teen years and encourage their peers to do so as well.

AGENCY: Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia, Inc.

PROGRAM NAME: Leadership Development Experience

PRIORITY AREA: Helping Children & Youth Succeed

The Girl Scout Leadership Development Experience is designed for girls ages 5-17. This research-based, age-appropriate programming teaches girls three keys of leadership: girls **discover** themselves and their values and use their knowledge and skills to explore the world; girls **connect** as they learn to care about, inspire and team with others; girls **take action** to make the world a better place. The Girl Scout Leadership Development Experience is made up of "leadership journeys" that teach girls to lead today. The program encourages girls to take increasing responsibility for designing and implementing activities, and results in many opportunities for them to see how their actions impact the lives of others.



AGENCY: Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia, Inc.

PROGRAM NAME: Outdoor Program

PRIORITY AREA: Helping Children & Youth Succeed

The Girl Scout outdoor program provides contemporary activities that challenge girls spiritually, physically, mentally and socially. Our girls are exposed to creative outdoor challenges that encourage them to try new things and develop to their full potential. Provided as council-wide events or in day camp and resident camp formats, the Girl Scout camping experience is an outdoor extension of what girls learn through their Leadership Development Experience. It is an outdoor educational experience that enhances the Girl Scout's skill development and outdoor recreational development, while instilling healthy habits and an appreciation for the environment. Most importantly, Girl Scout camp provides a group setting that challenges girls to develop an appreciation of diversity and multi-cultural understanding through interaction with girls from diverse backgrounds. This interaction teaches girls to make new friends and develop teamwork.

AGENCY: Goodwill Industries of the Southern Rivers, Inc.

Goodwill Industries is a partner agency receiving donations specifically dedicated to their organization.

Goodwill is a social enterprise because it generates revenue from retail stores, custodial cleaning contracts, ice cream franchise and recycling partnership, in turn using the money to fund its career centers as well as its job training, placement and advancement programs. Together, these mission based programs ease poverty and unemployment, positively impacting economic stability.

AGENCY: Homeless Resource Network, Inc.

PROGRAM NAME: Homeless Services

PRIORITY AREA: Economic Self-Sufficiency and Independence

The HRN strives to engage homeless clients in services to increase self-sufficiency and independence. The goal of the Homeless Services program is to increase self-sufficiency for each client. Experiencing homelessness creates a number of barriers to everyday life: no address, no phone or point of contact, and difficulty with transportation, personal hygiene, shelter, food and transportation. The HRN provides information and referral, and a place to receive mail, make and receive phone calls and a place to store personal belongings.

AGENCY: Homeless Resource Network, Inc.

PROGRAM NAME: Housing Stabilization

PRIORITY AREA: Providing Basic Human Needs

The Housing Stabilization program serves people at risk of homelessness due to the loss of income either through a loss of a job, a reduction in hours worked or illness. It also assists homeless families (households with minor dependents) regain housing as swiftly as possible. The program is designed to help those whose incomes are temporarily reduced to maintain their housing, not to provide ongoing assistance to those whose expenses are greater than their incomes.

AGENCY: Homeless Resource Network, Inc.

PROGRAM NAME: HOPWA Program (Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS)

PRIORITY AREA: Promoting Health, Wellness and Healing

The HOPWA program provides short-term rent, mortgage and utility assistance to those who are HIV+, low income and have a need. The goal is to provide short-term interventions that help maintain stable living environments for households who are experiencing a financial crisis as a result of issues arising from their HIV/AIDS condition. The program aims to reduce the risk of homelessness and improve access to health care and other support.

AGENCY: Hope Harbour

PROGRAM NAME: Shelter and Services

PRIORITY AREA: Promoting Health, Wellness and Healing

Emergency shelter and services are provided for women and children in a 39 bed facility. Because the location is protected by court mandate and 24 hour staff monitors surveillance, victims are assured safety while they recover from the trauma of abuse and learn life skills that lead to independent living. Support services of counseling, legal advocacy, and referral for housing, jobs, education, health care, child care, and transportation are available through staff, volunteers, and community partners. The 24 hour crisis line provides emotional support, resources, referrals, and safety planning to victims throughout the country.

AGENCY: House of Restoration

PROGRAM NAME: Restoration

PRIORITY AREA: Providing Basic Human Needs

The Restoration Program provides services to the homeless in the Phenix City/Columbus metropolitan area. Each resident reviews and jointly establishes their goals with the intake counselor designating specific time frames to accomplish each goal. The shelter program is the first step in a continuum of care designed to move individuals and families to pre-homeless conditions. Services provided are essential services, health care, counseling, job training, life skills, budget management, parenting, Literacy training, and mentoring with four sub-components including early childhood mentoring, childhood, teen mentoring and mentoring for men and women.

AGENCY: The House of T.I.M.E., Inc. (This I Must Earn)

PROGRAM NAME: The House of T.I.M.E., Inc.

PRIORITY AREA: Promoting Health, Wellness & Healing

Provides quality, long-term, residential treatment in a structured, community based environment to addicted, homeless women over eighteen. The four phase specialized program is up to twenty-four months in duration. Each resident is provided the opportunity to address issues such as sexual, physical and emotional abuse, lack of education and poor health care while teaching her the life skills needed for independent living and social adjustment.

AGENCY: Marion County Family Connection

PROGRAM NAME: Marion Midnight Basketball

PRIORITY AREA: Helping Children & Youth Succeed

The Midnight Basketball Program offers youth and young adults (ages 13-19) a safe place to play basketball and the opportunity to participate in a program focused on developing a positive lifestyle. Basketball is the "HOOK" to encourage participation by the young women and young men.

AGENCY: Muscogee County Autism Support Group

PROGRAM NAME: Autism Hope Center (AHC)/Preschool Model Autism Program & Demonstration Site

PRIORITY AREA: Helping Children and & Youth Succeed

The AHC Early Childhood Model Program was conceptualized based on the latest autism research and meets the critical dimensions set forth by the National Research Council, commissioned at the request of the U.S. Department of Education. The integrated model of intervention provides (a) an inclusive program day with typically developing peers; (b) data-driven Individualized Education Plans with detailed monthly progress reports to parents; (c) positive, proactive strategies to address challenging behaviors; and (d) focus on communication, independence, and functional outcomes. The AHC Early Childhood Demonstration Site (a) addresses the critical shortage of qualified professionals to serve individuals with autism through training and internship opportunities; and (b) provides opportunities for research, publication, and information dissemination.

AGENCY: New Life Center for Change

PROGRAM NAME: Teen University (Developing Youth In Crisis)

PROGRAM AREA: Helping Children & Youth Succeed

A full written ISP is completed for each youth within 21-days of arrival. The ISP is tailored to the specific needs of each youth and is a critical component of the program because it details assessment for medical, social, psychological and strength and needs specific to each youth. The ISP assessment is necessary to establish realistic and effective goals, objectives and behavior management methods that each youth will work towards accomplishing during their transitional program period. The ISP has a dual purpose: to provide intervention services early to reduce risk of onset or delay the onset of emotional and behavioral problems for some youth; and to identify those youth who already have moderate behavioral problems and to ensure that they receive appropriate referral, treatment, and follow-up services. As part of the initial ISP process, project staff develops permanent placement goals for each youth. The ISP includes the service component, the frequency and amount of services and the responsible person that will carry out the service. Below is a sample of the service components that are identified in the Individual Service Plan (ISP). Youth will receive individual therapy, group therapy, basic skills training, educational training, Substance abuse education/prevention, and other supportive services as needed. Finally, the ISP provides the desired outcomes of the services that will be provided for each youth.

AGENCY: Open Door Community House

PROGRAM NAME: Children and Youth

PRIORITY AREA: Helping Youth and Children Succeed

The Children and Youth Program at Open Door Community House, Inc. provides quality after school and full-day spring break, summer and holiday camps that provide spiritual growth, academic enrichment, tutoring in all subjects, recreational activities, arts and crafts and positive reinforcement through cultural and social activities to create attainable goals for children and youth ages 5-18.

There are two main components of the Children and Youth Program:

After School Program: provides a safe and structured program for children and youth. Program strategies include: tutoring opportunities four times a week, daily homework assistance, daily educational opportunities, Kid's Café (in collaboration with Second Harvest Food Bank for a hot nutritious meal Monday through Thursday), a snack on Friday, arts and crafts, field trips, Bible studies, community service projects, cultural awareness activities, adventure recreation, Mini-Classes to include: Introduction to Chess (local volunteer), Basketball, Volleyball and Soccer (local volunteers).

Camps: Spring Break Camp – a full five day camp. Program strategies include theme related activities emphasizing cultural, educational and recreational opportunities. **Summer Academy** - nine to ten week

camp. Program strategies include structured, safe, creative and educational activities designed for learning and physical health and wellness. Program highlights include: reading, adventure recreation, field trips, cultural arts, hands on learning, Bible studies, arts and crafts, life skills training and creative learning models to help students prepare for K-1st Grade. **Holiday Camp** – a full day camp during the MCSD Winter Break, with the exception of Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, the day after Christmas and New Year's Day. Program strategies include theme related activities emphasizing community service and cultural opportunities.

AGENCY: Open Door Community House, Inc.

PROGRAM NAME: Showering Program for the Homeless

PRIORITY AREA: Providing Basic Human Needs

The Showering Program for the Homeless is the only program of its kind in the Chattahoochee Valley and surrounding area. It offers basic services of showers for unsheltered homeless men and women four days per week to meet the increasing needs of unsheltered Individuals. Program participants may take a shower two of the four days offered. If a program participant has a scheduled interview or gains employment, every effort is made to accommodate the individual and provide additional showering services as needed. The program also offers personal hygiene items, a light nutritious breakfast, a change of clothing through the Clothing Bank, a ministry of Open Door Community House, Inc., referrals to other community service providers and programs including Community Case Management services for homeless women and an incentive program through which program participants may receive hair cuts and use of the laundry facility to wash and dry their personal laundry. Also, while in the program, participants have access to a telephone, computer to prepare resumes and apply for employment online, and are offered informative sessions with guest speakers based on availability addressing various topics. Unsheltered individuals are referred to the program through the Homeless Resource Network, Inc., local churches, self-referral and other service providers. All unsheltered individuals who participate in the program are assisted with vital services that increase their potential of becoming employed and eventually gaining housing and becoming self-sufficient. All services are provided at no cost to the program participants.

AGENCY: Open Door Community House, Inc.

PROGRAM NAME: Transition Home for Women in Crisis

PRIORITY AREA: Providing Basic Human Needs

The Transition Home for Women in Crisis is designed to assist unaccompanied homeless women who sincerely want to improve their lives. It is a twelve-bed facility at Open Door Community House, Inc., and has provided emergency and transitional housing to unaccompanied homeless women in excess of twenty years. The goal of the program is to provide long-term transitional shelter, living support and case management services for unaccompanied homeless women with a focus on transitioning into permanent housing. It provides a spiritual, encouraging, motivating, secure, nurturing, structured home-like living environment making it possible for unaccompanied women experiencing a variety of crises to become self-sufficient and move into and sustain permanent housing. Unaccompanied homeless women who are 18 years and above, and who have no other housing options, are served. The Transition Home offers individual goal setting, crisis stabilization, independent living instruction (cooking, simple repairs, housekeeping, laundry, etc.), and information and referrals. Each resident is required to be employed, actively and aggressively seeking employment, in an education program, or participating in a substance abuse day treatment program.

AGENCY: Russell County Child Advocacy Center, Inc.

PROGRAM NAME: Child Advocacy Program

PRIORITY AREA: Promoting Health, Wellness and Healing

The Child Advocacy Program provides services to children between the ages of 0-18 who are victims of sexual or severe physical abuse, maltreatment or neglect. Services are provided at no cost to the family and services are provided until termination of treatment /services is agreed upon by the Multidisciplinary team on child abuse, the counselor, and/or the parent/guardian of the victim. There may be circumstances when a parent/guardian chooses to terminate services despite recommendation of the MDT or counselor. There may also be situations when it is beneficial for the counselor to terminate with the client and/or his/her family, for non-compliance, personal or professional conflicts. Although children below two years of age are victims of abuse, in most cases, these children will not be able to verbalize their abuse during an interview. These cases are however, reviewed by the MDT in order to ensure prosecution of the offender if warranted. There is no specific timeline for which services will end. Due to the nature of treatment for child abuse victims, it is difficult to provide an approximation of the duration of service. Assessments are used to determine reduction in stress of children terminating service and conviction of offenders determines the overall success of the prosecution of the case by the multi-disciplinary team.

AGENCY: Russell County Child Advocacy Center, Inc.

PROGRAM NAME: K.E.E.P. (Kids Engaged in Education and Prevention) Program

PRIORITY AREA: Helping Children and Youth Succeed

The K.E.E.P. Program adheres to a philosophy that provides children with skills that will help them develop a positive self-esteem and empower them in areas of personal safety. The K.E.E.P. Program focuses on building self-esteem in children and adolescents in order to prevent them from becoming victims of abuse. Skill development will be taught through experiential activity in order to effectively challenge existing thoughts, beliefs and feelings about sexual behavior. Change is an educational process that takes time and commitment. Therefore, the K.E.E.P. Program actively seeks to achieve the goal of permanent change from negative to positive thoughts, feelings and behavior through the use of intervention methods that teach, mentor, instill confidence and support children. Through K.E.E.P., children learn how to deal with their emotions in an appropriate and healthy manner. Group activities and psycho-education will be used to educate children, adolescents and other participants of the K.E.E.P. Program. The program utilizes pre-post tests to assess knowledge base and program effectiveness.

AGENCY: Russell County Child Advocacy Center, Inc.

PROGRAM NAME: STARS Program (Specialized Treatment for Adolescents without Residential Services)

PRIORITY AREA: Promoting Health, Wellness and Healing

The STARS Program provides services to children between the ages of 0-18 who are adjudicated with the Russell County Juvenile Court on a sexual offense or those who have been identified as a youth with sexual behavior problems. Services are provided at no cost to the family and services are provided until termination of treatment /services is agreed upon by the counselor, the support team and/or the court. In working with children and youth with sexual behavior problems, our agency implemented a Goal Oriented Approach, providing a holistic mode of treatment. Cognitive exercises and psycho-education will be used with both juveniles and the adults involved in the juvenile's social network. The STARS Program utilizes treatment techniques to teach youth to self-monitor, interrupt, and reframe thoughts, emotions, and stressors that result in inappropriate fantasies and related behaviors. Replacement behaviors including coping, social, problem solving, and relaxation skills will also be taught to help encourage

positive self-monitoring skills and consequence recognition. Using the replacement behaviors helps the adolescent deal with their behavior while keeping the community safe. The STARS program provides services for sexually reactive children in our community to include assessment, individual, family and group counseling to juveniles returning to the community from a residential program.

AGENCY: The Salvation Army
PROGRAM NAME: Emergency Shelter Program
PRIORITY AREA: Providing Basic Human Needs

The Salvation Army's Emergency Shelter plays a vital role in our community's continuum. Of care to support and assist homeless persons rebuild their lives. The Emergency Shelter addresses the immediate critical needs of homeless by providing safe, clean and comfortable living accommodations. It addresses longer term needs by providing case management. Services, referrals, mentoring, and spiritual instruction to assist those who are homeless Prepare for independent living make a fresh start in life. Without the services provided by the Emergency Shelter there would be a significant gap in our community's safety net for those who become homeless.

AGENCY: The Salvation Army
PROGRAM NAME: Home Sweet Home Case Management
PRIORITY AREA: Providing Basic Human Needs

The Salvation Army's Home Sweet Home Program provides critical financial aid to assist families whose livelihoods have been disrupted by loss of employment, illness or disaster.

AGENCY: The Stewart Community Home, Inc.
PROGRAM NAME: The Stewart Community Home, Inc.
PRIORITY AREA: Providing Basic Human Needs

STEWART COMMUNITY HOME, INC. is designed to provide safe permanent and transitional housing for adults not capable of completely caring for themselves due to mental illness, physical or intellectual disabilities. The Stewart Community Home also provides a fully staffed kitchen which serves three daily meals and two daily snacks, 7 days a week, a medical stabilization program, life skills training provided by qualified staff to increase deficits in basic living skills, case management to assess resident needs and link them to services, transportation to all appointments, and a work program for residents to increase their work related skills and assist them in resume writing and job search. The program is designed to teach skills that mental illness or physical deficiencies have affected, so that when a resident transitions out of our program they will be successful and will not return to homelessness.

AGENCY: The Family Center of Columbus, Inc.
PROGRAM NAME: Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Chattahoochee Valley
PRIORITY AREA: Helping Children & Youth Succeed

BBBS is a program that provides at-risk children with adult companionship, guidance, and positive role models. Studies show that children involved in our program are more self-confident, achieve higher grades, and are less likely to engage in violent or anti-social behaviors. BBBS provides service delivery through a unique case management model that matches, encourages, supervises, and tracks all mentoring relationships. Program services are grouped into three areas: Community-based (traditional) mentoring, School-based mentoring, and Mentoring Children of Prisoners (MCP). All three programs match children with a mentor to develop a long lasting relationship. The Community-based and MCP mentors spend time with the child doing various age appropriate, character development activities.

School-based mentors spend time at the child's school developing a relationship that impacts the child positively, both academically and socially. These matches are supervised and evaluated regularly.

AGENCY: The Family Center of Columbus, Inc.

PROGRAM NAME: Consumer Credit Counseling Service (CCCS) of West Georgia / East Alabama

PRIORITY AREA: Economic Self-Sufficiency and Independence

CCCS is a financial counseling and education program and provides services to support the financial well-being and stability of individuals and families. Clients who receive financial counseling and education services learn to solve financial problems, make informed financial decisions, and gain personal financial management skills. Professional and certified credit counselors help individuals and families achieve these goals by assisting them in planning a realistic budget. This is accomplished by analyzing personal financial data (i.e. monthly income, spending patterns, saving patterns) and providing advice on efficient money management methods. If credit problems are severe, counselors set up a debt repayment plan for the orderly reduction of debt. Other services offered to assist families in making informed financial decisions are: group financial literacy workshops; pre-purchase housing counseling; mortgage delinquency and/or foreclosure prevention assistance; credit report evaluations; free annual tax assistance services (VITA site for IRS); pre-bankruptcy counseling (required by federal law for persons considering bankruptcy); and bankruptcy debtor education programs (required by federal law for persons filing bankruptcy).

AGENCY: The Family Center of Columbus, Inc.

PROGRAM NAME: FAST (Families & Schools Together)

PRIORITY AREA: Helping Children & Youth Succeed

FAST is an evidence-based, family-focused, prevention/early intervention program for elementary students proven to reduce school drop-out and delinquency rates, improve parental involvement at school, reduce family conflict, prevent substance abuse, and provide protective factors needed to reduce the likelihood of youth gang involvement. FAST is unique, combining the best practices of family therapy, social sciences, educational research, and brain-development research with a trained team of community partners to deliver a multi-family group program. FAST is a two-year program that starts with an 8-week period of family activity sessions facilitated by a team of mental health partners, other community organization partners, school partners, parent partners, and volunteers. These weekly sessions involve highly-researched interventions that achieve the goals of improved parenting, improved family communication and cohesion, improved child performance at home and at school, increased parental involvement in the child's education, and improved social connectedness between families, between families and schools, and between families and social resources. FAST also creates a "culture shift" within the school that positively affects even non-participating families, creating a "ripple effect". The FAST families enjoy being in the schools and enjoy a true partnership with educators, which other families observe and emulate. After completing FAST, families continue to participate in the monthly FAST WORKS support program for two years. FAST WORKS is an ongoing, parent-led group designed to strengthen the gains achieved during FAST and reinforce the increasing social capital that families need to avoid the social isolation that breeds substance abuse, child abuse and neglect, and delinquency.



AGENCY: The Family Center of Columbus, Inc.

PROGRAM NAME: Family Counseling of Columbus (FCC)

PRIORITY AREA: Promoting Health, Wellness and Healing

FCC is a counseling/crisis response and education program that enhances clients' coping skills, improves their emotional/behavioral health, and strengthens relationships and family functioning. These goals are accomplished through the provision of counseling services (assessment, diagnosis, and treatment), educational services, and support group services. FCC insures that clients with chronic mental illness receive the ongoing support needed to prevent or minimize hospitalization, prevent suicide, and maintain functioning. The oldest counseling program in the community, FCC has served to promote healthier, more productive individuals, stronger families, and more resilient children for over 70 years. Through counseling services, therapeutic/support groups, parenting and anger management classes, divorcing parent seminars, and domestic violence intervention programs, we focus on stabilizing individuals and families in crisis. Special emphasis is given to children who are affected by trauma and who need help healing in order to achieve healthy development and later success. Evaluation, referral services, and education programs ensure that individuals and the community have access to the knowledge/resources needed to manage mental health and family concerns. Crisis services are provided to those affected by tragedies such as chronic illness, fires, natural disasters, violent crime, and suicide. Highly-trained professionals who are skilled in the areas of social work, psychology, counseling, family therapy, and crisis management provide all services. FCC is nationally-accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children, insuring that the program is held to the highest quality standards. No one is denied services because of an inability to pay, further distinguishing this program from others in the community.

AGENCY: Twin Cedars Youth Services, Inc.

PROGRAM NAME: Columbus Child Advocacy Center

PRIORITY AREA: Promoting Health, Wellness and Healing

The primary objective of the Children's Tree House CAC is to ensure children involved in child abuse investigations in the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit are not being further traumatized by the system designed to protect them. This is accomplished by conducting a professional forensic interview, in a child-friendly facility, in cooperation with community partners to reduce the likelihood of the child being asked to endure painful, repeated disclosures of the traumatic events to various interested parties during the course of the investigation and intervention processes. Unlike state and local government agencies, the CAC can provide services to all cases with credible disclosures or where there is deemed a reason to believe abuse has occurred, even when stringent state and criminal standards are not met. These children and families, particularly those with lower incomes or no health insurance, would often go without services essential to effective recovery. The CAC also seeks to increase awareness of child abuse issues by providing education to professionals and the community at large regarding signs and symptoms or child abuse, reporting requirements and procedures, and how to have open discussions about child abuse.

AGENCY: Twin Cedars Youth Services, Inc.

PROGRAM NAME: Chattahoochee CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)

PRIORITY AREA: Promoting Health, Wellness & Healing

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) are community volunteers that have completed 40 hours of training and are sworn-in by a juvenile court judge. CASAs are assigned to an abused or neglected child who has been removed from his/her caretakers. CASAs provide individualized advocacy services for children yielding a reduction of time the child spends in deprivation proceedings. This activity involves



researching the case prior to the hearing, interviewing all parties involved (child, parent(s), teachers, relatives, case workers, doctors, law enforcement, and others), reviewing records (school, medical, social services, criminal, and other relevant records), searing for potential relative placements, preparing the child for court, accompanying the child in court, preparing a written recommendation to the court, and requesting court reviews as needed to protect the child victim. The CASA program employs a coordinator who is responsible for the overall administrative duties of the program, including the recruitment, screening, training and supervision of the volunteers, as well as maintaining communications with the court. Georgia and National CASA standards require a volunteer supervisor for every 30 volunteers. The volunteer supervisor keeps in constant contact with the CASA volunteers and assists them with questions, concerns and the written court report.

AGENCY: Twin Cedars Youth Services, Inc

PROGRAM NAME: T.R.U.S.T. (Teaching, Reaching, Understanding & Strengthening Together)

PRIORITY AREA: Promoting Health, Wellness and Healing

The overall goal of the TRUST program is to decrease the number of incidences of child abuse and neglect for children age three and under in Muscogee County. The way that the TRUST Home Service Providers (HSP) achieve this goal is by educating young mothers who are at a higher risk for being perpetrators of child abuse and/or neglect. By using a nationally approved program, The Nurturing Program, the TRUST HSP are better able to attain that goal.

AGENCY: YMCA of Metropolitan Columbus

PROGRAM NAME: Character Development/Youth Sports & Aquatics

PRIORITY AREA: Helping Children & Youth Succeed

YMCA Character Development/Youth Sports and Aquatics programs approach character development of a diverse youth and teen population, through their interests in athletics and aquatics. These activities act as a conduit bringing participants into the mission based programs. Volunteer coaches and staff teach athletic and aquatic skills using lessons based on developing character: **caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility**, while having fun. These lessons help teach hard work through practice, success through improved skills, and opportunity to lead within their community. Improved sports and aquatic skills also create confidence, improved self-esteem, fitness, and safety for the participant and those around them. **Participation in afterschool sports activities assists in deterring delinquency and academic failure by providing juveniles an outlet for their leisure time.**

AGENCY: YMCA of Metro Columbus

PROGRAM NAME: Rearing Children & Youth-at-Risk

PRIORITY AREA: Helping Children & Youth Succeed

Through before and after school, day camping, and holiday camps, the YMCA offers parents a safe reliable, constructive alternative to daycare or latchkey situations. The YMCA gives access to affordable childcare alternatives that demonstrate quality, security, intellectual curiosity, creativity, and skill development. These programs also address the issues of character development through the, teaching of YMCA core values: caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility, in a fun, safe, caring, and nurturing environment that promotes appreciation of diversity. Additionally, assistance in furthering education and academic performance is a vital part of daily programming during the school year with focus on improved study habits and computer assisted tutorial. The middle school programs focus on character, education, and behaviors, thus increasing likelihood of high school graduation and effectively decreasing juvenile delinquency, and teen pregnancy. Activities are included to increase parental involvement.