

Angelina County Community Plan 2017-2018

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Angelina County Community Plan

What Is a Community Plan?

This Plan is formally known as the Angelina County Criminal Justice Community Plan, the purpose of which is to identify gaps in services regarding criminal justice issues. The Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office (CJD) requires that each county in Texas have a Criminal Justice Community Plan.

The document that is represented here reflects the efforts of many in Angelina County that are concerned with assuring that any gaps in services that are identified are closed in a way that will both solve the problem and provide as great a benefit to the community as possible. It is with grateful acknowledgement that the names of those involved in the process of developing this plan are listed in the following page(s) under Part II (Community Planning Group).

Though the original version of this Plan was completed in June of 2011 and was then updated in March of 2013, February 2016 and most recently in January 2017, this is a work in progress. New criminal justice goals are identified, the Planning Group changes as a result of individual and agency circumstances, and requirements concerning the makeup of the Plan are subject to change from year to year. Thus, Angelina County is interested in keeping up with these changes, and including such in updates that will be posted from time to time.

If you are reading this Plan and have not been involved in its development, you are invited to join in this ongoing effort. Any questions you may have can be addressed to either the Angelina County Community Plan Coordinator, or to the Criminal Justice Program of the Deep East Texas Council of Governments. Contact information is provided within this document.

The Angelina County Commissioners Court supports the concept of community planning by providing staff support and resources for development and implementation of the Angelina County Community Plan. Additionally, the Commissioners Court supports grant applications from county departments as well as community organizations that address gaps in services identified in the Community Plan.

as Represented

Incorporated Communities:

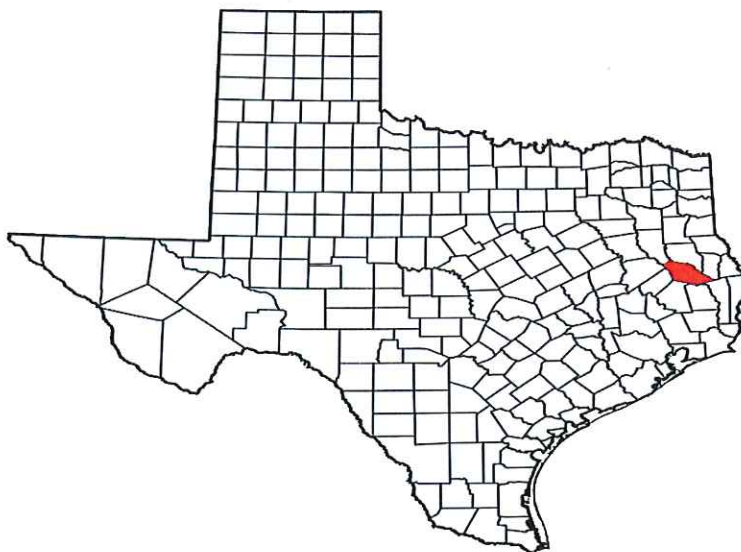
Burke	Diboll	Herty	Homer
Hudson	Huntington	Lufkin	Zavalla

Unincorporated Communities:

Alco	Bald Hill	Beulah	Cedar Grove
Dolan	Durant	Dunagan	Davisville
Central	Clawson	Ewing	Jonesville
Marion	Moffitt	Oak Flat	Peavy
Platt	Pollok	Prairie Grove	Redland
Redtown	Rocky Springs	Shady Grove	Shawnee
Shawnee Prairie	Thomas Crossing	Woodlawn	

School Districts:

Central I.S.D.	Huntington I.S.D.
Diboll I.S.D.	Lufkin I.S.D.
Hudson I.S.D.	Zavalla I.S.D.



Brief description and history of Angelina County:

ANGELINA COUNTY. Angelina County is located northeast of Houston in the region of northeast Texas. Angelina County was formed in 1846 from Nacogdoches County. Lufkin, the largest town, is 96 miles northwest of Beaumont and 120 miles northeast of Houston. The area that is now Angelina County was originally occupied by agricultural Indians of Caddoan and Atakapan-related stock. The county was named for a Hainai Indian girl who, according to Spanish legend, helped early Spanish missionaries of the area around 1690. The county is bounded on the north by the Angelina River and on the south by the Neches River. It comprises 807 square miles of gently rolling terrain and is densely forested with pine and a great variety of hardwoods. The soil underlies rangeland and cropland and is exploited for mineral production. The northernmost edge of the county (generally, the area north of Lufkin) is covered by thin to moderately thick clayey sands over steep slopes and rolling hills. In the piney woods area, longleaf, shortleaf, loblolly, and slash pines provide excellent timber. Hardwoods in Angelina County include several types of gum, magnolia, elm, hickory, and oak. Major highways include U.S. Highway 59, U.S. Highway 69, State Highway 103 and State Highway 94. As of the 2010 census, there were 86,771 people and 31,048 households in the county.

References:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Angelina_County,_Texas

<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/hca03>

www.census.gov

Community Planning Team

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Identification of Community Problems

General Public Safety Needs and Issues

In each of the areas below, problems are identified and data is included that supports both the existence and severity of the problems as they are found in Angelina County. Below is a discussion of the problems, the manner in which the problems are being addressed, and strategically how responses to these community problems could be improved.

Victim Services (listed in order of priority, greatest need first)

<i>Identified Problem</i>	<i>Supporting Data</i>
1. There is a lack of Support Services for child and adult victims of assault and abuse.	<p><u>Statistics provided by The Women's Shelter of East Texas, Inc.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Women's Shelter of East Texas, Inc. (located in Angelina County) is the only emergency shelter in six of the nine counties that constitute the entity's service area. The shelter provides a safe place for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and their families, 24 hours a day, 365 days per year.• The Women's Shelter of East Texas offers seven transitional housing units.• In 2016, the Women's Shelter of East Texas received 2,080 crisis hotline and general information calls on their crisis hotline, which is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days per year.• In 2016, 401 unduplicated victims received emergency shelter from the Women's Shelter of East Texas.• In 2016, 803 unduplicated victims received outreach services. Outreach services include case management, child advocacy, legal advocacy (including assistance filing protective orders), counseling, support groups, assistance with job searches/training, housing and child care.• In 2016, 71% of clients were victims of domestic violence, 21% were victims of both domestic violence and sexual assault, and 8% were victims of sexual assault.• In 2016, a total of 651 residents of Angelina County received services.• In 2016, Women's Shelter of East Texas provided over 118,000 services to victims.• The Women's Shelter of East Texas provides a Battering Intervention and Prevention Program (BIPP) that includes educational services to men who have been violent, abusive, and/or controlling in their intimate family relationships. By teaching abusers how to recognize abuse, accountability, and how to change their violent behaviors we are taking a more holistic approach to victim services. In 2016, the BIPP program admitted 24 men to the group, 3 of those have successfully completed the program. <p><u>Statewide Statistics provided by Texas Council on Family Violence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In 2015, there were 194,872 family violence incidents in Texas.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2015, 158 women in Texas were killed by their intimate partner. • In 2015, 24,391 adults and children received shelter services. • In 2015, there were 15,869 unmet requests for shelter. • In 2015, 45,478 adults and children received non-residential services. • In 2015, 183,294 crisis hotline calls were answered. <p><u>Statistics provided by Harold's House-East Texas Alliance for Children</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harold's House-East Texas Alliance for Children is a Child Advocacy Center offering support to child victims of sexual and physical abuse and their families, by conducting forensic interviews and medical exams in partnership with investigators and court officials, and offering community education on prevention, awareness and parenting. • Harold's House provides Forensic Interviews, Referrals for Counseling, SANE Exams, Court Accompaniment, Assistance with Crime Victims Compensation, Parenting Classes, and Support Groups. • Harold's House served 377 child victims and over 777 secondary victims (which are family members of the victims) in 2016.
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Services which include:

- Emergency Shelter Services for battered women and abused children.
- Counseling with professionals including:
 - Parenting Classes and Pre Parenting Classes
 - Outpatient Drug Treatment
 - General Counseling
 - Support Groups
- Legal Assistance/Services for victims for which include court accompaniment and education of the criminal justice procedures associated with the victim's case.
- Specialized case managers to ensure that all needs of the clients are met and monitored in a professional manner.
- SANE programs for adults and children.
- Victim education needed to inform victims of their legal rights and responsibilities and to educate them on coping with the situation.
- Supervised visitation center to assist in safe encounters between co-parents and support to the parents and children.
- Job training programs to assist victims in becoming self-sufficient.
- Providing more resources for child victims.
- Providing more resources for victims of rape and sexual assault.
- Specialized services for elderly victims of family violence and sexual assault.
- Victim Advocacy programs for victims of violent crimes.
- Expansion of public transportation services and vehicle assistance.
- Efficient medical availability and assistance, including dental and pharmaceutical services.

*Identified Problem**Supporting Data*

<p>2. There is a lack of General Resources for victims.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Women’s Shelter of East Texas offers seven transitional units.• Harold's House-East Texas Alliance for Children is a Child Advocacy Center offering support to child victims of sexual and physical abuse and their families, by conducting forensic interviews and medical exams in partnership with investigators and court officials, and offering community education on prevention, awareness and parenting. <p><u>Statewide Statistics provided by Children’s Advocacy Center of Texas</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In 81% of confirmed cases of child sexual abuse closed after CPS investigation, the state provided no trauma recovery resources to children. The Adverse Child Experiences Study shows that children suffering trauma are more likely to engage in illicit criminal and sexual behavior, early drug and alcohol abuse, teen pregnancies, and suicide. Children with multiple traumas are at significantly higher risk for long-term disease as adults.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transitional Housing for victims living in a shelter facility.• Specialized investigators that have expertise in prosecuting family violence and sexual assault cases.• Low cost housing program for victims (post transitional housing).• Transportation for victims, including after hours availability.• Funds to establish and operate a victim’s resource database.• Bilingual service providers.• Funds to provide training to service providers. .• Facility located in the region to provide sexual abuse assessments.	

*Identified Problem**Supporting Data*

<p>3. There is a lack of Intervention Services for victims.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2015, The Women's Shelter of East Texas received 2,080 crisis hotline and general information calls on their crisis hotline, which is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. • Harold's House provides Forensic Interviews, Referrals for Counseling, SANE Exams, Court Accompaniment, Assistance with Crime Victims Compensation, Parenting Classes, and Support Groups. <p><u>Statewide Statistics provided by Children's Advocacy Center of Texas</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to Children's Advocacy Center of Texas, more than 43,000 children received services from centers across Texas in 2016. Of those, 71% were sexual abuse cases.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General expansion of intervention services for victims. • Parenting education on child abuse/sexual assault issues. • Continuing the victim services and 24-hour hotline. • General violence education. 	

Mental Health Issues (listed in order of priority, greatest need first)*Identified Problem**Supporting Data*

<p>1. Angelina County has a need for additional Mental Health Resources.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2016, Burke provided services to 3,074 individuals. • No clients currently on the Burke Waiting List in Angelina County.
<p>The highest ranked priority is resources that will provide more services to individuals with mental health issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation Service for Health Services. • Lack of Transitional/Permanent Housing. • Coordination of Service Providers to Patients. • Lack of Crisis Stabilization Services. • Substance Abuse Services. • Additional facilities to hold Mental Health offenders after an arrest to ensure their safety. • Additional bed space at in-patient Mental Health facilities. 	

<i>Identified Problem</i>	<i>Data Collection</i>
2. Angelina County has a need for more Mental Health Professional Support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2016, Burke provided services to 3,074 individuals. • No clients currently on the Burke Waiting List in Angelina County.
<p>The next highest ranked priority consist of increased professional support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Mental Health Professionals for Treatment. • Additional Case Managers at Mental Health Clinics. • Special Mental Health Law Enforcement Officer(s). • Additional Personnel to handle Mental Health emergencies. • Additional Peer Providers. 	

Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice (listed in order of priority, greatest need first)

<i>Identified Problem</i>	<i>Data Collection</i>
1. Lufkin and Angelina County have a need for additional law enforcement officers and manpower.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 111 full-time law enforcement employees in Angelina County, according to the 2015 Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniformed Crime Report. • According to the 2015 Texas Crime Report, there are 88,151 residents of Angelina County. That is one officer for every 794 residents of the county. • In 2016, City of Lufkin Police Department had 77 commissioned officers and responded to approximately 41,233 calls. • There are currently 1,359 adult offenders supervised by 26 community supervision officers in the county.
<p>Involves needs of more professional support to aid law enforcement in effectively combating crimes throughout the region:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase of law enforcement/probation officers in all departments throughout the region to have better patrol of the communities. • Increase in specialized officers to handle crimes that are highly committed (drugs, mental health related gang violence, violence against women, child abuse/sexual assault and abuse against the elderly). 	

- Facilities that will allow more juvenile placement within the region.
- Drug treatment facilities for offenders located within the region.
- Case managers that specialize in assisting offenders in reformation and life changes.
- Increase substance abuse education and treatment for both adults and juveniles.
- Counseling services such as drug treatment, mental health counseling and family counseling are in need for offenders within Angelina County.

Identified Problem

Data Collection

<p>2. Angelina County has a need for additional resources for law enforcement officials.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2015 Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniformed Crime Report shows that there are 111 full-time law enforcement employees. • There are currently 1,359 adult offenders being supervised by 26 community supervision officers in Angelina County.
<p>Needs for various resources identified with enabling law enforcement/probation to better protect and serve which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional equipment for law enforcement/probation officer personnel, including drug detection kits, laser finger printing devices, equipment and protective gear to combat drugs, and technology upgrades. • Additional equipment and training for law enforcement to assist in responding to and investigating crimes pertaining to technology ie. Computer Forensic Dept. • Increase in training funds for law enforcement/probation personnel to receive specialized training indicative to certain types of offenses. • Services to deter ex-offenders from reentering the criminal justice system. • Drug Courts to maintain steady prosecution of drug related crimes. • Expansion of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council Services throughout the region to address the increasing drug abuse and drunk-driving related crimes, including more long-term aftercare programs. • Educational programs/materials to inform the community about gang-related topics. 	

Juvenile Services (listed in order of priority, greatest need first)

Identified Problem

Data Collection

<p>1. Angelina County has a need for additional Juvenile Service Resources.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During fiscal year 2016, there were 175 cases on supervision in Angelina County by the Juvenile Probation Department. • Child Protective Services received 1,214 intakes regarding abuse or neglect. • Child Protective Services completed 793 investigations in Angelina County during the fiscal year 2016(Sept 15-Aug 16). Of those investigations completed 167 were validated or confirmed abuse or neglect. There were 391 total children involved in those confirmed abuse investigation, with 277 children confirmed as victims of abuse or neglect.
<p>To promote higher education and personal empowerment in juveniles to deter their entry/reentry into the juvenile justice system:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentoring Activities – Activities designed to promote positive developmental assets in youth. • Drug and substance abuse programs such as education and intervention to deter drug use. • Life Skills training programs to better equip youth with the needed skills to handle peer pressure, fads and trends. • Parent education programs to educate and inform parents of the pressures of dealing with teenage children, knowing what warnings signs to look for associated with alcohol and drug abuse, gang involvement, and other topics. • Apprentice and job training programs to assist youth in making long-term career goals. • Teen Pregnancy programs to counsel, educate, and provide case management to pregnant and/or parenting teens. • After-school and tutoring programs to promote STAAR preparation and higher learning. • Specialized law enforcement officers solely dealing with juvenile-related crimes. • Truancy officers located in each district, possibly to decrease the number of truancy cases throughout the region. • Educational programs for parents and guardians dealing with juvenile sex offenders. • Awareness and hiring of more homebound teachers to particularly encourage pregnant teens to continue their education to decrease the number of drop-outs. • Programs to address family violence issues and the affect it has on juveniles' living situations. • Increased supervised visitation centers in the region to promote a safe atmosphere for co-parents to transition children caught in custody battles, family violence situations, sexual assault cases, etc. • Emergency shelters for battered, sexually abused, or runaway youth. • Assisted living facilities for older teens. • Intervention and prevention programs that cover various issues facing youth such as alcohol and drug abuse, dating violence, gang involvement, stranger safety, 	

drop-out/truancy awareness, etc.

- Recreational activities for youth to prevent criminal activity.
- Mental Health services available to juveniles.
- Transportation accessibility for juveniles.

Identified Problem

Data Collection

<p>2. Angelina County has a need for additional Juvenile Service Professional Support.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During fiscal year 2016, there were 175 cases on supervision in Angelina County by the Juvenile Probation Department. • The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council provides OSAR (Outreach, Screening, Assessment and Referral) Services to juveniles. During the fiscal year (Sept 15 – Aug 16) 136 youths received screenings and 121 were given referrals to treatment services. • There were 49 admissions to Youth Outpatient Treatment Programs.
<p>The next highest ranked priority is professional support that will lead to the intervention and rehabilitation of youth involved in at-risk behavior or in the criminal justice system:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment facilities/programs for drug-addicted juveniles. • Treatment facilities/programs for juvenile sex offenders. • Faith-based counseling programs targeting individual, group and family counseling concerning juvenile issues. • Additional STI and HIV health services including testing and treatment. 	

Resources Available

Included below are resources identified by the Angelina County Community Planning Team that are available to provide services that could potentially help in closing criminal justice gaps:

Juvenile Services:

<i>Name of Agency</i>	<i>Agency Type</i>	<i>Description</i>
Deep East Texas Council of Governments	DETCOG is a voluntary association of Counties, Cities, independent school districts, river authorities, soil and water conservation districts, hospital districts and sustaining private industry members in a 12 county region of Deep East Texas	<p>DETCOG encourages cooperation and collaboration among local units such as representatives of major economic interests, citizen, and minority groups and groups experiencing economic distress to improve the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the DETCOG region. DETCOG has a history of programmatic success operating the following regional programs: Area Agency on Aging (including 211 Referral program), 9-1-1, Section 8 Housing, Retired & Senior Volunteer Program, Regional Services, Criminal Justice; Disaster Case Management; Homeland Security; Youth Programs which include, Honors Mentoring Program, Crime Prevention Neighborhood Watch, and Services to At Risk Youth (STAR). The youth programs serve youth aged 0-18 and their families to provide crisis intervention, parenting, mentoring, evidence based group services, referral and counseling services.</p> <p>The goal of the Crime Prevention Neighborhood Watch Program is to assist with the prevention of violence in schools and communities and to provide effective education, prevention, and diversion programs to combat juvenile delinquency.</p>
Angelina County Juvenile Probation Department	Juvenile Probation	Respond to the courts' orders by providing direct supervision of juvenile offenders to decrease danger to the community and to provide structured supervision for clients through a continuum of sanctions and rehabilitation programs.

Texas Dept of Family and
Protective Services

Child Protective Services

Responsibilities include:
Investigation reports of abuse and
neglect of children. Providing services to
children and families in their own homes.
Placing children in foster care. Providing
services to help youth in foster care make
the transition to adulthood. Placing
children in adoptive homes.

Goodwill, Inc

Goodwill collaborates
with our community to
transform donations into
innovative training,
employability, and
financial stability
programs that empower
people with disabilities
and other barriers to
achieve independence.

Services include: Community Service
Programs, Computer Classes, Career
Center availability, Financial Coaching,
GED Preparation official basic skills,
training site, Financial Education classes,
Work Adjustment Training, etc.

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council

ADAC provides services
to the community in an
effort to expand
knowledge on the dangers
associated with substance
abuse with programs that
offer education,
prevention, intervention
and treatment for both
adolescents and adults.
Services include general
education, school based
programming, outpatient
treatment and assistance
with placement into
residential treatment.

The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council
believes that chemical dependency is a
progressive, incurable, chronic and fatal
disease that can be managed with long
term treatment. It is essential that
treatment include family and/or
significant other involvement and 12 step
or other support groups available in the
local area. The Alcohol and Drug Abuse
Councils' goal is to provide a quality
outpatient treatment program that focuses
on the recovery and maintenance from
abuse/addiction of mind altering
chemicals and establish supportive
prevention and intervention services for
youth at local school districts. The
Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council
subscribes to the belief that abstinence
from consumption of all mind-changing
chemicals (including alcohol) is the only
current practice that can lead to a
successful treatment outcome.

Service Areas for the Alcohol & Drug
Abuse Council's prevention and
treatment service area consists of
Angelina, Houston, Jasper,
Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San
Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity
and Tyler counties. The OSAR
(Outreach, Screening, Assessment and
Referral) service area consist of
Angelina, Hardin, Houston, Jasper,
Jefferson, Nacogdoches, Newton,
Orange, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine,
San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity and Tyler
counties.

Law Enforcement:

<i>Name of Agency</i>	<i>Agency Type</i>	<i>Description</i>
Angelina County Supervision and Corrections Department	Adult Probation	The Angelina County CSCD provides community supervision services for the District and County Courts-at-Law of Angelina County. The department directly supervises approximately 1,400 felons and misdemeanants by utilizing a variety of surveillance and treatment options to ensure public safety and rehabilitate the offender.
Lufkin Police Department	Law Enforcement	Serves warrants, investigates misdemeanors and felonies, makes arrests, serves civil papers, etc.

Victim Services:

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Harold's House-East Texas Alliance for Children	Child Advocacy Center	Harold's House-East Texas Alliance for Children is a Child Advocacy Center offering support to child victims of sexual and physical abuse and their families, conducting forensic interviews and medical exams in partnership with investigators and court officials, and offering community education on prevention, awareness and parenting. They provide Forensic Interviews, Referrals for Counseling, SANE, Court Accompaniment, assistance with Crime Victims Compensation, Parenting Classes, and Support Groups.

Mental Health:

<i>Name of Agency</i>	<i>Agency Type</i>	<i>Description</i>
Burke	Mental Health, intellectual and developmental disability and early childhood intervention services	Burke provides mental health, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and early childhood intervention services. Headquartered in Angelina County, Burke provides essential mental healthcare service for the 12-county Deep

East Texas region.

Mental Health services consist of a 24-hour emergency mental health services helpline, the Mental Health Emergency Center, outpatient psychiatric services, medication management and case-management to individuals of all ages.

Intellectual and developmental disabilities services include eligibility determination, continuity of care, service coordination and community living options. Additional services include Home and Community-based Support, respite care and the Texas Home Living program, which provides the help and supports necessary for individuals of all ages with intellectual or developmental disabilities to live independently in their own homes and participate as active citizens in the community. Vocational services and supported employment are available for individuals who qualify.

Early Childhood Intervention services are available to children up to three years of age that have a developmental delay or a disability. The ECI program can provide an array of services to the child and their family depending on their needs. All of these services are provided in the child's natural environment. ECI believes that early is best, and the earlier the delay or disability is detected, the greater the chance of minimizing or eliminating it.

Woodland Heights Medical Health Care Facility
Center

Woodland Heights Medical Center is a community healthcare provider that consists of a 149-bed facility with complete inpatient and outpatient services. Woodland Heights Medical Center has been serving East Texas and the Pineywoods since 1918. More than 200 healthcare professionals are employed with the facility. Woodland Heights is a Joint Commission accredited facility that has received awards for cardiology, pulmonology, neurology and orthopedic surgery.

Interagency Cooperation

In the space below write a description of how the various resources listed in the previous pages could cooperatively work together to accomplish the goal of closing identified gaps in services:

The resource providers can work together to accomplish the goal of closing the identified gaps in several ways. One of the ways is to set quarterly meetings to share knowledge and foster good communication and cooperation between all of the agencies. This will ensure that all organizations are knowledgeable about the services and needs of all the particular agencies. Secondly, when one of the particular resource providers is having a difficult time or struggling, for the other organizations to step in and offer guidance and assistance to ensure the success and appropriate outcomes for the clients and individuals who are seeking those services. Lastly, for each organization to work to keep a cooperative attitude towards the services of all the resource opportunities.

Long-Range Plan Development, Monitoring and Evaluation

The Angelina County Community Planning Team works in conjunction with other planning groups in the county to ensure a regular exchange of ideas. Individuals active in the planning process generally serve on many of these committees and share mutual concerns.

The Angelina County Community Planning Team strives to meet periodically to review the plan and make necessary additions and deletions. At least one formal meeting of the entire group is held each fall, but agency and community representatives typically submit suggestions and changes via telephone and e-mail throughout the year to the Community Planning Coordinator.

Drafts and annual updates of the Community Plan are circulated by e-mail with requests for comments, changes, etc. Whenever possible, e-mail is used to reduce the need for meetings, printing, postage, etc.

It is the intent of the Community Planning Group to improve outcomes for Angelina County families struggling with problems described in the plan's focus areas. Efforts are being made by many Angelina County agencies and organizations to address problems with local funds, as well as grant funds from multiple state and federal sources. To the extent that these funds are available, the Community Planning Team will continue to urge agencies to provide programming that addresses the outlined focus areas.

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2017-2018 Angelina County Community Plan passed and approved by the Angelina County Commissioners Court on the 24th day of January, 2017.

Signed by:



The Honorable Wes Suiter
Angelina County Judge

1/24/17
Date



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Angelina County Clerk

1-24-17
Date