



Introduction

The Children's Policy Council Needs Assessment is an opportunity for local communities to inform state policy-makers of the unmet needs of children throughout the state. The growing demand for evidence-based practice requires using metrics. As policy-makers rely more and more on data to drive decisions, we ask CPCs to provide objective data to support their identified needs.

We appreciate your willingness to dig deeply into what is happening at the local level to inform state leaders and ultimately guide policy and funding decisions.

About Your CPC

Please provide the requested information regarding your County's Children's Policy Council.

County *

Butler

Honorable Judge *

Please provide the name of the Judge who leads the county's Children's Policy Council.

Nicki McFerrin

Name of CPC Coordinator *

Please provide the name of the contact person who coordinates the CPC activities.

Chris Taylor

CPC Coordinator Email *

Enter the email of the contact person who coordinates the CPC activities.

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Address *

Enter the address for mailing information to the CPC.

Street Address

700 Court Square

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City

Greenville

Postal / Zip Code

36037

State / Province / Region

Alabama

Country

Butler

School System/LEA Representation *

Are the Local Education Agencies (LEAs) all represented on the CPC?

- Yes, all are represented and active
- Yes, all are represented but not all are active
- Some are represented, but not all
- Only 1 school system is represented

Number of School Systems *

Indicate the number of school systems or Local Education Agencies (LEAs) in your county.

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Does your county currently conduct a youth survey? *

- Yes
 No

CPC Members

Use the fields below to list the names of all CPC Members, with each name in a separate field. Use the "Add" link to create more fields as needed.

CPC Member	CPC Member	CPC Member
McFerrin, Nicki	Taylor, Chris	Benson, Deedra
Bond, Danny	Briggs, Sharlean	Brown, Jaques
Clemons, Michael	Collins, Michael	Cook, Belinda
Corley, Claire	Dust, Kate	Eiland, Joe
Feagin, Jerry	Foster, Lucy	Graves, Tanya
Harris III, Jerome	Howard, Jamie	Jackson, Darhonda
Kilpatrick, Ken	King, Susan	Knight, Julie
Langford, Jennifer	Lovvorn, Justin	Marlow, Bryant
Nimmer, Lisa	Peagler, Jeremy	Peavy, Joey
Powell, Senia	Provitt, Michael	Sells, Chris
Sikes, David	Spencer, Terri	Sullin, Karen
Tesmer, Charlotte	Thomasson, Brandi	Thompson, Tiphany
Thornton, Jackie	Wilson, Staci	

Does your CPC currently have 501(c)3 status? *

- Yes
 No

Needs Identification

The questions below relate to the needs of children ages birth to 19 and their families in your county. The sections represent umbrella categories of needs which have been identified over the past several years through local CPC Needs Assessments. The data requested in each section aims to help identify root causes, risk factors and/or specifics within each category.

Please rank your county's top three needs and provide the requested data regarding those needs.

Links to several data sources and local organizations are listed below as a resource to assist CPCs in completing the needs assessment and locating the requested information.

Kids Count Data:

<https://alavoices.org/2021-alabama-kids-count/>

<https://datacenter.kidscount.org/data#AL/2/0/char/0>

CPC Website for AOC County Data: www.alcpc.org

Local Mental Health Center that serves county

Local County Department of Human Resources (DHR)

Three Most Urgent Needs *

Select the three needs below that are the most urgent. These are the ones you will provide more information about.

- Substance Abuse
- Parental Involvement and Family Engagement
- School Success
- Early Care and Education
- Mental Health
- Juvenile Crime and Safety
- Poverty
- Health and Well Being
- Neighborhoods and Housing
- Transportation

Parental Involvement and Family Engagement

Family risk and protective factors impact the involvement, or lack thereof, of parents in their children's social-emotional development and their academic education.

Parental Involvement Rank *

Rank this need in order of its importance with 1 being the most important, 2 as second most important, and 3 as the least important of your top three urgent needs.

- 1
- 2
- 3

Trends of Child Abuse *

Mark the answer that best characterizes reports of child abuse in your county.

- Over the past few years, we have seen an increase in the number of reports of child abuse.
- We are seeing a leveling off of child abuse reports.
- Our county has seen a decline in the reports of child abuse.

Domestic Violence *

Select the item that best characterizes the domestic violence trends in your county.

- Increasing
- Remaining about the same
- Declining

Community Factors Impacting Trends *

Describe community factors which may impact the trends in domestic violence and child abuse, including but not limited to, access to family counseling and mental health support.

N/A

Number of Children in Foster Care *

14

Are there enough available placements for foster children in your county? *

- Yes
- No

Which components of parental involvement and family engagement apply to your county? *

- Single parent families
- Support for teaching children at home
- Increased foster care placements
- Increased child abuse and domestic violence rates
- Increased adoption needs

School Success

School Success takes many forms. It begins in the early years as often measured through subject proficiencies, and in later years can be measured by graduation rates. The questions in this section are to help drill down into the root causes and specific factors contributing to the needs surrounding school success.

School Success Rank *

Rank this need in order of its importance with 1 being the most important, 2 as second most important, and 3 as the least important of your top three urgent needs.

- 1
 2
 3

Graduation Rate *

Enter the estimated percentage of students who successfully graduate from high school in your county.

79%

Credit Recovery and Graduation Assistance *

Describe programs in your county designed specifically to prevent dropping out of high school or to encourage reenrollment.

There is a Drop-out Prevention Coordinator.

Truancy Cases *

Enter the number of truancy cases referred to early warning court.

6

Discipline problems in schools *

Describe the types of discipline issues in schools which disrupt or interfere with student performance, including suspensions and expulsions.

Truancy

School Success Factors *

Mark the items that apply to your county's needs related to school success.

- Graduation rates
 Child literacy rates
 Unsafe school culture
 Truancy and absenteeism
 Need for alternative school placements
 Services for children with special needs
 Lack of tutoring and specialized teachers outside school hours
 Discipline issues
 Suspensions and Expulsions

Chronic Absenteeism *

Enter the percentage of students who are chronically absent, defined as missing 10-17 days of school, in your county.

27%

Reading Proficiency in 4th Grade *

Enter the percentage of children who meet or exceed benchmarks for reading in 4th grade.

37%

Math proficiency in 4th grade *

Enter the percentage of children who meet or exceed benchmarks in math in the 4th grade.

17%

Juvenile Crime and Safety

The future growth and success of a county depends on the productivity and well-being of youth. Juvenile violent crime and a population of teens not working or going to school can defer dreams and can place limits on access to opportunities.

Juvenile Crime and Safety Rank *

Rank this need in order of its importance with 1 being the most important, 2 as second most important, and 3 as the least important of your top three urgent needs.

- 1
- 2
- 3

Mark the answer that best fits juvenile property crime that includes burglary, theft, or arson. *

- Has risen significantly over the past year
- Seems to have stabilized and remains virtually the same
- Has seen a decline over the past year

Mark the answer that best fits related to juvenile violent crime that includes murder, non-negligent manslaughter, rape, robbery, or aggravated assault. *

- Has risen significantly over the past year
- Seems to have stabilized and remains virtually unchanged
- Has seen a decline

Reasons for Juvenile Crime Trends *

Describe factors that have influenced trends in juvenile crime.

Lack of Parental responsibility

Causes of Teen Accidents or Deaths *

Mark the top 2.

- Distracted driving
- Inexperienced drivers
- Violent crime
- Poor health/obesity
- Suicide
- Accidental discharge of firearm
- Drowning
- Overdose of drugs or alcohol
- Other

Teen Safety Challenges *

What are the biggest challenges to teen safety?

N/A

Gang Activity *

Are gangs a significant and/or growing threat in your county?

- Yes
- No

Describe how any gang problem is being addressed. *

N/A

Describe the role of Juvenile Probation Officers in schools. *

Describe successes, challenges, initiatives, and other relevant information related to the partnership between JPO's and the school system(s) in your county.

Little to none, our school system tends to handle most things in house. They are not receptive to the limited outside programs that we have in the county.

What is your county's Juvenile Violent Crime petition rate? *

5

Provide the rate of teens not attending school or not working in your county.*

15%

Accomplishments

With regard to your programs in existence from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, consider accomplishments in those areas. Provide information about who benefited from the accomplishment and the source and amount of funds used for the accomplishment. Describe at least three of your county CPC's accomplishments for the past year. You may include up to 10.

Accomplishment 1*

Describe this accomplishment.

Character In Action Award

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 1?*

This program recognizes Youth (under 18 years of age) of Butler County who, by their own actions, make a positive contribution that is above and beyond normal expectations to their home, school or community.

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 1*

N/A

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 1*

N/A

Accomplishment 2*

Describe this accomplishment.

Community Outreach - "Stocking Trinity's Closet"

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 2?*

Trinity's Closet, was established in 2022, by Butler County DHR and local support, to support Butler County foster parents, adoptive parents and children by having a central location where essential items such as diapers, car seats and clothing are available 24/7, day or night. When an emergency child placement occurs, having a "closet" where workers can get much needed items is vital.

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 2*

N/A

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 2*

Donations and Local Support

Accomplishment 3*

Describe this accomplishment.

N/A

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 3?*

N/A

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 3*

N/A

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 3*

N/A

Accomplishment 4

Describe this accomplishment.

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 4?

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 4

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 4

Accomplishment 5

Describe this accomplishment.

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 5?

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 5

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 5

Accomplishment 6

Describe this accomplishment.

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 6?

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 6

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 6

Accomplishment 7

Describe this accomplishment.

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 7?

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 7

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 7

Accomplishment 8

Describe this accomplishment.

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 8?

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 8

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 8

Accomplishment 9

Describe this accomplishment.

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 9?

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 9

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 9

Accomplishment 10

Describe this accomplishment.

Who benefitted from Accomplishment 10?

Amount of Funds Dedicated to Accomplishment 10

Source(s) of Funds for Accomplishment 10

CPC Self-Assessment

Self-assessment is an integral part of the County CPC development. Please provide the information below and indicate your CPC's level of development.

Level I CPC

Select all that apply.

- Mandated Members (at least 8 of 15) attended at least two meetings last year
- At Large Members (at least 5 of 7) attended at least two meetings last year
- Minutes and sign in sheets were kept for all meetings
- CPC met at least quarterly
- Membership list was kept current
- Needs assessment was turned in on time and in correct format
- Annual Report submitted with needs assessment

Level II CPC

Select all that apply.

- At least 10 of the 15 mandated members attended 2 or more meetings last year
- At least 6 of the 7 At Large members attended 2 or more meetings last year
- At least 3 members attended the CPC conference last year
- New Member Orientation Manual was developed
- Committees met at least quarterly in addition to regularly scheduled CPC meetings
- Committees presented reports at CPC meetings
- Committees took action toward identified issues
- CPC has a mission statement
- CPC has an elected Vice-Chair
- CPC has an elected Secretary

Level II - Committees

Select all committees which have been established.

- Early Care and Education
- Economic Security
- Education
- Health
- Parent Involvement and Skills
- Safety

Level III CPC

Select all that apply.

- Council has developed strong leadership
- Fiscal agent has been identified or a 501(c)3 has been established
- Bylaws have been written and approved
- Members have attended CPC Leadership Training
- Council is active in child advocacy efforts
- Council sponsors community efforts for children's issues
- Committees are active and performing specific actions
- 5 or more members attended the CPC Conference last year
- Communication line has been developed with legislators
- Communication with the media occurs
- CPC has a strategic plan in place

Self-Rating *

Based on the answers above, how would you characterize your current level?

- Striving for Level I
- Level I moving toward Level II
- Level II moving toward Level III
- Level III

Annual Report Documentation

CPC Members List

Use the upload button below to provide a CPC membership list with contact information.

CPC Member List.xlsx 20.38KB

CPC Meeting Minutes *

Upload minutes from CPC meetings from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Please ensure all minutes are scanned together as one document.

CPC Agenda -April 5, 2023.docx 21.29KB

CPC Agenda -January 11, 2023.docx 21.28KB

CPC Agenda -September 7, 2022.docx 21.05KB

CPC Sign-In Sheets *

Upload all CPC Meeting sign-in sheets from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Please ensure all sign-in sheets are scanned together as one document.

CPC Sign-in Sheet 01-11-2023.pdf 1.13MB

CPC Sign-in Sheet 04-05-2023.pdf 1.1MB

CPC Sign-in Sheet 06-01-22.pdf 1.26MB

CPC Sign-in Sheet 09-07-22.pdf 864.36KB

Conclusion *

What have we not asked you about that you feel is important?

N/A