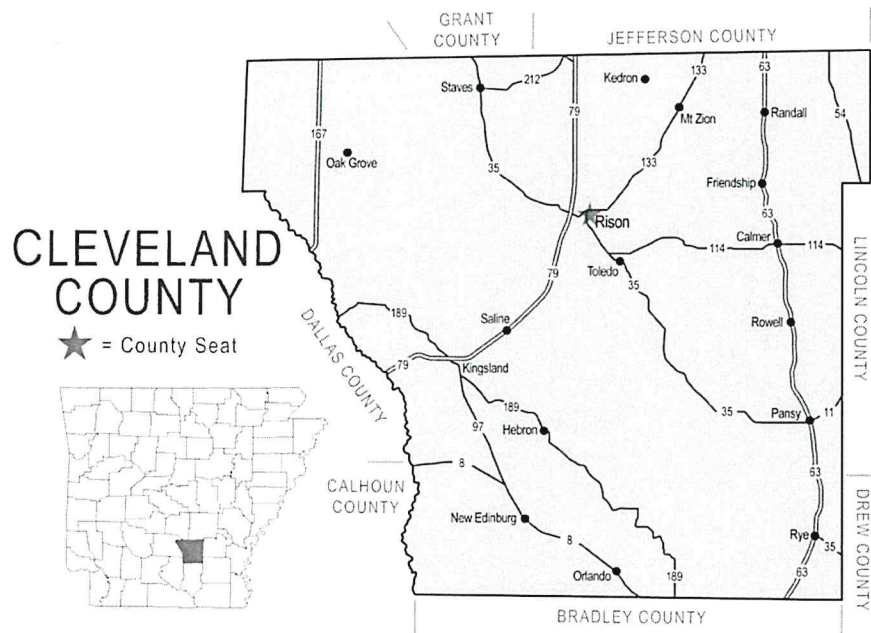


Cleveland County Head Start 2020-2021 Community Assessment



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Preface

2020-2021

Cleveland County School District/Cleveland County Head Start

Community Assessment Objective

The 2020-2021 CCSD/CCHS Community Assessment was conducted over a 12 week period from January through March 2021. In order to accomplish our objectives, we utilized several sources of data and several methods of data collection. Distribution of the surveys included local school districts, the Head Start-Early Head Start Program, local medical offices and through social media. Surveys were delivered online and in person at our Head Start centers, with 64 returned.

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 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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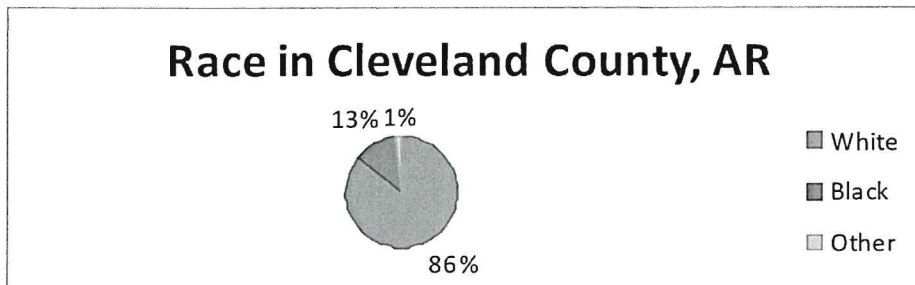
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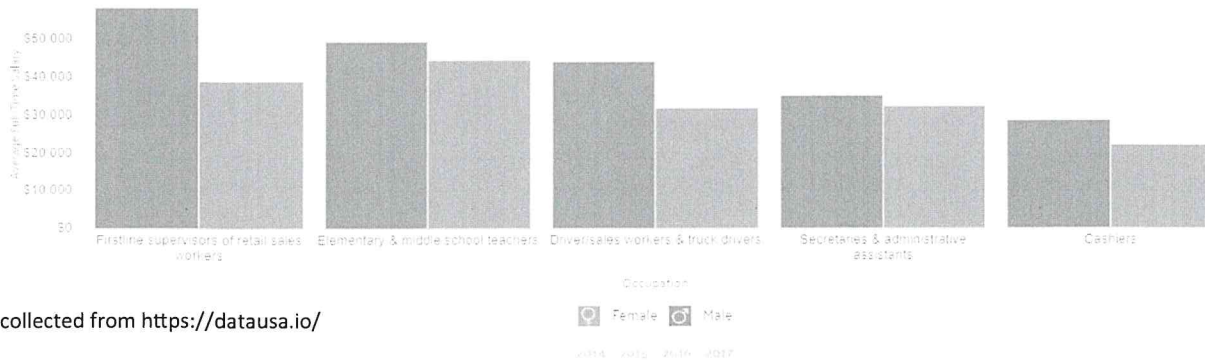
Community Assessment

Overview

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 13.60 people per square mile living in Cleveland County. The county seat is located in downtown Rison. The total population for Cleveland County is 8,018. Since 2010, there has been a decrease dropping from 8,689 to 8,018. The majority of the population is located in rural areas.



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.



Interesting fact:

The mean travel time to work (commute) is 28.9 minutes. 29.6% of residents work within the county.

Arkansas Child Poverty Update

The child poverty rate in Arkansas, now at 26.8 percent, is higher than the national average and shows a disturbing upward trend that's likely to continue as the state experiences the effects of the recession. In 2018, 685 children in Cleveland County were receiving SNAP.

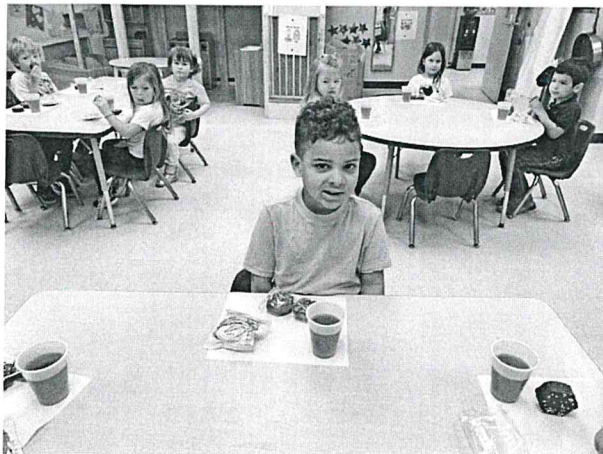
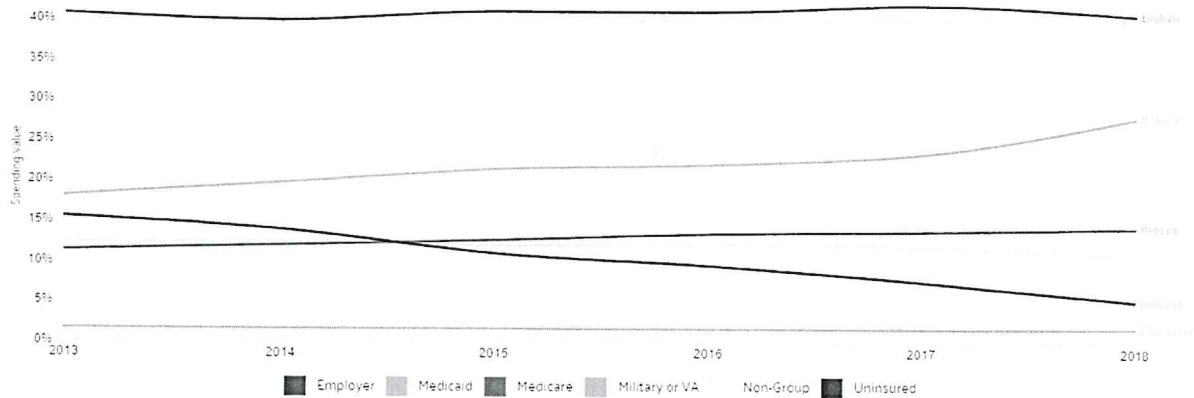
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic
Cleveland County	594 30.6%			

Information compiled from the Arkansas Advocates Child Poverty Assessment, 2016

Health Insurance

Between 2017 and 2018 the percent of uninsured citizens in Cleveland County declined by 32.2 % from 7.53% to 2.11%.

The following chart shows how the percent of uninsured individuals in Cleveland County, AR changed over time compared with the percent of individuals enrolled in various types of health insurance.



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 two medical clinics, Mainline Health Clinic and Access Medical Clinic.
- The Green House Cottages of Southern Hills Nursing Home, has 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	18
K-12	42
Total	60

Information obtained from ADE program data collection and Head Start from 2019-2020

Crime & Birth Rate

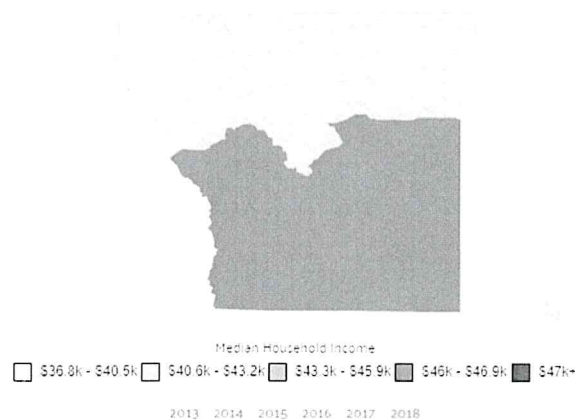
There was a total of 70 crimes reported in the county, Larceny-Theft being the largest with 29 and burglary the second largest with 25. Aggravated assault and motor vehicle thefts were also noted.

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.

Government Assistance

Cleveland County Department of Health and Human Services opened 730 unduplicated cases for SNAP in 2018 totaling \$1,442,326.00. The State of Arkansas had a total of 234,530 open cases with a total \$446,438,431.00. There has been a decline in SNAP services since 2013 which peaked at 696,343 open cases. The number of TEA (Transitional Employment Assistance) recipients in Cleveland County is 13 with 730 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 475 families per month.

Income in Cleveland County



Education

There are two public schools in Cleveland County with an enrollment consisting of 1336 in 2019-2020. These public schools are located in Rison and Woodlawn. Public school enrollment decreased slightly from 1,751 students in 1978 to 1,609 students in 2000.

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. 27 students were participating in this program for additional 2 hours daily. Due to COVID-19, this service was interrupted for the 2020-2021 school year. We hope to continue in the upcoming school year.

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. Cleveland County Head Start contracted with Black River Child Development Program at Pocahontas, AR and received 40 additional early child care slots in 2017. These children are served in Rison and Woodlawn. In August 2018, CCSD-HS ended their partnership with UAPB. Currently, we are serving 40 children ages six weeks to three years old through the contract with BRAD (Black River Area Development Program).

Summary of Important Findings

Cleveland County has experienced some decrease in population since the 2010 census. Current population for the county is 8,128. Whereas in 2010 it was 8,689.

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 2018-2019 School Term, 56 Head Start Students had an Individualized Education Program. 20 of these students will transition into Kindergarten.

Cleveland County Head Start-EHS had 148 children enrolled for 2019-2020, according to our PIR, 61 of children were at a Healthy weight while 14 of the children were in the Overweight category. Thirty of the children enrolled were in the Obese category and while 3 were listed as Underweight.

Overview of Cleveland County School District/ Cleveland County Head Start

Head Start Administration & Staff


Building on more than 50 years as the premiere provider for the service area, Cleveland County School District Head Start (CCSD HS) serves families and children ages 3 to 5 years in a high-quality early education and family engagement program as well as children ages 6 weeks to 3 years of age through a contract with Black River Area Development Program (BRAD). CCSD HS serves Kingsland and Rison -- including the community of Woodlawn -- most vulnerable children and families, including those experiencing homelessness, children in the child welfare system, dual language children, and children with special needs for enrollment in the Head Start (HS) program.

Head Start employs 40 staff members who are monitored by six (6) Administrative managers which consists of five(5) Content area managers 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 Managers 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 Head Start Program Director is responsible overseeing and managing staff and program planning and implementation. The Education/Transition Manager 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 Manager will assist families that need help to bridge the gap between public school and Head Start. The Health/Disabilities Manager 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 Manager 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 Family Service Managers are continually involved in the recruitment process, seeing that all paperwork is complete before a child is enrolled in Head Start. They are responsible for completion of Family Partnership Plan/Assessment and follow up as needed. The Family Service Managers are 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 they have a 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 Manager 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,



Serving the families in
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Head Start– Early Head Start Staff

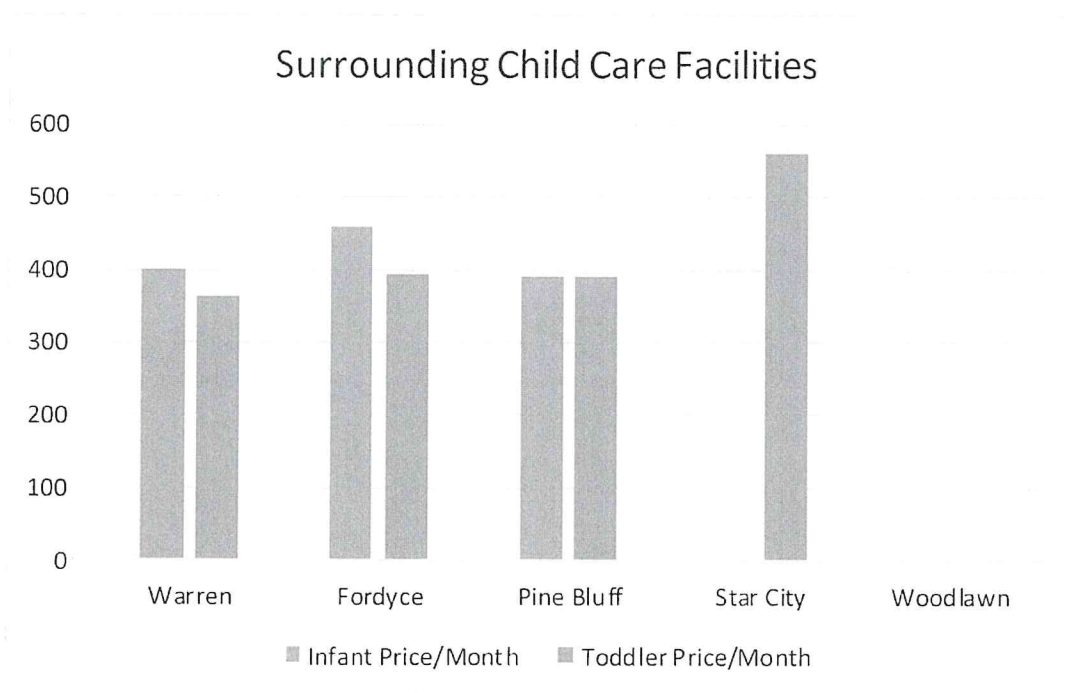
Centers	Center Director Teacher	Teacher	Teacher Assistant	Bus Driver/School District
Kingsland	1	3	4	5
Woodlawn	1	2	4	6
Rison Early Head Start	1	8	2	0

Head Start Service and Recruitment Area

Cleveland County Head Start services families with classrooms in the city Kingsland and Woodlawn Community. The Central Administrative staff is located at 100 East Second Street Rison, AR 71665. Early Head Start children are served at 700 Main Street Rison, Arkansas 71665

Head Start Eligible Children in County Day-Care Centers

Currently, Cleveland County Head Start is serving 5 children in all 3 centers that were previously enrolled in Day Care centers in the county.



Head Start Transportation

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

Centers	Classes	Buses	Enrollment	Children with Disabilities
Kingsland	1	5	20	55%
Rison	3	7	51	33%
Woodlawn	2	6	40	42%

Head Start Children/Arkansas Better Chance

Currently 108 children are enrolled in Cleveland County Head Start. And 32 Early Head Start children. 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 40 Arkansas Better Chance ABC slots. Currently there are 40 children enrolled in the ABC

Arkansas Better Chance Center	Classes	Buses	Enrollment
Woodlawn	2	5	40

Racial Composition of Head Start Children

Center	African American	Caucasian	Hispanic	Multi-Racial	American Indian/ Alaskan
Kingsland	6	10	0	0	0
Woodlawn	0	39	0	1	0
ABC	0	39	0	1	0

Racial Composition of Early Head Start

Center	African American	Caucasian	Hispanic	Multi-Racial	American Indian/ Alaskan
Rison	7	21	0	4	0

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	34
Developmental Delay	20
Both	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
2020-2021

Community Survey Results

Employment Status

Full Time	Part Time	Unemployed	Disabled/Retired
42	13	2	3

Education Levels of Parents

9th-12th Grade No Diploma	High school Diplomas or GED	College with no degree	Associate's Degree	Bachelor's Degree
0	16	24	13	11

Household Income

\$0- \$10,000	\$10,001- \$20,000	\$20,001- \$35,000	\$35,001- \$50,000	\$50,000 - Over
4	10	11	12	23

Income from Public Assistance

Medicare/ Medicaid	Food Stamps/SNAP	TANF/TEA	WIC	SSI/Social Security
23	12	0	12	4

Data collected in our Community Survey for the 2020-2021 School Year produced the following results. The information listed in the table below was compiled from the 64 survey's returned countywide.

Community Survey Results for 2020-2021

Community Needs	Survey Tools
Summer Child Care	5
After School Care	6
Employment Needs	11
Affordable Housing	3
Transportation	0
Education	10
Dental Services	3
Making Better use of Income	10
Affordable Legal Services	0
Neighborhood Recreational Facilities	3
Alcohol-Drug Abuse	1
Affordable/Accessible Dental and Medical Care	0
Youth Activity Services	22
Fitness Club	5

Data collected in our Community Survey for the 2020-2021 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 64 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 UDSA 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

Directory of CCSD/CCHS Community Resources

Community Resource	Services Provided
Division of Services for the Blind P O Box 5670 1222 West 6th Street Pine Bluff, AR 71611	Resources Provide services for visually impaired.
Employment Security Division 1001 Tennessee Street Pine Bluff, AR 71601	Job Search Job Placement Unemployment
EOC Inc. Main Street Rison, AR 71665 870-536-0046 ext 110	Assist families in need. Provide nutrition information and handouts for families
Jenkin's Memorial Children's Center 2410 Rike Drive Pine Bluff, AR 71601 534-2035	Transition for children with disabilities
Cleveland County School District/Kingsland 16650 Hwy 79 Kingsland, AR 71652 348-5338	Provide facilities and transportation
Cleveland County DHS 5th and Main Street Rison, AR 325-6218	TEA SNAP Medicaid, ARKids
Rison Housing Assistance Office Main Street Rison, AR 71665 325-7444	Assist with obtaining housing for low income families
Rison Lions Club P O Box 142 Rison, AR 71665 325-6324 or 325-6311	Sponsors community activities and helps provide eye-glasses for children and families.

Directory of CCSD/CCHS Community Resources

Community Resource	Services Provided
Cleveland County School District Rison P O Box 600 Rison, AR 71665 325-6344	Provide facilities and transportation
Legal Services of Arkansas 1400 West 5th Pine Bluff, AR 71601 536-9006	Provide legal counseling and information
Salvation Army 501 East 12th Pine Bluff, AR 71601 534-0504	Thrift Store: Sells used clothing for a very minimal fee. In cases of emergency, clothing distributed at no charge.
Social Security Administration 3511 Market St Pine Bluff, AR 71601 534-0431	Applications for SS numbers processed Provides general information about Social Security Provides assistance in filing claims for benefits under Social Security, SSI, and Medicare
Southeast Arkansas Education Co-Op 1022 Scroggin Drive Monticello, AR 71655 367-6848	Serve children with special needs and provide speech services
Rison Family Practice P O Box 525 Rison, AR 71665 325-6255	Provides physical exams for several Head Start Children
Southeast Arkansas Behavioral Health Care System 2500 Rike Drive Pine Bluff, AR 71613 800-272-2008	Mental Health services for children and families Training for staff and families
Woodlawn School 6760 Hwy 63 Rison, AR 71665 357-8108	Provides facilities and transportation

Directory of CCSD/CCHS Community Resources

Community Resource	Services Provided
Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Cleveland County Beverly Chapple - Program Manager PO Box 264 Brinkley, AR 72021 Phone: (479) 287-8448 bchapple@aspsf.org	Provides scholarships for income-eligible single parents
Kool Smiles 2801 South Olive Street Pine Bluff, AR 71603 534-0642	Provides dental exams and follow up services to Head Start Children and other families in the area.
Dr. Marvin Caudle 1310 Linden Street Pine Bluff, AR 71603 536-4602	Provides Dental exams and treatment for children
Dr. Donnie Bryant 105 West Church Warren, AR 71671 226-6556	Provides dental exams and treatment for some of the Head Start children and families in Cleveland County
Cleveland County Early Head Start P O Box 600 Rison, AR 71665 870-325-6305	Childcare and education for 6 weeks-36 month old children.

Directory of CCSD/CCHS Community Resources

Community Resource	Services Provided
<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>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>
<p>The Pointe Outpatient Behavioral Health Services 201 S Rose St, Sheridan, AR 72150 870-917-2171</p>	<p>The Pointe Outpatient Behavioral Health Services offers treatment for children, adolescents and adults.</p>

