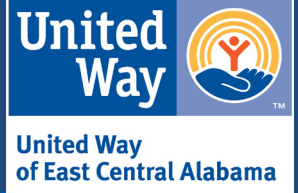


# Helping Families Initiative



Helping Students  
& Their Families



Connect to  
Resources



To Improve  
Student Outcomes

The Helping Families Initiative (HFI) is a partnership with the District Attorney's Office of Calhoun & Cleburne Counties and Calhoun County Schools to provide a supportive approach to solving chronic absenteeism, provide wrap-around services for students & their families, and provide crisis intervention & case management. Ultimately, our goal is to improve student success, graduation rates, and family stability, all while reducing dropout rates, substance abuse issues, and juvenile arrests.



Grady Lacher  
HFI Case Officer

Teresa Simmons Ross  
Crisis Intervention Specialist



## 2019-2020 RESULTS



**Connected with 1,151 students.**

*Worked with students & their families to encourage student attendance, success & provide case management.*



**Provided wrap-around services for 360 students.**

*Connected students with resources like mental health services, crisis intervention, substance abuse prevention, and basic needs assistance.*



**Reduced early warning truancy cases by 20%.**

*By taking a supportive approach to solving chronic absenteeism, HFI made an incredible impact in the first year of the program!*

## OUR COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS

