

CLARKE COUNTY CHILDREN'S POLICY COUNCIL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

2017

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School Systems in County	Number: 2
Are school systems in the county active on the CPC?	Yes, all are represented and active
Does your county currently conduct a youth survey? If yes, please describe	Yes Clarke County Underage Drinking Coalition Survey

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The sections below relate to the needs of children ages birth to 19 in your community as well as the families of those children.

Please find the rank of your **top 3 needs** and the information about those 3 needs.

Mental Health	Rank: 1
Please select all statements that apply to your county	We have a dire need for inpatient mental health facilities We have a dire need for outpatient mental health facilities and care Our need and the demand for mental health services match pretty well We do not have enough counselors to fill the needs in our county Services are only available for those with ability to pay.
How many facilities in your community maintain inpatient beds for mental health issues?	1
How many available beds are for children?	0
Does the number listed above meet the demand?	Yes, demand is almost always met
How many available beds are for adults?	0
Does the number listed above meet the demand?	Yes, demand is almost always met
If the demand for services is unmet, what are some actions taken?	Civil Commitments and placement out of the county.
Please describe the greatest mental health needs in your county.	Lack of treatment services; lack of diagnosis; need for more counselors; there is a lack of consistency in who clients talk to due to a high turnover rate at Mental Health.
Which population has the greatest mental health needs in your county?	9 to 17 years old
What are the top 3 mental health resources in your county?	South West Alabama Mental Health, Southern Oaks Outpatient Services, DYS.

Poverty	Rank: 2
What is the unemployment rate of your county?	8
What is the percentage of households receiving some type of public assistance?	21
Please describe access to higher education and job training in your county.	Alabama Career Center, Vocational Rehabilitation Services, CCDHR.
What are the 3 largest employers in your county?	Boise Paper Mill, School System, Walmart.
Please describe the types of jobs available.	Forestry, Truck Driving, Logging, Lumber Mill.
Please describe the workforce.	No. The workforce commutes to other places.

Substance Abuse	Rank: 3
Number of Juvenile arrests for drug and substance violations:	6
Have above types of arrests and court cases increased or decreased over the past year?	Decreased significantly
How many children have been removed from homes due to parent drug use?	2
Characterize the trend of children removed from homes due to parent drug use year over year.	We are seeing a leveling off of this trend
Is there a Juvenile Drug Court in your county? If yes, how many juveniles went through the court last year?	No.
Please provide recidivism rate and accompanying information.	
Additional Information	Family prescription drug abuse; DHR encounters substance abuse in a large number of the families they work with.
Characteristics that describe substance abuse in your county:	Youth Substance Abuse Family Prescription Abuse Family Illegal Substance Abuse Drugs in Schools Lack of space to refer individuals with addiction issues

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Below, is a list of your CPC's top accomplishments.

Accomplishment	Penelope House counseling services, parenting classes, prenatal care, ultrasounds, and transportation services.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Families with a pregnancy.
How many people benefited?	
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	

Accomplishment	Kiwanas clothes drive.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Children in need of clothing.
How many people benefited?	
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	

Accomplishment	Alabama Career Center Workbase Learning Program
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Youth and young adults ages 18 to 24.
How many people benefited?	
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	

Accomplishment	CCBOE purchase of equipment to help students learn welding.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Children in the Clarke County School System.
How many people benefited?	
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	Strengthen Families for School Success
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	

Accomplishment	Clarke County Underage Drinking Coalition Movie Night
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	The youth of Clarke County
How many people benefited?	50
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	Substance Abuse
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	

Accomplishment	Clarke County Underage Drinking Coalition (New Brochures)
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	Children in active part in the Coalition and the youth of Clarke County.
How many people benefited?	
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	Substance Abuse
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	

Accomplishment	Funding for the Clarke County Underage Drinking Coalition from Mayor Jackson of Grove Hill, Alabama.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	The youth of Clarke County
How many people benefited?	
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	Substance Abuse
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	

Accomplishment	Banners used for recruiting by the Clarke County Underage Drinking Coalition.
Who benefited from this accomplishment?	The youth of Clarke County.
How many people benefited?	
Amount and source of funds dedicated to this accomplishment	
Which community need did (or does) this accomplishment address?	Substance Abuse.
Please list the indicators/ data that show this program is working to address the identified need.	