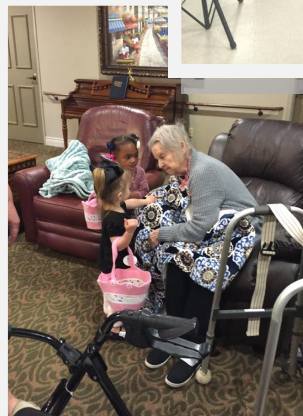




Cleveland County School District Cleveland County Head Start **COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT 2015-2016**



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Preface

2015-2016

Cleveland County School District/Cleveland County Head Start

Community Assessment Objective

The 2015-2016 CCSD/CCHS Community Assessment was conducted over a 12 week period from January through March 2016. In order to accomplish our objectives, we utilized several sources of data and several methods of data collection.

Information used to assemble an overview of the county was obtained primarily from data sources, which were assessed via the Internet or Publication available in the Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Advancement. In some cases, specific and timely information about the community was obtained by contacting local and state agencies. In some cases where the information was in the public domain, appearing in various forms and in various publications, an attempt was made to cite the source from which the data originated. Much of the information about CCSD/CCHS program was obtained through Head Start families, Head Start Managers, staff and members of collaborative agencies, as well as from the statistical reports generated by the Head Start program. Information about Head Start families was obtained by Parent Surveys, the Health Record Tracking System, and the PIR.

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Community Assessment Overview Section I

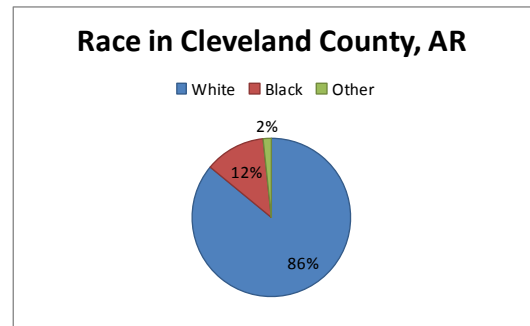
Demographics

This section describes the demographic area served by Cleveland County Head Start. Our program covers a service area of 598 miles with land that is mostly hills and curves. There are approximately 14.5 people per square mile living in Cleveland County. The county seat is located in downtown Rison.

Population

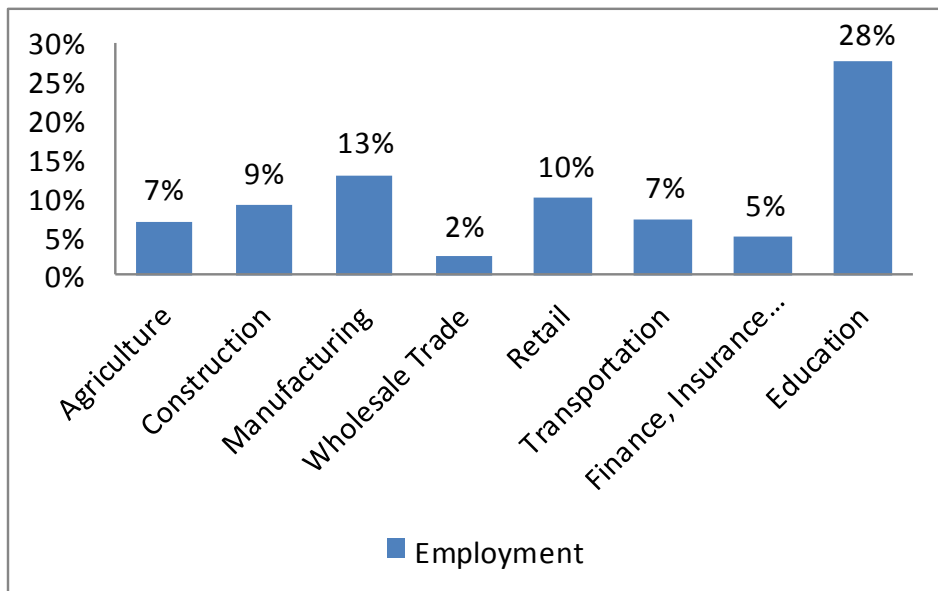
The total population for Cleveland County is 8,689. Since 2000, there has been an .09% increase. The majority of the population is located in rural areas, with 1,271 located in the city of Rison, and 449 located in the city of Kingsland.

Race		
White	Black	Other
87.6%	12.6%	1.7%



Economics

The industry in Southeast Arkansas consists of manufacturing, retail trade, educational, health, and social services.



Transportation

Transportation for Cleveland County is private. Union Pacific Railroad passes through the city of Rison and Kingsland but no stops are made.

The closest commercial airport is located in Little Rock, Arkansas which is about 70 miles north of Rison.

Labor Force Estimates

Employment Status	Number	Percentage
Population 16 years & over	6,829	100 %
In labor force	3733	54.7%
Employed	3,349	49%
Unemployed	384	5.6%
Armed Forces	0	0%
Not in Labor Force	3,096	45.3%
Children 6 to 17 years	1,405	100%
All parents in family in labor force	1,028	73.2%
Children under 6 years	547	100%
All parents in family in labor force	429	78.4%

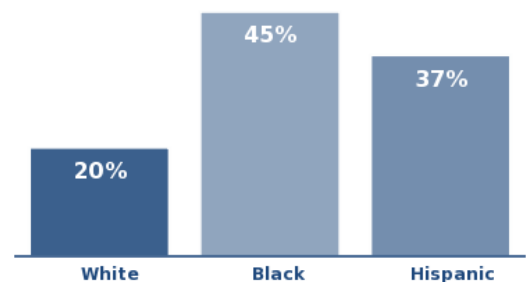
Information compiled from Census 2010

The mean travel time to work (commute) is 31.7 minutes. 29.6% of residents work within the county.

Arkansas Child Poverty Update

	Total	White	Black	Hispanic
Cleveland	594	345	249	34
County	27%	19.3%	67.3%	

Children in Poor Families in Arkansas, by Race, 2013



Information compiled from 2012 Arkansas Child Poverty Update

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Arkansas Demographic Profiles

Cleveland County Health

The Cleveland County Health Department is our primary health provider. The Health Department delivers basic health services such as monitoring, promoting, and protecting health and preventing diseases through education, regulation and the provision of health services.

- Our county has one clinic, Rison Family Practice.
- The Green House Cottages of Southern Hills Nursing Home, with a total of 75 beds.
- The nearest hospital is Jefferson Regional Medical Center located in Pine Bluff approximately 29 miles from Rison.

Only 58% of Arkansans live in communities that receive fluoridated water, compared to 62% nationally. None of the communities in Cleveland County receive fluoridated water. The national goal is 75%. 58.9% of Arkansans visited a dentist or dental clinic within a year's time compared to 67.9% nationally. There are only 58 pediatric dentists in Arkansas and the average number of people per dentist is 1 to 2,474 compared to 1 to 1,700 nationally.

Oral Health of Arkansas (3rd Graders) by Race	White	Black	Hispanic
Untreated Cavities	26%	34%	31%
Cavities Experience	61%	69%	69%
Needs Routine Care	26%	28%	27%
Needs Urgent Care	3%	5%	3%
Sealants Applied	31%	17%	28%

Leading Cause of Death	Percentage
Heart Disease	43%
Cancer	22%
Stroke	8%
Lung Disease	4.8%
Accidents	4.6%
Pneumonia & Influenza	2.7%
Diabetes	2.4%
Septicemia	1.7%
Alzheimer's	1.2%
Suicide	.8%
HIV	.8%

Homeless Families

School Level	Number of homeless children/youth enrolled in public school in Cleveland County
Pre-K	13
K	2
1	3
2	2
3	2
4	4
5	3
6	2
7	4
8	6
9	2
10	2
11	2
12	3
Total	37

Information obtained from LEA program data collection from 2010-2011.

Crime & Birth Rate

There was a total of 70 crimes reported in the county, Larceny-Theft being the largest with 29 and burglary the second largest with 25. Aggravated assault and motor vehicle thefts were also noted.

Since 1990 there has been little improvement in the number of low birth rate babies or in the number of births to teen mothers. However, there was a 48% drop in the number of mothers who did not receive Prenatal care in the first 3 months of pregnancy between 1991 to 1997.

TEA

The number of TEA (Transitional Employment Assistance) recipients in Cleveland County is 47 with 618 receiving Snap (Food Stamps) and 1897, receiving medical services (i.e, Medicaid, ARKids, and services for Pregnant women.)

The number of WIC recipients in Cleveland County is estimated to be approximately 100 families per month.

Education

There are three public schools in Cleveland County with an enrollment consisting of 48.9% in elementary, 27.3 % in high school, and 12.1% in college or graduate school. These public schools are located in Rison, Kingsland and Woodlawn.

Public school enrollment decreased slightly from 1,751 students in 1978 to 1,609 students in 2000. However, public school enrollment in Cleveland County has increased slightly since 1990 to 1,990.

Based on the Educational Attainment and population 25 years and older there are 5,659 in the educational system.

Results on the 2012-2013 Community survey showed a need for After-School care for children of working families. As a result Cleveland County Head Start started an after school care program in its Rison center. This program is free for all working families, or families where parents are in school based on income and need. Funding for this program is provided by the State of Arkansas. Currently 23 students are participating in this program for additional 2 hours daily.

Results from the 2014-2015 community survey determined a need for early child care in Cleveland County. Cleveland County School District-Head Start partnered with UAPB, and was granted 8 slots for children ages 18-36 month olds. Patricia Bell, formally Bell's Magical Moments, closed her daycare and leased her facility to the partnership. Currently, UAPB and CCSD-Head Start are providing childcare and early education to 8 toddlers daily with plans to transition these children to head start in the future.

Summary of Important Findings

Cleveland County has experienced some increase in population since the 2010 census.

The household composition in the State of Arkansas has made some changes from Single Parent households to the Traditional Married Couple household with less children living in a typical single parent household that is characterized by a young female, with low income and Head of Household. There is still a significant amount of Single-Parent Households in our county.

The marital status of Cleveland County is 65.3% married, 17.3% never married, 8.2% divorced (4.0% being female), 7.8% widowed (with 6.4% being female)

Cleveland County has 2% of grandparents as primary caregivers for their grandchildren.

The population of Cleveland County by race is 87% Caucasian, 12% African American, and 2 % other. The Hispanic population has grown from 1% to 2% for the county and from 1% to 3% for the state.

During 2014-2015 School Term, 32 Head Start Students had an Individualized Education Program. 45 of these students were transitioned into Kindergarten, 5 of which only were referred for special services in the public school system.

Cleveland County Head Start had 108 children enrolled for 2014-2015, according to our PIR, 64 % of children were at a Healthy weight while 9% of the children were in the Overweight category. 8 % of the children enrolled were in the Obese category and while 19% were listed as Underweight.

Overview of Cleveland County School District/ Cleveland County Head Start

Section II

Head Start Administration & Staff

The Cleveland County School District/Cleveland County Head Start Program is administered by the Cleveland County School District not for profit. CCSD/CCHS is a not for profit organization with a history of providing 23 years of full day services and 45 years of Head Start services to low-income families in Cleveland County.

Head Start employs 15 staff members who are monitored by six (6) Administrative specialists which consists of five(5) Content area specialists and one(1) Head Start Director. The Executive Director and Head Start Director ensure that the overall program quality is being maintained for the Head Start program and staff. The Head Start Director oversees the areas of operation, management information systems, education, health, nutrition, family and community partnerships, disabilities and mental health. The Content Area Specialists and Head Start Director work closely to ensure that the Head Start Program meets all federal regulations, and assisting determining the need for space, equipment, and staffing levels, and upgrade of computer capacity at all sites, and computer training of Head Start Center Staff.

The Education/Transition Specialist is responsible for organization and implementation of the curriculum, assisting teachers in securing needed supplies, training, and teaching aides to implement lesson plans. Transitioning children in and out of Head Start, making sure all paperwork is done, and tracks Head Start children through the third grade. The Transition Specialist will assist families that need help to bridge the gap between public school and Head Start.

The Health/Disabilities Specialist is responsible for organizational and called meetings of the Health Services Advisory Committee. Evaluates and monitors all health related activities, coordinates the delivery of services to children and families, ensures the provision of mental health and disabilities services and facilitates the participation of collaborative partners.

The Nutrition Specialist is responsible for working with all three school cafeterias to assure proper food quantities and sanitation requirements are met. Responsibilities also include providing menus and snacks that meet USDA and Head Start Performance Standards.

The Head Start Program Director is responsible for motivating volunteers in the centers and seeing that they are properly trained, and instructing parents on how to work constructively with their preschool children.

The Family Services Specialist is continually involved in the recruitment process, seeing that all paperwork is complete before a child is enrolled in Head Start. Responsible for completion of Family Partnership Plan/Assessment and follow up as needed. The Family Services Specialist is responsible for tracking Head Start families to see that needs and goals are met, working with community leaders with the best interest of Head Start families the primary focus. Also has the responsibility for parent committee meetings and securing quality presenters and trainers for these meetings to meet parent needs. Responsible for training Policy Council members and collecting all in-kind volunteer information.

The Transportation Specialist is responsible for reporting any problems with buses and making sure any maintenance needed is done in a timely order. Must participate in all training, keep CDL up to date, and be able to work with other Head Start Staff to assure the safe transportation of Head Start Children. Also responsible for evaluating classroom staff.

Racial Composition of Head Start Staff

Centers	Center Director Teacher	Teacher	Teacher Assistant	Bus Driver/School District	Administrative Staff
Kingsland	1 Caucasian		1 African-American	4 Caucasian 2 African American	
Rison	1 Caucasian	2 African American 1 Caucasian	3 Caucasian	8 Caucasian 3 African American	5 Caucasian
Woodlawn	1 Caucasian	1 Caucasian	3 Caucasian	4 Caucasian	

Head Start Service and Recruitment Area

Cleveland County Head Start services families with classrooms on all three county school campuses. The Central Administrative staff is located on the Rison School campus at 700 Main Street.

Head Start Eligible Children in County Day-Care Centers

Currently, Cleveland County Head Start is serving 6 children in all 3 centers that were previously enrolled in Day Care centers in the county.

Tina's Day Care had 2 Head Start eligible children , Sister's Playhouse had 4 Head Start eligible children, and the other day care centers would not supply the information requested.

Head Start Transportation

Head Start children ride the public school to all of our centers.

Centers	Classes	Buses	Enrollment	Children with Disabilities
Kingsland	1	6	20	14
Rison	3	7	56	11
Woodlawn	2	1	32	8

Head Start Children/Arkansas Better Chance

Currently 108 children are enrolled in Cleveland County Head Start. The greatest number of children are enrolled in the Rison Center followed by Woodlawn then Kingsland. Cleveland County has a number of applications each year that is over Head Start Income Guidelines. Cleveland County Head Start is also funded for 28 Arkansas Better Chance ABC slots. Currently there are 28 children enrolled in the ABC program.

Arkansas Better Chance Center	Classes	Buses	Enrollment	Children with Disabilities
Woodlawn	2	5	28	5

Racial Composition of Head Start Children

Center	African American	Caucasian	Hispanic	Multi-Racial	Asian
Kingsland	4	15	0	1	0
Rison	20	33	2	1	0
Woodlawn	0	31	0	1	0

Racial Composition of Arkansas Better Chance Children

Center	African American	Caucasian	Hispanic	Bi-Racial
Rison	0	27	0	1

Head Start Health & Disabilities

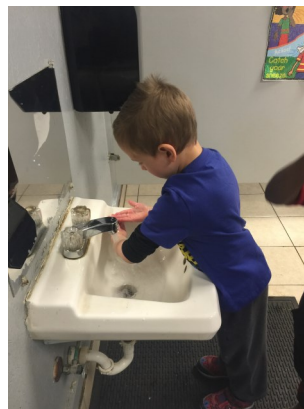
Children with speech and developmental delays have IEP's developed by professionals, parents, and staff. They receive services from the Southeast Arkansas Education Cooperative LEA's and Speech Therapists that are contracted to provide these services. Children with other health problems are receiving services from their personal physicians, Southeast Arkansas Behavioral Health Care, and the Department of Human Services. The Health/Disabilities Specialist assists with appointments as needed.

The Educational Cooperative serves children with developmental delays and provides speech therapy. They also provide occupational therapy and physical therapy on an as needed basis. The CCSD/CCHS contracts with Southeast Arkansas Behavioral Health Care for mental health services.

Health Problems	Number
Speech	17
Developmental Delay	16
Hearing Impaired	0

The Southeast Arkansas Behavioral Health Care System will provide CCSD/CCHS with a mental health professional who will observe the Head Start children in the classroom two (2) times per month. They will also be available to meet with staff and parents upon request.

Representatives from the Southeast Arkansas Co-Op and Southeast Arkansas Behavioral Health Care System will provide training to parents and staff on an as needed basis, and be available to work with children as the need arises.



**Cleveland County Families
2015-2016**

Community Survey Results

Employment Status

Full Time	Part Time	Unemployed	Disabled/Retired
76	40	40	18

Education Levels of Parents

9th-12th Grade No Diploma	High school Diplomas or GED	College with no degree	Associate's Degree	Bachelor's Degree
14	76	51	32	35

Household Income

\$0- \$10,000	\$10,001- \$20,000	\$20,001- \$35,000	\$35,001- \$50,000	\$50,000 - Over
39	50	33	23	69

Income from Public Assistance

Medicare/ Medicaid	Food Stamps/SNAP	TANF/TEA	WIC	SSI/Social Security
66	60	1	32	35

Data collected in our Community Survey for the 2015-2016 School Year produced the following results. The information listed in the table below was compiled from the 181 survey's returned countywide.

Community Survey Results for 2015-2016

Community Needs	Survey Tools
Summer Child Care	10
After School Care	5
Before School Care	2
Child Care for Children under 3	0
Employment Needs	24
Affordable Housing	7
Transportation	5
Human Services	18
Education	11
Dental Services	5
Making Better use of Income	10
Affordable Legal Services	3
Neighborhood Recreational Facilities	3
Alcohol-Drug Abuse	0
Affordable/Accessible Dental and Medical Care	8
Youth Activity Services	32

Data collected in our Community Survey for the 2015-2016 School Year produced the following results. The strongest need for the county shows youth activity services.

The information listed in the table below was compiled from the 181 survey's returned countywide.

Directory of CCSD/CCHS Community Resources

Community Resource	Services Provided
Alcohol Recovery Helpline/Treatment 3100 West 34th Street Pine Bluff, AR 71601 Phone: 1-800-888-9383	Provides information and counseling about alcoholism
Area Agency on Aging Main Street Rison, AR 71665 325-7455	Meals on Wheels Client Assessment Case Management Non-Medicaid Alternatives
Arkansas Children's Hospital 800 Marshall Street Little Rock, AR 72202-3591	Provide resources and information Referrals for children with special needs
Bradley County Child Support Services 204 West Cypress Warren, AR 71671 Phone 226-7909	Supportive Services Casework Counseling Information and Referrals
Cleveland County Co-Op Extension Magnolia Street Rison, AR 71665 Phone 325-6321	Educational Information Extension of USDA Nutritional Information
Cleveland County Health Unit Magnolia Street Rison, AR 71665 325-6311	Immunizations WIC Certification Hearing/Vision Screenings
Cleveland County Library Magnolia Street Rison, AR 71665 325-7270	Provides teacher resources Library days for Head Start Children
CASA Committee Against Sexual Abuse Women's Center 721 Laurel Street Pine Bluff, AR 71601 535-0287	Counseling Information and Resources

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Community Resource	Services Provided
<p>Division of Services for the Blind P O Box 5670 1222 West 6th Street Pine Bluff, AR 71611 536-4200</p>	<p>Resources Provide services for visually impaired.</p>
<p>Employment Security Division 1001 Tennessee Street Pine Bluff, AR 71601 534-1920</p>	<p>Job Search Job Placement Unemployment</p>
<p>EOC Inc. Magnolia Street Rison, AR 71665</p>	<p>Assist families in need. Provide nutrition information and handouts for families</p>
<p>Jenkin's Memorial Children's Center 2410 Rike Drive Pine Bluff, AR 71601 534-2035</p>	<p>Transition for children with disabilities</p>
<p>Cleveland County School District/Kingsland 16650 Hwy 79 Kingsland, AR 71652 348-5338</p>	<p>Provide facilities and transportation</p>
<p>Cleveland County DHS 5th and Main Street Rison, AR 325-6218</p>	<p>TEA SNAP Medicaid, ARKids</p>
<p>Rison Housing Assistance Office Main Street Rison, AR 71665 325-7444</p>	<p>Assist with obtaining housing for low income families</p>
<p>Rison Lions Club P O Box 142 Rison, AR 71665 325-6324 or 325-6311</p>	<p>Sponsors community activities and helps provide eyeglasses for children and families.</p>

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Community Resource	Services Provided
<p>Cleveland County School District Rison</p> <p>P O Box 600</p> <p>Rison, AR 71665</p> <p>325-6344</p>	<p>Provide facilities and transportation</p>
<p>Legal Services of Arkansas</p> <p>1400 West 5th</p> <p>Pine Bluff, AR 71601</p> <p>536-9006</p>	<p>Provide legal counseling and information</p>
<p>Salvation Army</p> <p>501 East 12th</p> <p>Pine Bluff, AR 71601</p> <p>534-0504</p>	<p>Thrift Store: Sells used clothing for a very minimal fee. In cases of emergency, clothing distributed at no charge.</p>
<p>Social Security Administration</p> <p>100 East 8th</p> <p>Pine Bluff, AR 71601</p> <p>534-0431</p>	<p>Applications for SS numbers processed</p> <p>Provides general information about Social Security</p> <p>Provides assistance in filing claims for benefits under Social Security, SSI, and Medicare</p>
<p>Southeast Arkansas Education Co-Op</p> <p>1022 Scroggin Drive</p> <p>Monticello, AR 71655</p> <p>367-6848</p>	<p>Serve children with special needs and provide speech services</p>
<p>Rison Family Practice</p> <p>P O Box 525</p> <p>Rison, AR 71665</p> <p>325-6255</p>	<p>Provides physical exams for several Head Start Children</p>
<p>Southeast Arkansas Behavioral Health Care System</p> <p>2500 Rike Drive</p> <p>Pine Bluff, AR 71613</p> <p>800-272-2008</p>	<p>Mental Health services for children and families</p> <p>Training for staff and families</p>
<p>Woodlawn School</p> <p>6760 Hwy 63</p> <p>Rison, AR 71665</p> <p>357-8108</p>	<p>Provides facilities and transportation</p>

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Community Resource	Services Provided
<p>Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Cleveland County</p> <p>P O Box 600/700 Main Street</p> <p>Rison, AR 71665</p> <p>325-6324 or 348-5320</p>	<p>Provides scholarships for income-eligible single parents</p>
<p>Home Town Health Coalition</p> <p>P O Box 446</p> <p>Rison, AR 71665</p> <p>325-6311</p>	<p>Provides information/services and has Health fair for Families</p>
<p>Kool Smiles</p> <p>2801 South Olive Street</p> <p>Pine Bluff, AR 71603</p> <p>534-0642</p>	<p>Provides dental exams and follow up services to Head Start Children and other families in the area.</p>
<p>Dr. Marvin Caudle</p> <p>1310 Linden Street</p> <p>Pine Bluff, AR 71603</p> <p>536-4602</p>	<p>Provides Dental exams and treatment for children</p>
<p>Dr. John Durman</p> <p>106 West Church</p> <p>Warren, AR 71671</p> <p>226-5165</p>	<p>Provides dental exams and treatment for children</p>
<p>Dr. Donnie Bryant</p> <p>105 West Church</p> <p>Warren, AR 71671</p> <p>226-6556</p>	<p>Provides dental exams and treatment for some of the Head Start children and families in Cleveland County</p>
<p>Cleveland County Early Head Start</p> <p>P O Box 124</p> <p>Rison, AR 71665</p> <p>325-6789</p>	<p>Childcare and education for 18-36 month old children.</p>

Directory of CCSD/CCHS Community Resources

Community Resource	Services Provided
<p>Toy Box Day Care 11670 Hwy 63 Rison, AR 71665 357-8308 Alisa Montgomery, Owner</p>	<p>Day Care Center, Licensed for 40 Children</p>
<p>Tina Smith's Day Care 300 Vernon Road Rison, AR 71665 357-8658 Tina Smith, Owner</p>	<p>Day Care Center, Licensed for 10 children</p>
<p>Sister's Playhouse P O Box 693 Rison, AR 71665 325-7853 Valinda Wells, Owner</p>	<p>Day Care Center, Licensed for 12 children</p>
<p>Miss Betty's Day Care 3920 Hwy 63 Rison, AR 71665 357-2442 Betty Wilmoth, Owner</p>	<p>Day Care Center, Licensed for 10 children</p>
<p>Jefferson Regional Medical Center 1515 West 42nd Street Pine Bluff, AR 71601 541-7100</p>	<p>Provides Medical Services for Families in Cleveland County and Surrounding areas.</p>
<p>Delta Dental of Arkansas 1513 Country Club Road Sherwood, AR 72120 1-800-462-5410</p>	<p>Provides grants for materials for dental education for families and children.</p>
<p>Kid's First 3450 West 34th Ave Pine Bluff, AR 71603 870-534-7392</p>	<p>Transition for children with disabilities</p>