



Introduction

The Children's Policy Councils 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-base 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 in the spaces provided regarding your County's Children's Policy Council.

County*

Clarke

Honorable

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

James H. Morgan, Jr.

Title of Judge

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

District Judge of Clarke County

Address

Please provide the street address for mailing information to the CPC.

Street Address

114 Court Street

Address Line 2

P.O. Box 931

City

Grove Hill

State / Province / Region

Alabama

Postal / Zip Code

36451

Country

USA

CPC Members

CPC Member

James H. Morgan, Jr. (District Judge)

Bonnie Smith (Judicial Assistant)

Jim Freeman (Juvenile Probation)

Sen. Malika Sanders-Fortier (District 23)

Sen. Greg Albritton (District 22)

Rep. Thomas Jackson (District 68)

CPC Member

Stephen Winters (District Attorney)

Dewayne Smith (Sheriff)

Larry Bagley (Supt. CCBOE)

Vickie Morris (Supt. TCS)

Angie Jordon (CCBOE)

Donna Calhoun (TCS)

CPC Member

Julia Summers (ADYS)

Lesla Rathel (Clarke County DHR)

Deborah Leigh Dixon (ADPH)

LaTanya Grove (Mental Health-Region 3)

Carlie Roley (Pathway - PCRCP)

Jennifer Jackson (Pathway-PCRCP)

Rep. Brett Easterbrook (District 65)	Cathi Gunter (MH)	April Rocker (Helping Family Initiatives)
Jerry Jones (Jackson PD)	Daniel Gibson (Grove Hill PD)	Mitchell Stuckey (Thomasville PD)
Wendy Padgett (ACES)	Kristen Wood (ACES)	Gwen Powell (CCBOE)
Tonya Faith (Alabama Career Center)	Brad Wood (Pathway, Inc.)	Renae Carpenter (Camille Place)
Anna Odom (ADPH)	Rebecca Purns (Medicaid)	Stephanie Brown (CCBOE-MH)
Emma Perryman (Drug Education Council)	Vandlyn Pierre (Drug Education Council)	Keandra Scott (CCBOE-MH)
Adam Andrews (Jackson Middle School)	Kate Jordan (CCHS)	Kirstie Gates (Physician's Care)
Kyristi Howard (United Way)	Robert Fullerton (TCS)	Bob Taylor (Clarke Prep)
Tiffany Newsom (Clarke Prep)	Michelle Ezell (TCS- MH)	Blake Richardson (CCSD)
Kim Ketchum (Gilmore Elementary School)	Dr. Carolyn Taite (Wilson Hall Middle School)	Becky Floyd (Child Advocacy Center)
Heather McCorquodale (Jackson PD)	Elizabeth Raybon (ADRS)	Brittany Hudson (ADRS)
Taraethia Sullivan (Jackson Intermediate)		

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

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Name of CPC Coordinator

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

James Freeman

CPC Coordinator Email

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

james.freeman@alacourt.gov

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. If your CPC would like to rank five or more needs, please feel free to do so. You are welcome to answer as many questions as you would like on this survey, but we ask that you please answer at least all of the questions under your top three ranked 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

Most Urgent Needs

Please choose your three most urgent needs.

- ☒ 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

Substance Abuse

Substance abuse affects youth, families and all parts of society and is manifest through underage drinking, prescription drug abuse, as well as illegal substance manufacturing, access and use. If this issue is one of the top three needs in your county, please rank it first, second or third.

Number of juvenile delinquency cases filed for drug and substance violations.

12

How many children have been removed from their home due to parent drug use in your county?

6

Urgent Needs

Please rank your top selected needs in the order of importance- 1 being the most important 2, and 3.

- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☒ 3

Mental Health

Mental Health is important at every stage of life, from childhood, adolescence to adulthood. Mental Health is an essential component of overall health and well-being for children and their families. Children need to have their mental health conditions identified early so that they can receive proper treatment through outpatient or inpatient serves that meet their needs.

How many inpatient beds are available in your county for children?

0

How many inpatient beds are available in your county for adults?

14

Which population has the greatest mental health need in your county?

9 to 17 years old

Urgent Needs

Please rank your top selected needs in the order of importance- 1 being the most important 2, and 3.

- ☒ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3

Poverty

Poverty has many faces, unemployment, poor living standards and the working poor not having enough money to provide the basic needs for their children.

What is the unemployment rate in your county?

5.9%

What is the rate of children in poverty in your county?

28.7%

Urgent Needs

Please rank your top selected needs in the order of importance- 1 being the most important 2, and 3.

- ☐ 1
☒ 2
☐ 3

Accomplishments

For your existing programs and accomplishments from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, please provide who benefited from the accomplishment, the source and amount of funds used for the accomplishment. Please provide at least three of your county CPC's accomplishments for the past year. You may include up to 10.

Accomplishment 1

Please describe this accomplishment.

Pathway Community Reinforcement Program: This program offers behavioral therapeutic services to help rehabilitate children who have demonstrated CHINS and Delinquent Behavior(s) by providing services to them in their communities to help prevent out of home placement.

Who benefited from accomplishment 1

Children who come to Juvenile Court for CHINS and/or Delinquencies.

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 1

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 1

DYS- Diversion Grant

Accomplishment 2

Please describe this accomplishment.

Helping Families Initiatives: This program is designed to help students who are suspended from school for behavior and truancy issues. Programs are designed to focus and align community services for students and their families that are most in need.

Who benefited from accomplishment 2

Children attending schools in Clarke County

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 2

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 2

District Attorney's Office

Accomplishment 3

Please describe this accomplishment.

Clarke County Coalition Against Underage Drinking: The goals of this program are to reduce underage drinking and substance abuse while building capacity for prevention. This program is implemented during the course of a calendar school year.

Who benefited from accomplishment 3

Children attending schools in Clarke County.

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 3

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 3

The Drug Education Council of Mobile

Accomplishment 4

Please describe this accomplishment.

Who benefited from accomplishment 4

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 4

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 4

Accomplishment 5

Please describe this accomplishment.

Who benefited from accomplishment 5

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 5

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 5

Accomplishment 6

Please describe this accomplishment.

Who benefited from accomplishment 6

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 6

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 6

Accomplishment 7

Please describe this accomplishment.

Who benefited from accomplishment 7

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 7

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 7

Accomplishment 8

Please describe this accomplishment.

Who benefited from accomplishment 8

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 8

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 8

Accomplishment 9

Please describe this accomplishment.

Who benefited from accomplishment 9

Amount of funds dedicated to Accomplishment 9

Source(s) of funds for Accomplishment 9

Accomplishment 10

Please describe this accomplishment.

Who benefited 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 complete the questions below and indicate your CPC's level of development.

Level I CPC

Please select all that apply.

- ☒ Mandate 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
- ☒ CPS 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

Please 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

Please select all committees which have been established.

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

Level III CPC

Please 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

Please upload a CPC membership list with contact information.

CPC Meeting Minutes

Please upload minutes from CPC meetings from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Please ensure all minutes are scanned together as one document.

CPC Sign-In Sheets

Please upload all CPC Meeting Sign-In sheets from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Please ensure all sign-in sheets are scanned together as one document.

Conclusion*

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

I have no comments at this time. Thank you!