

FY14 EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA LAKES REGION NEEDS ASSES

NEEDS	Clay	Dickinson	O'Brien	Osceola	STRENGTHS	CHALLENGES	COMMENTS
							Comments from individual surveys were put into the first marked area under that name.
AEA/EARLY ACCESS							
Parent Summit - May 2013	x	x	x	x			More Occupational Therapists, Literacy Supports, services available, increased communication with parents
ACCESS TO DIAPHERS/ WIPES							
DHS Supervisor		x	x	x			Available through Kids First at First Christian Church in Spencer butnot aware for other counties
AFFORDABLE HOUSING							
DHS Supervisor	x	x	x	x	Parent/Child Interaction Therapy used by several counselors and is effective	Funding stretched for all programs	BCBB and KIDS programs good for prevention, expansion of substance abuse programs by Seasons is good
Family Member 3		x					
Hope Haven Staff	x	x	x		Counties do try to network, but more communication is always helpful.		There is a lack of rental property

					Well organized website, ease to apply for services, timely responses		
Child Care Provider		x					
Child Care Provider	X						
DHS Advocate	x	x	x	x			
Susan Duhn		x					For young families
BCBB Family member		x					
BUDGETING CLASSES							
BCBB Nurse	X				Number of quality family support services available	Lack of social supports, role models, mentors for young, single moms and their partners	Seen as a need through ISU Extension focus group. Stats for Iowa: 44% report spending more than their income, 60% difficulty covering their expenses, 13% live in poverty, 39% single moms with children are poor, 56% carry credit card balances
BCBB Nurse				x			Families receive assistance but are not educated or held accountable
ISU Extension	x	x	x	x	ISU Extension offers budgeting classes but is a need		
DHS Advocate	x	x		x			
Hope Haven Staff	x	x					
CHILD CARE							
DHS Supervisor	x	x	x	x			Need quality childcare openings, especially infant and special needs or emergency care
Hope Haven Staff	x	x					Need evenings, overnights & weekends
BCBB nurse	x						Inadequate # of quality infant care

							Special need for infants and special needs. Out of 50+ providers listed on the DHS childcare site, none were tagged as accepting special needs. Families report difficulty finding quality child care.
BCBB Nurse	x						
Family Member 3		x					
KIDS Program	x	x	x	x	Clay, Dickinson & O'Brien work well together to facilitate needs	Osceola is difficult to get connected to resources	
Child Care Provider		x		x			
Child Care Provider	x						
DHS Advocate	x	x		x			
Priority One		x			WIC, Daycare directors collaborate, professional development	WIC marketing, programs are spread out thin	reduced day care prices, infant care needed and expensive
CPPC	x	x	x	x		Osceola has less resources and less involved	Infant care needed and expensive
Susan Duhn		x			Good schools, variety of preschools with some offering for 2 year olds	Many families with parents both working. Challenging for families to balance activities, work and find time for family.	infant care, night daycare
O'Brien Preschool			x				Quality Child care was an issue in the past
CLOTHING							
DHS Advocate				X			

COORDINATED INTAKE							
							Several programs are available but services are not coordinated, leaving duplication or gaps. A consistently updated data base for providers and families would be extremely helpful.
BCBB Nurse	X						
DHS Advocate	x	x	x	x			
COUNSELING							
DHS Supervisor	x	x	x	x			Struggle with quality BHIS services. Some really good, others are not effective
Child Care Provider	x						
							Many families are dealing with personal relationship issues and have no recourse for affordable or free counseling
BCBB Nurse	x						
DHS Advocate				x			
BCBB Family member		x					
CULTURAL CHALLENGES							
							Increasing Hispanic population. Often language barriers and reluctance to accept in-home services
BCBB Nurse				X			
DHS Advocate			x	x			
DENTAL							
BCBB NURSE	X						For parents without dental insurance

BCBB Nurse			x					we have very good cooperation and communication between programs and providers
Hope Haven Staff	x	x	x	x				We have limited services being a rural community but we have a heavy need. With the RTF in Sheldon, we do have a lot of drug traffic and other issues
BCBB Nurse				x				Lack of providers who accept Title 19
ISU Extension	x	x	x	x				No Title 19 providers
DHS Advocate				x				Dentists won't take Title 19 children
BCBB Family member		x						
DIVORCE								
School				x				Hard on the children and school dealing with the issues
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES	x	x	x	x				
DHS Supervisor	x	x	x	x				No more shelters in our counties. Limited programs due to funding
DHS Advocate				x				
Hope Haven Staff	x	x	x	x				Could use a shelter
DRUG, ALCOHOL, SUBSTANCE ABUSE								
BCBB Nurse	x							Lack affordable, accessible, local treatment facilities
BCBB nurse				x				
DHS Advocate				x				

Clay Public Health Needs Assessment 2012	x				BCBB educated on second hand smoke	Adults & youth	Multiple strategies with community partners to reduce substance abuse & binge drinking
O'Brien Public Health Needs Assessment 2013			x				Moderately high smoking & fairly high drug & alcohol problems
Lakes Region Community Needs Assessment 2013		x			Blue Zone		adult smoking 21% verses Iowa rate of 20%
Osceola Community Health Needs Assessment 213				x			Health priority
BCBB Family member		x					
EMERGENCY RENT ASSISTANCE							
BCBB nurse			x				used to be a program but not sure if still going
FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS							
Child Care Provider	x						
DHS Advocate	x			x			
BCBB Family member		x					
FATHERHOOD PROGRAMS							
BCBB Nurse	x						We lost a dentist who took Title 19. Many go to health clinic in Sioux Center.
DHS Supervisor	x	x	x	x			Used to be available till funding ran out
BCBB Nurse				x			
DHS Advocate	x	x	x	x			
BCBB nurse	x						
Parent Summit - May 2013	x	x	x	x			Services involve dads. Restart "Lifetime Dads" program.
BCBB Family member		x					
FOOD							
DHS Supervisor	x	x	x	x			Always families struggling to have enough

DHS Advocate			x	x			
O'Brien Head Start			x				Backpacks for school
FOSTER CARE							
BCBB Nurse	x						inadequate foster care in Clay leads to placement outside the community/county
BCBB Nurse			x				Many children have to go to other counties for services
Hope Haven Staff	x	x	x	x			Very few
DHS Supervisor	x	x	x	x			ongoing shortage. Children placed out of community and school
BCBB Nurse				x			Shortage of homes
DHS Advocate	x	x	x	x			
Clay CAC	x						low foster parents
HEAD START							
O'Brien Head Start			x				boots, eyeglasses, books, articles that teach fine motor skills for classroom and home
Head Start	x	x	x	x	Early Head Start in homes, lots of community, school, Lakeside Lab support	Drugs in home & prenataly. Family issues. Scholarships,	Behaviors, no 0-3 programs in Dickinson, need space or Head Start in Spirit Lake School, not integrated in schools -isolated from other kids
Parent Summit - May 2013	x	x	x	x			Need higher income guidelines, more classrooms, shorter waiting list
HEALTH & NUTRITION							
DHS Supervisor	x	x	x	x			Emergency vouchers for formula
Child Care Provider	X						
O'Brien - Terry			x				
Nurse	x						Obesity

Clay Public Health Needs Assessment 2012	x				BCBB encourages breast feeding	Continues to rise	Obesity - Multiple strategies with community partners to educate both adults & youth
O'Brien Public Health Needs Assessment 2013			x			Access to health care	#1 priority identified.
O'Brien Public Health Needs Assessment 2013			x				Obesity - Moderately high.
Osceola Community Needs Assessment 2013				x			Obesity, asthma & sexual health are Health priorities
HEALTH INSURANCE							
Child Care Provider	X						
Parent Summit - May 2013	x	x	x	x			Support person to help/advocate with Magellan system, higher reimbursement as incentive for Dr.'s and Dentist, allow to go out of state if closer
Clay Public Health Needs Assessment 2012	x						High health care costs & low availability of health insurance. Key problem identified but not addresses in their plan.
O'Brien Public Helath Needs Assessment 2013			x				Health care cost & insurance identified as 4th priority but not addresses in plan.
Hope Haven Staff	x	x	x	x			This is improving some with the new Iowa Wellness program, but awareness is limited
Family Member 3		x					
Lakes Region Community Needs Assessment 2013		x					Uninsured adults at 14% verses state rate of 13%
HOUSEHOLD ITEMS							
DHS Advocate	x	x		x			
HOUSING							
O'Brien Public Helath Needs Assessment 2013			x				Lack of housing & run down housing
IDENTIFYING CHILDREN WITH ISSUES							
Head Start	x	x	x	x			Medical and DHS

LANGUAGE BARRIERS							
Teacher				x			Parents know little English so hard to communicate
Hope Haven Staff							Agencies need access to interpreters.
LOW WAGES/ UNEMPLOYMENT							
O'Brien Public Health Needs Assessment 2013			x				Stated as a concern.
MEDICAL SPECIALIST							
BCBB Nurse	x						Pediatricians
DHS Supervisor	x	x	x	x			Pediatricians
Hope Haven Staff			x	x			The closest specialists are usually in Sioux City or Sioux Falls
Child Care Provider	X						
DHS Advocate				x			
O'Brien Public Health Needs Assessment 2013			x			Physician recruitment	#2 priority identified.
Lakes Region Community Needs Assessment 2013		x					Primary care Physician rate at 2,774:1 verses Iowa 1,492:1
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES							
BCBB Nurse	x						For children and adults
BCBB Nurse			x				2-3 month waiting list to get into services
DHS Supervisor	x	x	x	x			Mental Health system not effective for mentally ill children. Children end up in the welfare system and juvenile court as a result
BCBB Nurse				x			

					We have several MH services to offer people choices.		Children need affordable options for those not on Title 19.
Hope Haven Staff	x	x	x	x			
Child Care Provider	X						
DHS Advocate				x			
CPC & General Assistance	x				Good targeted case management, ministry affiliations cover services not met by the government, substance services	The disintegration of the family, exposure to poor parenting, lack of volunteers	For children and adults. Parents can't cope with children's needs
BCBB nurse	x						inadequate # of affordable, accessible services, lack of local treatment facilities for substance abuse
nurse	x						behaviors, autism
Osceola Community Needs Assessment 2013				x			Health priority
BCBB Family member		x					
MENTORING							
BCBB Nurse	x						
DHS Supervisor	x	x	x	x			
BCBB Nurse				x			
Child Care Provider	X						
Hope Haven Staff	x	x					Need free program i.e. Big Brother
DHS Advocate		x		x			
BCBB Nurses	x						need social supports
Parent Summit - May 2013	x	x	x	x			Use older kids to mentor younger ones

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS							
Clay Public Health Needs Assessment 2012	x					Death rate has doubled in last 3 years	Key problem identified but not addressed in their plan
Lakes Region Community Needs Assessment 2013		x					Motor vehicle death rate 21% verses Iowa rate of 15%
PARENT EDUCATION							
BCBB Nurse	X						Inadequate parent ed for at-risk families
BCBB Nurse				x		Many parents do not think they need assistance or education	
Child Care Provider	X						
Hope Haven Staff	x	x					
DHS Advocate	x	x	x	x			
Family Member 3		x					
O'Brien - Terry			x			Good start with preschool	
BCBB nurse	x						
CHAPCO		x				strong in-home programs, Dr"s asking broader questions, convenient care, good women Dr.s, Voluntary preschool for 4s	Insurance?
PRESCHOOL AND NURSERY SCHOOL							

KIDS PROGRAM	X	X	X	X			
DHS Supervisor	x	x	x	x			School grant pays for 4 years old but if 5, parents pay
Family Member 3		x					
DHS Advocate	x			x			
PREVENTATIVE SERVICES							
O'Brien Public Health Needs Assessment 2013			x				#3 priority identified. Educate on screenings and work with outreach providers to to determine prevention services needed.
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES/ PROGRAMS							
O'Brien sheriff			x		School Programs		for children
Priority One		x					Inside play and social areas
?		x			YMCA, Arnolds Park in summer, bike trails, beach, nature center	Y programs are expensive & during the work day	indoor play place
Parent Summit - May 2013	x	x	x	x			Encourage at Y or Dream Center or renovated site for parental support & family involvement
RESPIRE CARE							
KIDS PROGRAM	X	X	X	X			
BCBB nurse	x						Time Out Nursery used to be available and well utilized
BCBB nurse			x				Funding has been lost from the state but still needed
Hope Haven Staff	x	x					Need emergency respite for all kids, not just those on waiver

DHS Supervisor	x	x	x	x			Need for childcare providers to take children with behavioral issues
DHS Advocate	x		x	x			
O'Brien - Terry			x				
BCBB Nurse	x						
CHAPCO		X					Not eligible for Child Abuse prevention money after FY15 due respite not evidenced based
Parent Summit - May 2013	x	x	x	x			Like Time Out in Dickinson
RESOURCE DIRECTORY							
KIDS PROGRAM	X	X	X	X			
BCBB nurse				x			not available
Child Car Provider		x		x			
DHS Advocate	x		x	x			
Hope Haven Staff	x	x					
DHS Advocate	x	x	x	x			
SAFE ENVIRONMENT							
Clay Public Health Needs Assessment 2012	x						Quality of indoor air is problem related to 2nd hand smoke, mold & radon. Key problem identified but not addressed in their plan.
Clay Public Health Needs Assessment 2012	x						Poor surface water quality related to non-compliant septic systems, agriculture run off, & non-sewered communities. Key problem identified but not addressed in their plan.
SAFE WALK TO SCHOOLS							
Clay Public Health Needs Assessment 2012	x						Safe Routes Committee identified barriers & strategies. Improved with IWALK grant
SINGLE PARENTING							

Parent				x			Children get shifted around due to parents busy providing for them
SUPPORT GROUPS							
O'Brien - Terry			x				For special needs families
TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES							
Love INC			X	X	Love INC assists with transportation, household goods, parenting and life skills, budgeting, language, cooking classes, adult mentoring, transitional housing and backack program		Need training for specialized work
TRANSPORTATION							
KIDS PROGRAM	X	X	X	X			
BCBB Nurse			x				Getting to appointments is very difficult
DHS Supervisor	x	x	x	x			resources in rural area always limited
Hope Haven Staff	x	x	x	x			There is often a need to travel between communities to access services. There are not affordable options. TMS is not the most reliable or easy to work with.
BCBB nurse				x			No services outside of Sibley
Child Car Provider	X						

					Dickinson has Harley Rides, SLRT system	Lack of services in O'Brien & Osceola	
ISU Extension	x	x	x	x			
DHS Advocate				x			
Clay CAC	x						
CPPC	x	x	x	x			RIDES is \$4 one way
					BCBB supports new parents, Head Start helps low income families		
		x					
O'Brien Preschool			x				particularly mid-day
O'Brien Head Start			x				Mid-day transportation for Head Start

SMENT

STATISTICS	RESOURCES

